

IGeLU News in Brief, February 2011

Dear all,

See below draft news-in-brief. Thanks to everyone who sent in news stories. I'm sending to this list to see how it comes through the email formatting - last time it seemed to get chewed up a bit with paragraphs starting in the wrong places, so this should allow me to correct things (apologies for filling up your inboxes). I'll add the new stories to the website first, and then send out this email tomorrow or Monday. Any comments or corrections please let me have them asap!

Thanks,
Michael.

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Dear all,

Welcome once again to the IGeLU news-in-brief, our round up of the latest stories from the IGeLU website. You can also follow these stories as they appear on <http://igelu.org> and see updates on our twitter feed <http://twitter.com/igelu>

Michael Fake, IGeLU Steering Committee.

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+++++MetaLib CKB resources voting

Two MetaLib CKB voting snapshots have now been carried out in NERS. At the end of each snapshot the top rated 4 global resources and 2 regional resources are presented to Ex Libris. MetaLib CKB voting snapshots are scheduled to be done at approximately two-monthly intervals, but the most recent snapshot was postponed pending handover of the IGeLU end of things by Meg Bate on her final departure from PWG activity.

Snapshot voting is currently being conducted only against resources entered into NERS by MetaLib customers. All IGeLU and ELUNA members are

entitled to vote and participation by the MetaLib community has been good. Once CKB resource addition requests entered into Pivotal have also been added to NERS I'm sure participation will be even better.

Results of the second voting snapshot in November were as follows:

Global:

- Springer ebook collection in mathematics and statistics
- Myllibrary
- All EBSCO targets
- International Mediaeval Bibliography

Regional:

- Thieme Ebook Library
- IBZ - Internationale Bibliographie der geistes- und sozialwissenschaftlichen Zeitschriftenliteratur

There is already evidence that the NERS process is influencing the addition of new resources to the CKB. I think we can say we're pretty pleased with progress so far, so don't forget to vote!

Jeremy Acland, Metalib PWG

+++++ Verde and SFX publishing and harvesting

Within the last few weeks Ex Libris has launched the new SFX 4.1/Verde publishing and harvesting process. Beside the new publishing and harvesting process this Verde update includes some smaller enhancements and bug fixes.

The Verde Product Working Group are very interested to hear customer reports about this new interoperability - not just about the migration process itself but also any changes in workflow and handling between Verde and SFX that institutions have put in place. We encourage you to communicate your experiences to the Verde mailing list.

Monica Tengstrom and Andreas Sabisch, Verde PWG

+++++Next DigiTool enhancement process - just around the corner

In last year's joint IGeLU and ELUNA enhancement process for DigiTool, 78 requests had been created and voted on by the user community. After close technical review, Ex Libris has assigned a timeline to 65 of them with respect to their voting results and demand for resources - detailed information has been posted to the DigiTool mailing list.

As the next minor release of DigiTool is scheduled for this year, this is a good opportunity to launch a new enhancement process within a short time so that DigiTool can benefit from your input. All DigiTool customers who are member of either IGeLU or ELUNA are entitled to participate in this process. Watch the website or the DigiTool mailing

list for more information.

+++++Primo PWG enhancement planning

The Primo PWG Enhancement group (Naomi Greidinger, Christian Haenger and Ole Holm) have been working on the de-duping and clarification of a long list of enhancements for Primo which have been extracted from the Pivotal system by Jorgen Madsen, Primo Product Manager for Ex-Libris. The group have been working with their ELUNA counterparts and have now produced a spreadsheet to be loaded on to the NERS enhancements database. Once this has taken place voting on the enhancements will be organised. Two rounds of voting are planned, one in March and one in May so that feedback from Ex-Libris on the complexity of the enhancements can be provided between the votes.

The PWG are planning to meet at the British Library in London on 24th March to discuss progress on the enhancement process and plans for the IGeLU conference in Haifa.

Mandy Stewart, Primo PWG

+++++Aleph enhancements - migrating to NERS

The Aleph 2011 enhancement voting (link to <http://igelu.org/products/aleph/aleph-enhancements>) has finished. The Aleph PWG module coordinators (link to <http://igelu.org/products/aleph>) will next review, comment upon and approve development specifications for each enhancement, as they are received from ExLibris. In the next months we can expect to get 15 sets of specs for our 2010 and 2011 voting cycles.

However we are already looking forward to the next voting cycle: Together with ELUNA (link to <http://el-una.org>) we have begun the planning to switch to NERS. We will start from scratch, which means that no requests from the current database will be transferred into NERS. Not all old suggestions are relevant any more, but you may want to reenter some unfilled ideas into NERS again if they are still needed.

This approach helps us to refer to the latest functionality available in Aleph and will make the voting most efficient. We will keep the community updated in the coming months about the progress in the transition.

Marcus Zerbst, Aleph PWG

+++++From URM to Ex Libris Alma

Following the URM Focus Group sessions in September and October 2010 concerning the URM conceptual design, a series of recordings of Partner Release (drop) 2 of the URM - newly named Ex Libris Alma - was made available to the members of the Focus Group.

Alongside the overview on general concepts that apply to all functional demonstrations, the recordings cover topics from all major functional areas, i.e., resource management, fulfilment, and acquisitions. The Focus Group members feedback will serve as input for the next Focus Group live session and, hopefully, for the further development of Alma.

Jirka Kende, IGeLU Chair

+++++Steering Committee Meetings in Haifa and Jerusalem

The Steering Committee traditionally holds its mid-conference business meetings at the venue of the next conference - allowing us to review the conference venue and discuss conference organisation with the local organising committee. Therefore this year, at the end of February, the Steering Committee will hold its meeting in Haifa, Israel. Being so near to Ex Libris headquarters, the Steering Committee is using the opportunity to discuss various issues with Ex Libris management in Jerusalem. The main topics on the agenda will be: organisational issues of the IGeLU Conference and the following Systems Seminar; URM (Alma) development status and pricing models; CKB and Primo Central enhancements; support and documentation issues.

Jirka Kende, IGeLU Chair

+++++IGeLU conference 2012 - IGeLU needs you!

The location of the 7th IGeLU Annual meeting is still open, and we invite all member institutions to consider hosting of our meeting in 2012! Hosting of the IGeLU conference provides great publicity for your institution, gives many staff members from your and from your partner institutions in your country, the opportunity to take part in the event, and to meet many colleagues from all around the world. If you are interested in hosting IGeLU in 2012, or want to find out more about what's involved, please let us know!

Jirka Kende, IGeLU Chair

+++++Print-out guide to IGeLU

IGeLU has a handy print-out introductory guide, for distribution by national and regional user groups at group meetings. It's available for download from the website here: <http://igelu.org/about>

+++++Voyager voting - the results are in

Between October 27 and November 19, the Voyager Product Working Groups for IGeLU and ELUNA presented an enhancements election for a future minor release of Voyager, version 8.2. The NERS system was used for the balloting process.

The enhancement ballot contained 143 items covering each Voyager client and most of the extension products. In total 83 member institutions cast

their votes, 27 from IGeLU and 56 from ELUNA. Each member could allocate up to 10 point to any item for a maximum of 100 total points. A total of 7,878 points were allocated by voters. IGeLU and ELUNA members may use their NERS credentials to view the final ballot results.

After the close of voting, Product Working Groups jointly reviewed the results and recommend forwarding those items that received 100 or more points. Twenty-one items will be presented to Ex Libris for evaluation and development. Items which did not receive 100 votes will remain active for future balloting.

Questions about the enhancements process may be directed to the Product Working Group Chairs, Habib Tabatabai, IGeLU and Ted Schwitzner, ELUNA, (Ted Schwitzner (see the website for contact details).