# National ExLibris User Group: Finland

# Country Report 2011

### Consortia

There are two large Voyager Consortia in Finland: the Linnea2 Consortium and the AMKIT Consortium.

**Linnea2 Consortium** consists of 18 universities (including the National Library), six special libraries (including the Library of Parliament and the National Repository Library), and four libraries of universities of applied sciences (UAS). Altogether these libraries maintain 26 databases. 22 of these are local library databases, the rest are national or union catalogue databases maintained by the National Library.

**AMKIT Consortium** consists of 25 universities of applied sciences (former polytechnic colleges) most of whom have their individual Voyager databases. Four UAS libraries are also members of Linnea2 and have shared databases with local university libraries. In addition to managing Voyager cooperation, the Consortium coordinates many other cooperative projects of the UAS libraries.

### Software

### Voyager

Apart from the national union catalogue Linda, all databases in both Consortia are using Voyager. The present version in their production databases is 7.2.1.

### Aleph

The union catalogue Linda was using Voyager Universal Catalogue until the end of 2008. A new Linda, using the Aleph Central Catalogue model, was created in 2008 and opened in January 2009. The present version is 20.

### Functions and projects

**Linda - the Finnish Union Catalogue**

The planning of the expansion of the Finnish union catalogue to cover all library sectors in Finland has been going on through the last year. A few of the UAS libraries have already joined the union catalogue through mergers with university libraries.

The public sector libraries have purchased the Aleph license at the end of 2010. Negotiations are taking place with the UAS libraries later.

**Asteri Authority File**

In Linda- Aleph there is a separate database for authority records and Finland is now developing a bilingual authority database. Negotiations for joining VIAF are on the agenda and sharing name authorities with museums and archives has been discussed as well.

**The National Digital Library project**

In the end of March 2010 the national digital library project published its entreprise architecture <<http://www.kdk.fi/en/enterprisearchitecture>>. In August Ex Libris Group was chosen to implement National Digital Library's Public interface with Primo software. The project is currently still in the pilot phase. The end of the pilot phase was extended from the original February 2011.

The final report of the long-term preservation section was published in English on September <<http://www.kdk.fi/images/stories/LTP_Final_Report_v_1_1.pdf>>.

# User group activity

The National Library held a three day meeting, The Library Network Meeting, together with The Finnish ExLibris Users, public libraries, and special libraries. The meeting was in October 2010 in Helsinki, with more than 400 attendants.

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