

DACHELA - Ex Libris Users Group of the German speaking countries – Report for INUG 2013

Membership:

Since the last meeting of the DACHELA in 2012 we have reached 61 member institutions (7 are new); the Membership fee remain the same with EUR 50.- for IGeLU members and EUR 100.- for others.

General Activities:

National User Group Organisation – DACHELA

This year, around 80 DACHELA Members met for their annual meeting at the University of Duisburg-Essen in Essen (Germany) from the 26th to the 27th of February.

Trying to cover the different Ex Libris products and to serve all German speaking users, the presentations from users and Ex Libris were very informative and lots of discussions took place. Besides talks about the new product "Alma" as well as the annual product developments from Ex Libris, there was a concentration of themes on Primo and Aleph - like in the past few years. Axel Kaschte presented ALMA as a SaaS-Development, which will also be important for other products from Ex Libris like e.g. Primo. Martin Büscher gave information about the newly arranged customer support offered by the company to fulfill the needs of the SaaS-Philosophy. Different best practice studies as well as implementation reports opened the way for intensive discussions on a variety of themes including bX, MetaLib and SFX. The mixture of participants – either new or experienced users of Ex Libris products – was very helpful in the discussions.

Also, after the two year term, we had to run an election for the members of the Executive Committee at the DACHELA-Meeting. The new (and in one case also former) members of the DACHELA Executive Committee are now the following:

- **Chair** – Dr. Michael Voß, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Universitätsbibliothek
- **Coordinator of Product Specific Working Groups** – Dr. Mathias Kratzer, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Bibliotheksverbund Bayern / Verbundzentrale
- **Dissemination of information for Members:** – Esther Straub, IDS Verbundkoordination
- **IGeLU Liaison Officer** – Dr. Silke Schomburg, Hochschulbibliothekszentrum des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen (Cologne)

Ongoing Special Activities:

The website and the wiki is for DACHELA members exclusively. During the last two years, a lot of development and administrative effort has gone into it, especially from the chair of DACHELA. The public area of our German site can be reached at: <http://www.dachela.org/DACHELA>.

With the beginning of the German-speaking ALMA-program later this year, the members of DACHELA will be informed about the progress in the adaptation of the software for the german-speaking community during the annual DACHELA meetings. The next encounter 2014 will take place in Graz (Austria) during spring (April?).

On behalf of the user group:

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