

IGeLU News in Brief, October 2010

Dear all,

Welcome to the October IGeLU news-in-brief, our first newsletter since the very successful 2010 conference in Ghent, Belgium. Alongside important updates on Voyager enhancements, changes in IGeLU personnel, and announcements on MetaLib and Primo, this newsletter coincides with the launch of our new website, which we hope you'll find a useful resource and the place to find the latest news on community developments.

Don't forget that you can also follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/igelu>

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+++++New website

The IGeLU website has been redesigned, based on the feedback you gave us in August 2010. Since the Ghent Conference we've been working behind the scenes on moving onto a WordPress platform to make it easier for us to manage - and we've restructured, reorganised, and in a lot of cases rewritten the content, to make it easier for you to navigate. <http://igelu.org>

It's still a work in progress, and it will take us a while to transfer all the content over from the old system - so please bear with us! We're still working on improving authentication and logins, so for now access to members-only information is with the generic IGeLU account, rather than your institutional logins. If you've lost the password contact us via the contact forms on the site.

Michael Fake, IGeLU Steering Committee

+++++Voyager enhancements

The Voyager v8.2 enhancement cycle started on 27th October 2010, and will run through to 19th November 2010. This is the first proper Voyager enhancement cycle for some time, so please do take this opportunity to make your voice heard!

IGeLU and ELUNA Product Working Groups have built a ballot from requests submitted to Pivotal, and have worked hard deduplicating and clarifying requests to make the list as comprehensive as possible. We believe we have presented those requests that best represent advancements to the system, clients, and add-on products.

Balloting will be via the New Enhancement Request System (NERS) developed jointly by IGeLU and ELUNA. You can access NERS at <https://ners.igelu.org> <<https://ners.igelu.org/>> . You must be a member of ELUNA or IGeLU to vote. Each institution's primary contact should have received login details back in July 2010 - primary contacts please contact ners@igelu.org if you haven't received your details..

The ballot contains 154 items. Each member institution or consortium will have a total of 100 points to distribute among enhancement choices as it sees fit, with a maximum of 10 points per any one item. Once the balloting concludes, the Voyager Product Working Groups will compile the results and report the top ranked enhancement requests to Ex Libris.

Queries about the process can be directed to the Coordinators of the two Product Working Groups:

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+++++Goodbye Ghent, Hello Haifa

It was a real pleasure to see so many of you at the 2010 IGeLU conference in Ghent, Belgium, and we hope you found it a useful, interesting, and enjoyable experience. Our thanks go, once again, to our hosts at the Library of the University of Ghent, who put so much work into making us feel welcome. You can now see the official photos of the conference on Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/boekentoren/tags/igelu2010/>) and can view the #igelu10 hashtag archive (<http://tapperkeeper.com/hashtag/igelu10>).

Many of the presentations from the conference are now available on the website, whilst the Ex Libris presentations are available from the Ex Libris Documentation Center. Not all presentations are posted, as we are still obtaining copies and/or permissions from some presenters. These will appear on the website as they become available. If you contributed a paper to the Ghent conference and it's not posted yet then please get in touch!

For IGeLU, the work never stops, and planning is already under way for the 2011 conference and system seminar in Haifa, Israel.

IGeLU Steering Committee

+++++Pivotal moment for Primo

Since the IGeLU Conference in Ghent, the focus of the Primo PWG has been on getting the Primo enhancements data from Pivotal so that the group can work with the ELUNA Primo PWG to clarify and de-duplicate the list.

Once this work is completed the reduced list can then be loaded into NERS so that the next round of Primo enhancement voting can take place. For IGeLU Christian Haenger, Naomi Greidinger and Ole Holm are working on the list, keeping the other members of the group up to date. Jorgen Madsen has been very helpful in providing assessments of the enhancements to identify those that are already in the Ex-Libris Road Map; may not be viable; or have been superseded by the release of Version 3 of Primo. It is hoped that all this work will be completed to enable voting to take place in the Spring of 2011 so that the results can feed into the release of Primo which will follow version 3.1.

Mandy Stewart, Primo PWG Coordinator

+++++Primo Service for MetaLib customers

As most customers should now be aware, Primo Central is available to Primo customers right now, and will become available to non-Primo MetaLib customers by way of a registration wizard in MetaLib 4.4 - just released.

However during the meeting in Ghent Ex Libris announced that that a new Primo Service will be available for all MetaLib customers. This service provides a fully hosted Primo end-user interface for the Primo Central mega-index as well as MetaLib. Institutions will also have the ability to extend the Primo search through their institution's MetaLib installation, where necessary. Most, however, will find that their electronic collections are largely covered within

the Primo Central Index.

This gives all the benefits of Primo, such as an intuitive next-generation user interface, instantaneous results, ability to narrow the search through facets, etc. at no additional cost to the institution. The only fees involved are three days of implementation to setup Primo. This is good news for the MetaLib customers, and is in-line with requests made by the MetaLib community at IGeLU 2009. This is a much more preferable option than using Primo Central as a MetaLib target.

For me, Primo Central is a potentially phenomenal new service that could revitalise MetaLib. All involved - Ex Libris, development partners, user groups - are heartily to be applauded. I can't wait to get going!...

Jeremy Acland, MetaLib PWG Coordinator

+++++MetaLib CKB results

The first MetaLib CKB voting using the IGeLU and ELUNA NERS system was held between Monday 30th August and Monday 4th October. All IGeLU and ELUNA members were eligible to vote, and during the process 18 different member institutions from 9 different regions entered 59 different resource requests.

The results of the voting were:

1. SciFinder Scholar
2. Springer ebook collection in computer science 2005-2008
3. Westlaw International
4. Update all CSA databases to web configuration

The Regional resources were:

1. Eureka.cc (Canadian region)
2. Patrimonio Bibliográfico Español (Spanish region)

The next MetaLib CKB snapshot of votes for resources will be taken on Friday 19 November. The countries that are in line for their regional resources to be voted on are in order: USA, Sweden and then Germany. Don't forget to use your vote!

Ex Libris has provided us with a report on their configuration process and now the IGeLU & ELUNA MetaLib PWGs are planning procedures to encourage reluctant publishers to support federated searching. We will keep you informed.

Meg Bate, MetaLib PWG

+++++New (and old) faces

There were several changes to IGeLU personnel at the Ghent conference, as well as the return of some familiar faces:

Steering Committee:

Lukas Koster (University of Amsterdam), Michele Newberry (Florida Center for Library Automation), and Fiona Burton (Macquarie University) were all re-elected to their positions on the Steering Committee.

MetaLib Product Working Group:

Meg Bate - who has been a driving force in the MetaLib PWG since it was formed in 2007, has moved on from her position as Coordinator of the Metalib PWG, and is being replaced by Jeremy Acland (Queen Mary, University of London) until 2011. The MetaLib group still has one or two vacancies if you're interested in joining and contributing to the community.

Aleph Product Working Group:

After four years as Coordinator of the Aleph PWG, Gerard Bennett decided to move on - his enormous contribution to the community are gratefully acknowledged. He was replaced in Ghent by Mike Ryan (CCLA), who has been a Deputy Coordinator for the past three years.

The group also have seven new Module Coordinators:

Ellen Jones (University of Iowa); Fay Harrison (Nottingham Trent University); Michael Voss (Humboldt University Berlin); Maya Amichal (Weizmann Institute of Science); Minttu Hurme (National Library of Finland); Jenny Clarke (UNILINC Limited); and Augusto Ribeiro (University of Porto). However they still have a number of vacant positions and are still looking for volunteers.

Michael Fake, IGeLU Steering Committee

+++++Product Upgrade sessions

After questions were raised, during the Ghent conference, about the availability of some Learning Center sessions, Ex Libris have announced that all product upgrade sessions will now be available to all customers to view without a license.

For more information go to the Ex Libris Learning Center (<http://learn.exlibrisgroup.com/>)

Ex Libris also agreed in Ghent that new Support Incidents (SIs) in Pivotal will be exposed to all customers, to help institutions see similar and related problems in other institutions.

Individual institutions will be able to request that their SIs are hidden.

Jiri Kende, IGeLU Chair

+++++Developer meets developer

In November 2010 Ex Libris will host the fifth gathering of the developers' forum in Jerusalem. There will be 15 participants from eight countries: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, Israel, Switzerland, and the USA.

Every participant will present a project that was carried out at his or her institution with a wide range of topics and ideas related to Primo, Aleph, MetaLib, SFX, bX, and DigITool. The presentations will be loaded to EL Commons after the meeting.

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More news - including some brief interviews with Ghent participants, and a film clip of Lukas Koster and Mark Dehmlow's surprise URM-inspired performance of 'Wish You Were Here' - is available on the website.