ACEF annual report
2017 IGeLU National User Group meeting

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Introduction

Founded in 2000, ACEF was formerly known as AUFA (*Association des Utilisateurs Francophones d'Aleph*). It changed its name during an extraordinary general assembly on February 12th 2007 and became the ACEF (*Association des Clients d'Ex Libris France*).

Membership

In 2016, the ACEF users group has 39 member institutions, most of them are academic libraries. Most institution members are from France, two are from Belgium, and one from Quebec.

Main events since the last IGeLU meeting

Aleph admin training (paid)

A five days training session was organized at Université Versailles Saint-Quentin in December 2016. The training was given by Mrs Valérie Philibert (Ex Libris). Fifty percent of the cost is borne by the association, the remaining fifty percent is paid by the institutions that sent staff members to the training.

Aleph SQL training

A one day training session was organized at Université Paris Descartes in January 2017. The training was given by Mr Quentin Morelon (Université Paris Descartes). The Aleph Oracle tables were presented with several examples of SQL queries.

Aleph ARC training

A half-day training session was organized at École Polytechnique in June 2017. The training was given by Mr Richard Grenier (Université Grenoble Alpes).

Primo admin training

A three days training session was organized at Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe in January and February

2017. The training was given by Mr Laurent Nabias (DBU Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3).

SFX admin training

A two days training session was organized at Bibliothèque interuniversitaire Cujas in March 2017. The training was given by Mrs Ewa Nieszkowska (Université Paris Est Créteil).

SFX Dataloader training

A two days training session, dedicated to the use of Dataloader, was organized at Bibliothèque interuniversitaire Cujas and Université Paris Est Créteil in May 2017. The training was given by Mrs Ewa Nieszkowska (Université Paris Est Créteil).

ACEF meeting in January 2017 (Paris)

Financial situation

Because of some expenses, Aleph paid training, Ex Libris development regarding bibliographic data flow between the national shared catalog (aka Sudoc) and local Aleph systems, the cash flow of the association is decreasing quite fast. The assembly approved an increase in the annual fee which now amounts to 140 €.

ACEF logo

The board presented the new logo of the association to the audience:

ProQuest / Ex Libris

For the first time, ProQuest customers were invited to the general assembly from a list provided by Ex Libris. Unfortunately, only one of them answered, attended the assembly and joined the association (Sciences Po Paris). It was not a success but it might be related to the kind of contact provided: administrative instead of technical staff. We presented the ACEF, the IGeLU, the NERS system, and discussed about the opportunity to organize a dedicated working group for ProQuest's solutions.

A customer's feedback session was organized:
- *Alma implementation in Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa* by Paola Mancini, SNS/Itale
- *Summary of the Alma study trip in Liège University* by Marjolaine Simon, DBU Paris 3

In the afternoon, the Ex Libris Staff was given the opportunity to present several topics.

Presentation by Barak Rozenblat VP, Cloud Services, Ex Libris
- Ex Libris Cloud overview presentation
- Ex Libris Support: what's new since Jan 2016

- Status and explanation of the DDOS issue that occurred in 2016
- Q/A

Presentation by Maud Arnaud, Solution Expert, Ex Libris
- Alma update
- Q/A

ACEF meeting in June 2017 (Grenoble)

Update on Alma's first customers in France by Laurent Nabias (DBU Paris 3) and Laurent Aucher (Paris Sciences & Lettres).

After six years of dithering, technical and functional studies, the public tender launched by the ABES for a "shared library management system" (aka SGBm) finally came to fruition. Several university libraries have thus made the choice of Alma. The ACEF will be particularly attentive to all implementations. This important change addresses the question of the future of Aleph's aging systems. The creation of a dedicated Alma working group is considered.

A customer's feedback session was organized:
- *Implementation of the Libraries catalog of Université Grenoble Alpes et Grenoble INP* by Héloïse Faivre, Magali Bergia (Université Grenoble Alpes et de Grenoble INP)
- *Renumbering from DDC to Dewey classification systems via Aleph: from the call numbers choice to physical treatment* by Richard Grenier (SID Université Grenoble Alpes)
- *Automated call number labels printing from Aleph: saving time and quality* by Dominique Le Guennec (DSIC Paris 3) and Marjolaine Simon (DBU Paris 3)
- *Back on Primo implementation* by Marie-Madeleine Géroudet (LILLIAD Learning center Innovation - Université de Lille Sciences et Technologies)

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