Report from

Alephswe

the Swedish Aleph user group
for the 2010 INUG meeting in Ghent

The Swedish Aleph User Group (Alephswe) was established in 1999.
There are 16 member libraries in Alephswe.

The main tasks of Alephswe are:

- To provide a forum for the exchange of practical experiences and information about local developments of common interest.
- To coordinate the activities of the Swedish Aleph libraries and maintain a list of development requests.
- To provide a common point of contact for ExLibris.
- To keep in touch with IGeLU and other user groups.

Alephswe organizes two meetings a year, one with the annual association meeting.
You can reach Alephswe at our website: http://alephswe.kb.se/ .
We also have a discussion list (e-mail).

Alephswe is related to Aleph users and there are other more or less formal user groups in Sweden related to the other ExlLibris products: Samsa (for Metalib/SFX users in the Libris consortia), Verde, SFX at libraries of the county council.
Voyager libraries are invited to the Alephswe meetings.
Alephswe decided to set up a virtual portal for all Ex Libris user groups in Sweden:
http://epugswe.wikidot.com

Activities:

Two meetings, one in October 2009 at the National Library and one at Luleå University of Technology in May

Amongst other issues the following topics have been on the agenda:

- **URM.** Anders Söderbäck from Libris at the Royal Library who is in the URM-focus group for consortia attended the meeting in October and told us about his thoughts about URM.
- **Aleph 20.1** which according to ExLibris will be translated and adopted to the Swedish libraries Q1 2011.
- **ILL2** which will introduce new and different workflows- There is also a need for different routines for the import of records from the national catalogue Libris. The National Library is the first to convert to ILL2 (October 2010) Fujitsu/ExLibris have promised to set up a testserver for the Swedish libraries.
- Some libraries have experienced problems with their **SDI** profiles.
- A **system administration training** was held in Linköping in November.
- The different Aleph libraries are working with **Opacs, campuscards, virtualized servers, ARC, ADAM** (problems due to the Oracle version), RFID etc.
- The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency are implementing **Primo** and will use this as their Opac.
- Voyager libraries has upgraded to **Voyager 7**.
- Axel Kaschte from ExLibris visited the meeting in Luleå and held an interesting and much appreciated presentation about the future library and URD², URM , data services. Primo Central, cloud computing etc

No local distributor anymore…

In the beginning of 2010 Ex Libris Group announced the acquisition of the Fujitsu Services A/S library division. The Swedish customers were informed by Fujitsu about the new organisation and the new Ex Libris office Ex Libris Scandinavia A/S.
This is of course a major thing for the Swedish users and something that affects all of the Swedish libraries using ExLibris products. It will certainly have both positive and negative implications.
Hopefully more on the positive side…

All running contracts were transferred from Fujitsu to ExLibris.
Support are now given directly from ExLibris, and as most of the staff at Fujitsu who have been supporting the Swedish customers are now employed at ExLibris, the knowledge of the adaption of the system to the Scandinavian market will hopefully be kept.
The reaction of the Swedish libraries were mainly positive (one good thing is for example that we are now using Pivotal) not least because we still had our main support contact in Sweden, Thomas Trakell. Thomas has worked with the Aleph system for a long time and is known to give fast and excellent support for Aleph (and SFX). He also had a knowledge of the specialities in the Swedish environment, for example the export from the national system Libris and a deep knowledge of every Aleph library in Sweden.
Unfortunately Thomas Trakell left Ex Libris right before the summer and there does not seem to be any intention from Ex Libris to employ someone else in his position in Sweden. This means that we now only have support in English. Many Swedish customers are quite upset and worried over this.

IGeLU
Ragnar Helin (Library of the Swedish Parliament) is responsible for the IGeLU Newsletter.
Daniel Forsman (Jönköping University Library) is Module Coordinator for OPAC in the Aleph Product Working Group (2009)
Charlotte Wänelöf (Library of the Swedish Parliament) and Ulrika Domellöf Mattsson (Swedish Environmental Protection Agency) are part of the IGeLU Webteam.

Best wishes for the Ghent meeting!

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Library at University West

Library of the Government Offices of Sweden

Library of the Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities

Library of the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration (FMV)

Library of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

Library of the Swedish Parliament

Luleå University Library

Mid Sweden University Library

National Library of Sweden

Nordic Africa Institute Library

Swedish Agricultural University Library

Swedish Film Institute Library

Swedish Institute of Children´s Books

Umeå University Library