

VLENGEL

VLENGEL (VLaams En Nederlandse Gebruikersgroep van Ex Libris) Ex Libris Users Group of the Dutch and Flemish – Report for INUG 2013

Membership: 17 institutions, 4 Belgian and 13 Dutch.

Membership is free for all institutions, because VLENGEL only organizes activities without costs for participants. Whenever we have a meeting, everybody pays his own travelling costs and the host institution pays for the premises and lunch. Because we rotate the hosting between institutions and between Belgium and The Netherlands all costs are shared equally in the end.

VLENGEL is an informally organized user group without much structure.

Continuity depends on a coordination committee of three people;

Bart Peeters from LIBIS Leuven (BE)

Bas Vat from Leiden University Library (NL) and IGELU SFX-PWG coordinator

Theo Engelman from Utrecht University Library (NL) and IGELU SC member.

Whenever needed, **Lukas Koster from Amsterdam University Library and IGELU LOD-SIWG coordinator** kindly volunteers to assist the coordination group.

Theo Engelman acts as chair whenever formally needed, but internally there is no hierarchy.

This year the coordination group only organized one annual mid-winter meeting.

DECEMBER 2012 ENSCHEDE (UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE)

In December 2012 VLENGEL organized a meeting in Enschede (NL) hosted by the Twente University Library represented by Gert-Jan Boers. The meeting focused on several topics:

SHORT MINUTES OF IGELU 2012 IN ZÜRICH

Just a very brief abstract about the joint IGELU conference and the Ex Libris system seminar for those who were not able to attend.

NEWS FROM EVERY INSTITUTION

We like to use the VLENGEL meetings to exchange information about our institutes, where we do not limit to the scope of Ex Libris products. We feel this is an excellent opportunity for operational people to have information about our institutions that is normally only exchanged on managerial level.

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As there were only Dutch members present this meeting we did spend a lot of time talking about the role of the library and the Shared Information Infrastructure (GII) in the Netherlands.

Topics that passed;

- The role and future of local discovery tools, especially because Utrecht has decided to stop its home grown Omega discovery tool in September 2013 not replacing it by any new local discovery tool.
 - The Utrecht management has, based on statistics, decided that users more and more use generic or subject based discovery tools on the web and the library should focus on Delivery instead of Discovery. Of course not all participants agree with that, but everybody thinks that it's an interesting view and experiment.
 - Wageningen University Library presented their [resource browser](#), a new initiative to enable browsing through local catalog items like;
 - Journals
 - Databases
 - Dictionaries
 - Encyclopedia
 - Textbooksthat are normally very hard to find in a Unified Discovery tool (Primo in this case).
For Journals the default sorting is *IMPORTANCE*, based on the number the number of citations of Wageningen researchers publications during the last three years. The general impact factor of these journals can also be chosen by the user for sorting.
 - Another interesting new initiative from Wageningen is generating a database of research output based on the institutional repository and [opening up this database for University faculty and authors](#).
- The Twente University presented their solution to publish Primo result list items and E-shelf folders into the UT Course Management System (Blackboard). For E-shelf folders this can be done also be done using the UT Course Management System pulling the Primo E-shelf folder!
- The UKB consortium (Dutch University and National Libraries) are planning to renew the Shared Information Infrastructure (GII) contract with OCLC-PICA. This will facilitate the transition of the Dutch Union Catalogue to a subset of OCLC-WorldCat and give UKB members the possibility to maintain the shared cataloguing tradition and Inter Library Loan and Document Delivery services for the next few years.

We hope to keep the VLENGEL community vivid and enthusiast. But it is hard to organize meetings for a coordination group having to deal with a lot of local responsibilities *and* IGeLU tasks. Also the focus on OCLC by the UKB consortium can have an impact on the rationale of VLENGEL. If this results in more and more Dutch libraries moving away from Ex Libris products, then VLENGEL will die a slow but inevitable death. We hope this will not happen, but.....