

The Danish Ex Libris User-group (DANGELU) – report / INUG 2012

The Danish Ex Libris User-group (DANGELU) was established in 2009, when the national Aleph-group and SFX-Metalib group were merged, following the take-over by Ex Libris of Fujitsu activities as vendor of the Ex Libris products.

The purpose of the group is to

- create a forum for co-operation and sharing experiences concerning the various products.
- discuss enhancements and functionality with Ex Libris in order to make sure that users of Ex Libris products can participate in local Danish library cooperation.
- keep in touch with IGeLU

Besides maintaining a national listserv the group meets twice a year. Ex Libris is invited and participates in the meetings.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - 2012:

Like last year this year has been rather quiet, and we haven't heard much to Ex Libris, but we have received valuable information in connection with the meetings. We learned that the (physical) Scandinavian office has been closed, but the staff transferred to other assignments in the Ex Libris organization. We were assured that Ex Libris will follow developments in the Danish Library Agency and libraries.

Ex Libris made a presentation of Alma in December 2011. It seems promising but not yet at a level that can satisfy experienced customers.

There has been a continued dialogue with Ex Libris about regional and local resources (many of which are interesting for the Nordic countries) in SFX and Primo Central. I am afraid that a major breakthrough is not imminent, although some progress has been made.

During the year all libraries, that use Aleph, were at version 18.2, but now the first are converting to version 21. In version 21 of standard Aleph the Scandinavian specials were included, and thus we are getting the best of the two worlds (and the rest of the Aleph community gets some very useful extensions) .

On behalf of the user-group

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