Report from

VLENGEL

the Dutch and Flemish Ex Libris User Group

for the 2010 INUG meeting in Ghent

VLENGEL was established at the first IGeLU conference in Stockholm, September 2006. General information about VLENGEL can be found on http://www.vlengel.org/

Activities in 2009-2010:

One meeting in Maastricht 20 November 2009.

After a brief report on the IGeLU 2009 conference in Helsinki we took a lot of time to inform each other about all the new activities and developments in the participating library organisations in VLENGEL.

The rest of the day was devoted to a theme, as we usually do in VLENGEL meetings. The theme this time was Discovery Tools.

Wageningen University presented an outline of their newly developed

Apache Solr

and

PurpleSearch

Discovery tool.

After that Ghent University presented their

Lucene @ Ghent @ Lund

development.

Delft Technical University presented their Discover tool, for which they had build an interface to their Aleph library system using both X-server and CGI-scripting.
Last presentation was from Utrecht University presenting their famous indexing and discovery tool. Omega has been build on a MySQL database for the metadata and uses Autonomy for the indexing. The user interface of Omega has been developed in house using XML-XSLT.

At present, VLENGEL has 11 Dutch and 5 Belgian member library organisations. Theo Engelman acts as chair of VLENGEL, Bas Vat, Liesbeth Oskamp and Bart Peeters act as coordinators.

VLENGEL is a very informal organisation, where members do not pay any membership fee. The organising of meetings depends on the need felt by the members. Meetings are organised every time in a different city and we try to alternate between the Northern part of the Netherlands and the Southern part and Belgium, just to make travelling a bit a burden for everyone.