

# **DACHELA- Ex Libris Users Group of the German speaking countries - Report for INUG (2012)**

## **Membership:**

Seven new members have registered with DACHELA, so that we have 57 members in 2012 (one with non-voting membership). In 2012, the membership fee stays with EUR 50,- for IGeLU members and EUR 100,- for others.

## **General Activities:**

### **National User group organisation - DACHELA**

DACHELA members met for their annual meeting in Berlin (Germany) on June 5-6 this year. The aim of DACHELA is to cover all Ex Libris-products and to serve the needs of the German speaking users. The meeting was attended by more than 30 members and was very successfully organized by the Cooperative Library Network Berlin-Brandenburg (KOBV).

The main topics of DACHELA were Primo and ALMA. After some opening lectures by staff from Ex Libris, the conference-lectures were presented by DACHELA members focusing on practical issues with using the different products and showing their implementations of the software.

At the DACHELA 2012, a general assembly was held and parts of the executive committee and cash auditors (including to substitutions) had to be elected.

The members of the DACHELA executive committee are (remaining) the following:

- **Chair:** Ester Straub, IDS Verbundkoordination
- **Coordinator of product specific working groups** - Dr. Mathias Kratzer, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Bibliotheksverbund Bayern / Verbundzentrale, Munich
- **Secretary** - Ralf Matalla, Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek Düsseldorf, Dezernent Bibliotheks-IT, Düsseldorf
- **IGeLU liaison officer** - Dr. Silke Schomburg, Hochschulbibliothekszentrum des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen (hbz), Cologne
- **Treasurer** - Mag. Wolfgang Hamedinger, Die Österreichische Bibliothekenverbund und Service Gesellschaft m.b.H., Wien

Also, the executive committee decided that an amendment of the statutes was necessary, stating that in future it will not be necessary to have any minimum number of members represented at the general assembly in order to have a quorum. This proposal was approved by the assembly.

## **Ongoing Special Activities:**

During the course of the year, the executive committee achieved improvements for the homepage of DACHELA and five new mailing-lists have been introduced:

- [dachela@dachela.org](mailto:dachela@dachela.org) - for the members of DACHELA
- [sfx@dachela.org](mailto:sfx@dachela.org)
- [aleph@dachela.org](mailto:aleph@dachela.org)
- [primo@dachela.org](mailto:primo@dachela.org)
- [rosetta@dachela.org](mailto:rosetta@dachela.org)

They will be for the users of Ex Libris-products exclusively and this will be controlled by Ex Libris once a year.

Also, for the members of DACHELA exclusively, the slides of the Berlin presentations can be viewed on the DACHELA wiki. The next DACHELA meeting will take place on February 26-27, 2013 at the University of Duisburg-Essen in Essen/Germany.

On behalf of the user group,

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