

DACHELA - Ex Libris Users Group of the German speaking countries

Report for INUG 2014

Membership:

In 2014 we have managed to bring together 65 member institutions (of which three are new) ; luckily the Membership fee is stable with EUR 50.- for IGeLU members and EUR 100.- for others.

General Activities:

National User Group Organisation – DACHELA

This year, around 65 DACHELA Members met for their annual meeting at the University of Graz (Austria) from the 23th to the 24th of April.

During the two days meeting we have covered the variety of Ex Libris products and tried to serve all German speaking users. The presentations from users and Ex Libris were very informative and interesting discussions have taken place. Roger Brisson presented the Alma development during the last two years giving the audience an idea on how much the customers have directed the development of Alma through their needs.

Besides different perspectives on Alma the annual information on product developments from Ex Libris took place, giving us e.g. more insight to the project-planning and about specially needed new features for the german speaking community for starting to work with Alma.

The session about Primo with different best practice studies as well as user reports on Primo in the cloud opened the way for lively discussions on a variety of details on how Primo is used in the libraries. Another important theme was the acquisition of e-books, as some of the libraries or library networks have developed new and functionally interesting tools for e.g. patron-driven acquisition or about activating e-books with the help of SFX.

For the last session about data-analysis, data-correction and data-security in the cloud the mixture of participants – either new or experienced users of Ex Libris products – was very helpful so that an intensive discussion of the german speaking user-group could take place.

Also, after the two year term, we had to run elections for some of the members of the Executive Committee at the DACHELA-Meeting. The re-elected members of the DACHELA Executive Committee are the following:

- **Cash Manager** – Wolfgang Hamedinger, OBVSG
- **Coordinator of Product Specific Working Groups** – Dr. Mathias Kratzer, BVB
- **Comptroller** – Marian Alexander Jazwik, WU Wien
- **IGeLU Liaison Officer** – Dr. Silke Schomburg, hbz

The next encounter in 2015 will take place in Oldenburg (Germany).

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