



ITALIAN EX LIBRIS USERS ASSOCIATION Annual Report 2012

Introduction

ITALE was established in 1999 when a group of ALEPH libraries, decided to give a formal organization to the cooperative relationship which from the beginning had joined. 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)

Products distribution:

- ALEPH(38)
- SFX (21)
- MetaLib (15)
- MetaLibPlus (8)
- DigiTool (1)
- Primo (8)
- Bx (2)

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 Ex Libris 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.)

Local support

Since 2009, there is an Italian subsidiary of Ex Libris (Ex Libris Italy)

Activities in 2012

The context of the Italian university is keeping up with the changes taking place in the world of hi-tech; the libraries in particular wonder about new models of service that they must take to meet the needs of the users in a period of crisis and economic changes. In any case, we don't see, at the moment, significant transformations.

After the IgeLU Conference and System Seminar in Haifa we organized a conference in Trieste on 29 and 30 March 2012 ("The server in the clouds: infrastructure, platforms and shared services in the new models of management for library services"). At the conference attended Barbara Rad-el and this initiative, very successful, was the Italian

kick-off of Alma. The colleagues who had followed the System Seminar reported on updates and developments of the various products (Aleph, SFX and MetaLib); finally Liliana Morotti and Laura Salmi (Ex Libris Italy) presented the AlephPlus services, bxRecommender and bx Hot articles.

By the end of the year 2012, we will identify the institutions that will be the "early adopters" of ALMA. Currently there are four institutions expressing great interest in this product

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Rome on 15 and 16 November 2012.

Contacts

Steering Committee 2012-14

Chair: Liliana Bernardis (University of Udine)
liliana.bernardis@uniud.it

Member Fernanda Canepa (Berio Public Library- Genoa)
fcanepa@comune.genova.it

Member Silvia Ceccarelli (Insubria University)
silvia.ceccarelli@uninsubria.it

Member Simonetta Pagnini (University of Florence)
simonetta.pagnini@unifi.it

Member Marta Putti (University of Siena)
marta.putti@unisi.it

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

On behalf of the Italian Users Group
Liliana Bernardis


