



ITALIAN EX LIBRIS USERS ASSOCIATION Annual Report 2011

Joint IGeLU SC and National/Regional User Group Representatives
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Introduction

ITALE was established in 1999 when a group of ALEPH libraries, that had started as an informal discussion group, was driven by the need to have a more formal organisation. Since January 2007, the Association is open to all Ex Libris products users

Members: At present, 40

Membership fee: 250 € (it covers group activities and projects)

Two Product Working Groups are operative into ITALE organization:

- Aleph Product Working Group
- SFX/MetaLib Product Working Group

The Association aims

- to coordinate initiatives and activities in the field of library and information services
- to promote, distribute and implement new IT applications among its members
- to define common strategies and share standards for the development of innovative services among Italian libraries
- to cooperate to National and International research projects
- to coordinate all Members' requests for the development of Ex-Libris products
- to keep in touch with IgeLU and other user groups (national user groups, product working groups, ecc.)

Support

Ex Libris Italy

Activities in 2010/2011

Since last IGeLU Meeting in Ghent (August 2010) we have organized two Seminars:

Beyond the OPAC: new tools and new services for libraries developing contexts - *University of Naples, 14 December 2010*

The catalog between new regulations, market suggestions and users expectations - *Genoa, Library Berio, 17 May 2011*

Starting from a test of Primo, the Ex Libris discovery tool, we analyzed some of the issues already discussed in previous Seminars: the cooperation between academic

libraries in new national scenarios, the growth of new expectations from users or stakeholders, the organizational needs connected to all the changes.

Between 2010 and 2011 we had the first installations of Primo, that are proposing to the Italian library scene new models of work and organization of services.

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Information and Documentation

Information about ITALE, technical documentation, announcements can be found at our web site: <http://www.itale.it>. We have also three mailing lists:

itale@itale.it: devoted to ITALE members

it-elug@liste.uniud.it devoted to Italian Ex Libris products users

itale-sys@polito.it devoted to system and library managers, members of ITALE

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ITALE Steering Committee