



Aleph Product Working Group

Business Meeting
3rd Annual Meeting, Madrid
September 2008

Agenda

1. Coordinator's report and review of the year
2. Deputy Coordinator's (Enhancements) report- Mike Ryan
3. Deputy Coordinator's (Communication) report- Marcus Zerbst
4. Election/appointment to vacant posts
5. ARC- Marcus Zerbst
6. URM and Aleph: the future
7. AOB

Coordinator's report

- Development Cooperation Agreement
- Collaborative testing of Aleph 19
- Other highlights
- Communication with Ex Libris
- A word of thanks

Development Cooperation Agreement: 1

- Published May 2008
- Covers all products
- Agreement between IGeLU, ELUNA, Ex Libris
- IGeLU and ELUNA enhancement processes remain separate
- Prioritization of enhancements for all products handled by user groups
- User group and Ex Libris commitments

Development Cooperation Agreement: 2

- Ex Libris commitments include:
 - Provide the wiki platform
 - Inform the group about what enhancements they propose
 - Tell us what they definitely will not develop
 - Develop our voted enhancements in accordance with voting
 - Inform us of status of developments
- Ex Libris proposals that can go into the enhancements voting process

Collaborative testing of v19: 1

- December 2007, ELUNA, IGeLU and Ex Libris involved
- At Ex Libris Offices in Jerusalem, using test system with customer data
- 2 testers each from ELUNA and IGeLU, over 2 weeks
- Test scripts devised by customers
- Thanks to:
 - Kingsley Boulton, Leon Krauthausen (IGeLU)
 - Daniel Cromwell, and Christopher Rose (ELUNA)
- Favourable reports from testers, version stable, Ex Libris very helpful

Collaborative testing of v19: 2

- But there are areas for improvement:
 - Better information in advance regarding test environment
 - Test environment must be set up better
 - Access to Ex Libris test scripts and results
 - Scripts to include customers issues, major SIs, interoperability
 - Off-site testing needed after on-site sessions
- Collaborative testing will be repeated for v20 – probably Autumn 2009, v20.1

Other highlights

- Commitment to future versions: 21, 22 and beyond
- Version release schedule
- Ex Libris support policy March 2008:
 - V16 & 17, and earlier: support ends end of 2009; no new installs for these versions
 - SPs quarterly from Feb 2008
 - Web ILL and GUI ILL v1 support ends end 2009
- Aleph functionality in Primo project
- Ex Libris support for virtualisation & clustering

Communication with Ex Libris

- Monthly conference calls with Product Managers
- On user group side this means:
 - ELUNA SC liaison for Aleph Working Group
 - IGeLU SC liaison for Aleph Working Group
 - ELUNA APWG chair
 - IGeLU APWG Coordinator
- Contact us at aleph@igelu.org

A word of thanks ...

to the Working Group members, to my colleagues on the Executive Group and to the module coordinators, those who are completing their stint this year, as well as those who are standing again. Thanks to all for their contribution:

1. Acquisitions/Serials: Andrea Kroneisl
2. Cataloguing: Janet Wharton
3. Circulation: Matthew Phillips
6. ILL: Stephen Prowse (completing)
7. Systems Administration: Christian Zeising, Martin Vojnar
8. Web OPAC: Magda Szopa, and Michael Voss (completing)

Working Group posts for election / appointment

All posts, with one exception, are open for appointment / election for a period of 2 years. There are 2 vacancies for each position – except the Coordinator & Deputy Coordinator:

1. Coordinator
2. Deputy Coordinator - Communications
3. Module Coordinator - Acquisitions/Serials
4. Module Coordinator - Cataloguing
5. Module Coordinator - Circulation
6. Module Coordinator – Course Reading
6. Module Coordinator - ILL
7. Module Coordinator – Systems Administration
8. Module Coordinator – Web OPAC

Candidates for election / appointment

1. Coordinator: Gerard Bennett
2. Deputy Communications: Marcus Zerbst
3. Acquisitions/Serials: Andrea Kroneisl
4. Cataloguing: Janet Wharton
5. Circulation: Matthew Phillips
6. ILL: Annelie Edelman, Elizabeth (Becky) Ringwelski
7. Systems Administration: Christian Zeising, Martin Vojnar
8. Web OPAC: Janet Lefkowitz, Daniel Forsman