

Dear all,

It's a bumper IGeLU News in Brief this month, in the final run up to the 2010 Conference in Ghent. You can read the email digest, or follow news updates on the IGeLU website at <http://igelu.org/news> or via our twitter feed <http://twitter.com/igelu>

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+++++Two minute survey: Tell us about the IGeLU website

The IGeLU website (<http://igelu.org>) has been IGeLU's home on the web for the last three years, but we need your help to make sure it's delivering what you need.

We'd like your feedback on what the website is doing well, and what we need to change or improve, and to understand better what you want it to do for you. The survey consists of just five questions, should take you only a minute or two to complete, and will be invaluable in helping us improve the site, so don't delay, and take the survey today:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PHX7JM8>

Michael Fake, IGeLU Steering Committee

+++++See you in Ghent: Getting ready for the 2010 Conference

On Sunday, August 29th the 5th IGeLU conference in Ghent, Belgium, will start with the meeting of the representatives of the National User Groups (INUG) and the welcome reception at the Ghent University Library. That is followed by 3 days full of exciting content of Ex Libris and user presentations as well as a unique social event on Monday night. You can now see the final programme here: http://igelu2010.org/igelu_Mod.aspx?PageId=400

As always, it is a huge effort to organize the annual conference, and it has only been possible thanks to the enthusiastic engagement of all the members of the organising committee at the University of Ghent, especially Fran Vlaeminck, Veerle Van Conkelberge and their team; and also of the IGeLU Programme Planning Group, once again ably chaired by Michele Newberry.

The meeting offers not only a rich content - with news from Ex Libris and insights from our users – but is also a unique platform for networking with colleagues. In Ghent you will be able to do so with colleagues from over 30 countries, from all corners of the world! Last but not least, the conference offers a great opportunity to discuss issues directly with Ex Libris product managers, executives, and developers. With over 40 staff attending Ex Libris is again present at the conference in impressive numbers, reflecting the importance of the meeting for the company.

I am sure the 5th IGeLU meeting will carry forward the great tradition of the successful IGeLU conferences in Stockholm, Brno, Madrid and Helsinki!

Looking forward seeing you in Ghent!

Jirka Kende, IGeLU Chair

+++++Elections to the Steering Committee: Three positions

This year there will be three vacant positions on the IGeLU Steering Committee. Fiona Burton (Macquarie University, Australia) and Lukas Koster (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) are at the end of their first terms, and Michele Newberry (Florida Center for Library Automation, USA) is at the end of her second term. Steering Committee members can serve for a maximum of three terms.

Elections will be held at the business meeting on 31st August, during the annual conference. If you wish to present your candidacy, or you would like to propose another candidate from an IGeLU member institution, please contact me (guido.badalamenti@asb.unisi.it) (preferably before the business meeting).

Elections are open to all paid-up IGeLU members (if you're not sure of your status please check the web list at <http://igelu.org/about-us/members>), and if you're not planning on attending the meeting itself you can still vote: we've created a 'proxy vote engine' which allows you to give your vote to another institution. It only takes a few minutes to use – see http://igelu.org/conferences/proxyvoting_instructions

For more information about IGeLU elections see the FAQ at <http://igelu.org/conferences/voting-faq>

Guido Badalamenti, IGeLU Treasurer.

+++++Q&A, and the PWG Business Meetings

As in previous years, there will be a Q&A session with Ex Libris management on Wednesday 1st September. If you have a question you'd like to put to the EL management team this is your opportunity. Questions must be submitted in advance – use the form at <http://igelu.org/conference-2010/qaform>.

The Product Working Groups have been heavily involved in organising the sessions for the Ghent meeting, and there are product-specific sessions for each part of the Ex Libris product suite, including more narrowly focused Q&As with the Ex Libris product managers – don't forget to submit your questions, using the same form as above.

Most PWGs will also have separate business meetings, where they will report on the work of their groups over the year.

Peter Klein

+++++Aleph elections

The Aleph PWG is still soliciting volunteers for the roles of module coordinator and deputy coordinator positions. People like you, who are willing to support PWG activities, are central to the product enhancement process and to the continued improvement of the Aleph product.

Appointment to these positions will take place at the Aleph PWG Business Meeting in Ghent. If you wish to stand please email the APWG Executive Committee, aleph@igelu.org, with a copy to the Steering Committee of IGeLU, sc@igelu.org, noting the position you wish to stand for, and including a brief statement of relevant experience. If you have any questions, please email aleph@igelu.org.

Mike Ryan, Deputy Coordinator, Aleph Product Working Group

+++++IGeLU Budget 2010

The budget for 2010 is now available to view on the IGeLU website at

<http://igelu.org/conference-2010/igelu-budget>

The Assembly of Members on 31st August will be asked to approve this budget, so please do take a moment to review it.

Guido Badalamenti, IGeLU Treasurer.

+++++Welcome to our new members

Since the last meeting in Helsinki 15 new institutions have joined IGeLU, bringing us to the grand total of 342 registered IGeLU members (a slight rise on last year). Considering the pressures on expenditure that so many of us are facing, this continued rise in membership bears witness to the relevance of IGeLU, and to the level of interest in our activities and meetings.

So a very warm welcome to:

Australia:

- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

Brasil

- Rede Nacional de Ensino e Pesquisa (RNP)
- Universidade de Sao Paulo - Sistema Integrado de Bibliotecas

Denmark

- Copenhagen Business School Library

Finland

- University of Eastern Finland Library

Germany

- Universitätsbibliothek Mannheim

Japan

- Keio University Media Center

New Zealand

- Unitec New Zealand Library

Portugal

- University of Porto

Slovenia

- University of Ljubljana

South Africa

- Research Libraries Consortium c/o University of Cape Town

Sweden

- Malmo University Library
- Uppsala University Library

Switzerland

- Aargauer Kantonsbibliothek

USA

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

We hope to see some of them represented at Ghent, and look forward to making them all welcome.

Guido Badalamenti, IGeLU Treasurer

+++++INUG reminder

We are looking forward to meeting a large group of National User Group Representatives at the INUG meeting (during the conference) on 29 August.

Please be reminded to let me know who will be attending from your NUG Pat.Busby1@gmail.com, and to send a country report to the INUG list inug@ub.fu-berlin.de, as soon as possible.

We hope to have a busy and valuable meeting, followed by the opportunity to talk with Ex Libris Management. We'll be sending the agenda for the meeting to the INUG list later in August.

Pat Busby, IGeLU Steering Committee

+++++Conference 2011: Haifa on the horizon

Even before the Ghent conference proper has started the planning cycle for next year is under way. In September 2011 we'll be meeting in Haifa, Israel - see http://igelu.org/webfm_send/832 for a taste of what we're planning.

+++++Verde survey

Another survey is in the works: this time it's the IGeLU and ELUNA product groups who are currently working together to run a survey on the use of Verde. Verde customers will hear more about this in the next few days!

Andreas Sabisch, Coordinator, Verde Product Working Group

+++++Voyager mailing list

As of 6 August, 2010 the Voyager mailing list, Voyager-L, officially moved to its new home. The new list address is VOYAGER-L@listserv.nd.edu and is co-managed by members of IGeLU and ELUNA. The migration of all users to the new list took place automatically, with each addressee receiving an email containing a username and password, to allow you to access archives and set up digests. You can also establish a password for yourself at <http://listserv.nd.edu/cgi-bin/wa?GETPW1>. You can manage your list preferences at "Subscribers Corner".

The new list archives are restricted to current list subscribers, and can be accessed at <https://listserv.nd.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A0=VOYAGER-L>. Ex Libris requires you to subscribe from institutional e-mail accounts to help validate that you are from current licensee institutions. To re-subscribe, please send an email to listserv@listserv.nd.edu using your institutional e-mail account. Put " sub VOYAGER-L" in the body of the message.

There is a handy reference card for all of the LISTSERV email commands at: <http://www.lsoft.com/manuals/15.5/htmlhelp/list%20subscribers/CommandReferenceCard.8.1.html>.

Habib Tabatabai, Coordinator, Voyager Product Working Group

+++++Ebooks focus group update

Ex Libris, IGeLU, and ELUNA have been cooperating in the development of an Ebook Management Focus Group, building on some of the work of the original Ebook Focus Group back in 2008.

The group has already had several meetings, focusing on Ebook management in the context of URM, user-driven acquisition of ebooks, metadata and CKB management issues, and business models.

Ex Libris are now working on putting together a group of staff who will cover the relevant systems from both Resource Management and Discovery and Delivery business units. This group will develop the requirements for incorporating Ebook management in the Ex Libris product suite, based on the input from the Focus Group and other sources while considering the maturity of the Ebook related processes. They are targeting presenting the requirements to the Focus Group during Q1 2011.

+++++A word from one of our sponsors

And finally, a word from one of our conference sponsors:

“Bowker is pleased to be supporting the 5th IGeLU conference in Ghent and would like to remind attendees about a couple of enrichment solutions we offer that are cost-effective and easy to implement, regularly updated and informative. Please come and speak to us at IGeLU to find out more about these services:

Syndetic Solutions

Syndetic Solutions enhances your library catalogue by providing data elements your library users expect to see. You can choose from cover images, summaries, tables of contents, book reviews, first chapters, author notes, music & video content plus Spanish, Italian, German & Swedish language content. It is compatible with most ILS's including of course those from Ex Libris and requires hardly any resources from the library's side as it is based on open URL-linking and can be made easily available to you. You just pick and choose the elements you need to enhance your catalogue.

LibraryThing for Libraries

LibraryThing for Libraries (LTfL) offers tags, reviews, recommended/similar title suggestions and social networking opportunities for today's Internet savvy library users and those libraries wanting to keep up with technological developments. It certainly offers a more rounded view of book titles, and allows book lovers to share their enjoyment and knowledge with other like minded readers. Recently LTfL launched Shelf Browse, which allows you to browse your shelves visually, just as you would do in the physical library, plus LibraryAnywhere, which provides a mobile catalogue direct to your iphone, Blackberry or Android, showing catalogue information opening hours, special events and more.

Bowker will have a stand throughout IGeLU and we look forward to meeting you there.”