

## IGeLU News in Brief, August 2011

This is the last news-in-brief from IGeLU (the International Group of Ex Libris Users) before our annual September conference in Haifa, Israel. If you haven't already we hope that you, and your colleagues, will join the more than 300 attendees who have already registered for the conference (<http://www.reg.co.il/exlibris-igelu2011/>)

Please read on for the latest news from IGeLU - or you can read the stories on the IGeLU website at [www.igelu.org](http://www.igelu.org), and follow us on Twitter for the latest updates <https://twitter.com/igelu>.

Michael Fake, IGeLU Steering Committee

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### +++++See you in Haifa!

Hosted by Haifa University, events at our annual conference kick off with an opening reception on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> September, on the beach below this beautiful city.

The agenda is packed: there are lots of breakout sessions about user experiences and developments, with over 60 individual speakers and presenters; plenary sessions on the road maps and updates for all Ex Libris products; Alma development updates; and news on IGeLU activities. Last but not least we are happy to welcome two prominent keynote speakers: Marshall Breeding from the Vanderbilt University Libraries will open the conference with his keynote on the changing landscape of library technologies, while in the closing address Professor Rafaeli from Haifa University will discuss the changing business models of publishing and its implications for academic libraries.

The conference ends on Wednesday, September 14 with a joint reception with the Ex Libris Systems Seminar. The System Seminar will continue till Friday, September 16th.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Haifa soon!

Jirka Kende, IGeLU Chair

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### +++++Ex Libris Q&A

As is now traditional at the annual conference, several Q&A (Question and Answer) sessions will be taking place with Ex Libris product managers and executives at the Haifa meeting in September.

General questions intended for the Ex Libris Board of Management will be presented in the General Q&A plenary on Tuesday, September 13, while product-specific questions will form part of the Ex Libris Product Update sessions given by individual Ex Libris product managers.

You are invited to submit any question that you would like to see answered. To submit a question, please just fill in the form on the IGeLU website at <http://igelu.org/conferences/ex-libris-qa>

We will collect your questions and deliver them (anonymised) to Ex Libris beforehand, in order to give them some time to prepare their answers.

So please, overcome your shyness. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to ask everything you always wanted to know about the company and its products but were afraid to ask - until today!

Thank you in advance for your contributions,

Peter Klien

#### **+++++MetaLib PWG news – MetaLib needs you!**

Since our last update two NERS voting snapshots (4th and 5th) have been taken resulting in the submission of 8 global and 4 regional CKB resource addition requests to Ex Libris. Fuller information about resources including, where we can, updates on the status of such requests is normally circulated via the MetaLib list. The 6th snapshot will be taken on 14 August, synchronising with the SFX NERS group.

The IGeLU MetaLib PWG needs volunteers to join the Group for two years from September 2011, to continue the essential work of the Group. The PWGs are an essential component of IGeLU, representing the interests of the various product communities within the wider context of IGeLU.

Recent activities include! work with NERS and participation in the MetaLib Advisory Group and the Alma Focus Group discussing subjects including the next generation of MetaLib, Primo Central and MetaLibPlus, the CKB and MetaLib service packs. We meet regularly and also work with our ELUNA counterparts, other PWGs and with Ex Libris.

We currently have 3 members but urgently need 2 or 3 new members to carry forward the work of the Group after the Haifa conference in September. If you are interested, please contact any current member of the PWG.

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More on the IGeLU website at <http://igelu.org/archives/2360>

Jeremy Acland, MetaLib PWG Coordinator

#### **+++++Primo and MetaLib PWGs: a meeting of minds?**

A hot topic for the Primo and MetaLib Product Working Groups at the Haifa Conference will be their working relationship in light of the emergence of MetaLibPlus. The subject will be discussed at a joint Primo/MetaLib business meeting at the Conference.

MetaLibPlus of course is the new Primo Central Index offered through the Primo user interface service at Ex Libris. It includes MetaLib functions to cater for resources not yet included in PCI, most obviously through MetaLib's quicksets but also through Find Database. It also includes a link to the SFX A/Z list and e-shelf functionality. The signs indicate significant take-up by Primo and MetaLib customers.

So, what should be the nature of the relationship between your Primo and MetaLib Product Working Groups: merger, continued cooperation, or something in between? A longer item on this question can be read at the IGeLU website at <http://igelu.org/archives/2358>, and your views are eagerly anticipated.

Jeremy Acland/Mandy Stewart, Primo PWG Coordinator

#### **+++++Voyager PWG news**

##### **Voyager 8**

Voyager 8.0.0 went into general release 14 July, 2011 after being field tested by 8 partner libraries. As a result of the partner testing, 3 software enhancements were added to the release, 68 defects were submitted and fixed, and 18 documentation enhancements were made before the release. The Voyager 8.0.0 Collaborative and Field Test partners were: CARLI (ELUNA, IGeLU), Colorado School of Mines (ELUNA, IGeLU), LCoNZ (3 members) (IGeLU), Auckland University of Technology, University of Otago, University of Waikato, Library of Congress (ELUNA), National Library of Medicine (ELUNA), Southern Methodist University (ELUNA), Tri-University Group (a.k.a. TUG) (! ELUNA, IGeLU), University of Edinburgh (IGeLU), University of Strathclyde (IGeLU). The University of Otago was both a CT partner and a FT partner as part of LCoNZ. Both LC and the Tri-University Group were representatives of their respective institutions as well as the GDC Advisory Group.

Voyager 8.0.0 is a major release that delivers new features and functionality such as Global Data Change, SMS Messages, Client Auto Update, Patron Directory Service, and more. Voyager 8.0.0 also includes bug fixes from previous releases and new clients. Sites which are scheduling to upgrade after 28 July, 2011, will be upgraded to Voyager 8.0.0.

Sites that are on unsupported versions (currently Voyager 6 and below) and sites in need of defect fixes and want the new features are excellent candidates for this upgrade. Minimum hardware and software requirements for upgrading to Voyager 8.0.0 can be found in the Installation and Upgrade Requirements document available on the Documentation Center.

##### **Voyager Test Server**

Effective immediately, Voyager customers can license a Voyager Test Server without any additional license fees. Customers will be charged an installation/setup fee and annual maintenance. Note that a Voyager Test Server requires a separate server from the customer's production environment. The new Voyager Test Server license terms are valid for all Voyager customers worldwide, regardless of region or User Group affiliation.

Habib Tabatabai, Voyager PWG Coordinator

#### **+++++Aleph PWG news**

As usual, Aleph PWG work is mostly focused on enhancements. The NERS <http://ners.igelu.org/> is open for ! requests for the 2012 voting cycle. If you have any old requests that are still in the ICAU database that you wish to present for voting, please reenter and update them in NERS. We have now begun the process of reviewing functional specifications, for already approved enhancements, for Version 21. Version 21 is planned for release in late 2011.

We also currently have a vacant position for Deputy Coordinator, with responsibility for the enhancement process. If you are interested in hearing more about this position please contact Mike Ryan, the Aleph PWG coordinator at [mryan@cclaflorida.org](mailto:mryan@cclaflorida.org).

Mike Ryan, Aleph PWG Coordinator

#### **+++++INUG Meeting Haifa**

The traditional INUG (IGeLU International User Groups) meeting will take place again just before the IGeLU Annual Conference – this time on a Saturday in lovely Haifa.

Representatives of the National User Groups (NUGs) will meet with each other, the Steering Committee, and the Product and Special Interest Working Group Coordinators, where feedback will be provided on the past year's activities. NUG representatives will have the opportunity to share experiences and concerns and explore these with colleagues within a small group.

Ex Libris Management will join the group later in the afternoon, which will provide an opportunity to hear developments they're planning, and to discuss issues and concerns arising from the meeting before.

We are looking forward to meeting a large group of National User Group Representatives at the INUG meeting on 10 September, where we hope to have a busy and valuable meeting.

NUG representatives should already have had a request for country reports via the INUG list (due 26<sup>th</sup> August!) – if you are a national user group representative and you aren't on the list please get in touch with [Pat.Busby1@gmail.com](mailto:Pat.Busby1@gmail.com).

See you in Haifa!

Pat Busby, IGeLU SC