Ex Libris user group from German speaking countries
DACHELA – Report INUG 2009

Membership:

47 member institutions plus 2 extraordinary members (non-voting membership)
Membership fee: EUR 50.- for IGeLU members, EUR 100.- for others

General Activities:

National User Group Organisation – After two consecutive joint annual meetings in 2007 and 2008 ALEPH-DACH and SMUG-DACH finally merged at the 2009 annual meeting in Cologne to form DACHELA (Ex Libris user group from German speaking countries), which covers all Ex Libris products and serves their German speaking users.
Members of the DACHELA executive committee are:
Chairperson – Ester Straub, IDS Verbundkoordination,
Coordinator of product specific working groups – Dr. Mathias Kratzer, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Bibliotheksverbund Bayern / Verbundzentrale
Secretary – Ralf Matalla, Universitaets- und Landesbibliothek Duesseldorf, Dezernent Bibliotheks-IT
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The **ALEPH-Dach Study on ILS Next Generation** was finished Dec 2008 and circulated among institutions interviewed and then among the Aleph-DACH membership. The report was published on the IGeLU website in Feb 2009 for access by members.

Ongoing Special Activities:

SFX-KnowledgeBase – DACHELA SFX user group and Ex Libris SFX-KnowledgeBase-Team joined forces moderated by Dr. Andreas Sabisch to obtain a better and more comfortable workflow for SFX administrators to include DFG National Licenses into SFX-KB. The German Research Foundation DFG enables access to licensed content for academic institutions nationwide through bulk contracts. Alternatives still to be decided upon at present are:
- One target "GERMAN_NATIONAL_LICENSES" with appropriate subtargets OR reuse of global targets, wherever they exist, and subsequent updating of those.
- Who delivers the data to create "GERMAN_NATIONAL_LICENSES" for the first time? EZB, publishers …?
- Who is made responsible for monthly maintenance and revisions? Ex Libris OR SFX user libraries as clients OR DACHELA?

These issues have been discussed in detail on the 2009 annual meeting without a final decision. Therefore, some German speaking SFX customers initiated by Inga Overkamp have already begun to collect DataLoader lists and activation recommendations on El Commons.

bX – This new product is considered somewhat critical rather than enthusiastic in German speaking countries. Concerns are:

- Is it possible to create a user/usage profile of research centers at institutions through scanning the Base-URL within the OpenURLs aggregated for bX without a privacy restriction?
- Is it a competence of libraries to influence the reception of literature at the forefront of research (i.e. research papers) by providing ranked (!) recommendations?
- Which consequence on ranking recommendations does logging OpenURL-requests in bX have rather than logging full-text downloads (as described in the underlying papers by Bollen and Van de Sompel)? Think of users building up long title lists and hitting the SFX buttons without downloading the articles to find out what is there in electronic format…
- bX does not accomplish one of the basic principles in German Data Security and Privacy Regulations, principle of informed approval, since the user cannot anywhere decide whether or not his OpenURL request may be used for recommending or not!

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