



ACEF annual report

2012 IGeLU National User Group meeting

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Association

Founded in 2000, ACEF was formerly known as AUFA (Association des Utilisateurs Francophones d'Aleph). It changed its name during an extraordinary general assembly on February 12th 2007 and became then ACEF (Association des Clients d'Ex Libris France).

Membership

The ACEF user group consists of 45 member institutions in 2012, most of them are academic libraries. Most institution members are from France, three are from Belgium, one from Morocco, one from Switzerland and one from Quebec. Membership fee: 120 EUR.

Main issues since the latest IGeLU meeting

Primo Training

A 3-day Primo training session was organized in Paris in January 2012. The training was given by Ex Libris and five institutions (9 people) registered. The training costs were mainly supported by ACEF, each participating institution had only to pay 200 EUR for that 3-day training, whatever the number of librarians it sent.

ACEF meeting in January 2012 (Paris)

The Association statuses were modified to allow ACEF to work with fewer constraints. The two main decisions were made: the steering committee's power was reinforced and the board of administrators suppressed.

In the afternoon, the attendees had a very interesting presentation of Alma by Jürgen Küssow (Ex Libris), with a demo and a Q&A session.

NERS votes

Since ACEF is an IGeLU member, we centralize enhancement requests and voting wishes from our non-IGeLU members. By so doing, ACEF helps non-IGeLU members to have a say in the matter (even if it is very "diluted"). Another reason is that since ACEF counts as a voting force, it makes one more vote for local (French-speaking) resources. So far, ACEF has voted for Aleph, Primo, SFX CKB and MetaLib CKB enhancement requests.

Financial support for IGeLU

In order to encourage institutions to actively take part in the IGeLU congresses by presenting a poster or by holding a session, ACEF decided to give a fixed rate of 400 EUR to any institution of which a presentation would be accepted for IGeLU 2012. Unfortunately, this decision was not very stimulating and only one institution submitted a presentation.

ACEF meeting in June 2012 (Paris)

Products sessions ('user to user') were organized:

- Aleph & Drupal (by BU Angers)
- Remote storage requests (by ULg Libraries)
- Group study rooms booking with Aleph (by SCD UPEC)
- Adding extra e-resources to Primo (with or without SFX) (by SCD UPEC)
- Item localizing on a map with Primo (by SCD Nice)

The ppt presentations have been made available on the ACEF intranet.

Hot fixes

Several members are worried about the fact that several hot fixes must be installed (sometimes shortly after a SP). They think Ex Libris should be more attentive and proceed to a more careful examination.

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