

DACHELA - Ex Libris Users Group of the German speaking countries

Report for INUG 2015

Membership

In 2015 we have managed to bring together 65 member institutions (of which three are new) to the Ex Libris Group of the German speaking countries (DACHELA).

The membership fee is stable with EUR 50.- for IGeLU members and EUR 100.- for others.

General Activities

DACHELA User Group Meeting

This year, around 50 persons of member institutions met for their annual meeting at the University of Oldenburg (Germany) from the 27th to the 29th 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 (Ex Libris Group & operations) were very informative and interesting discussions have taken place.

Many presentations covered the Alma product that has been licensed by first German customers:

- Leipzig University of Applied Sciences (HTWK Leipzig): go live in January 2015
- 4 academic libraries of Berlin: signed contracts
- Library Service Centre Baden-Wuerttemberg (BSZ, Koblenz): evaluation contract
- German project "CIB": synchronization OCLC WorldCat - Ex Libris Alma

Also, after the two year term, we had to run election 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:

- DACHELA Chairperson - Dr. Michael Voß, HU Berlin
- 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, hzb

Alma Early Adopter Program for DACHELA region

Ex Libris launched the Alma Early Adopter Program (EAP) for the DACHELA region in October 2013. In November 2014 and May 2015 two meetings took place with updates by Ex Libris concerning the implementation status and the rollout schedule of special German requirements (data & functionalities). 12 DACHELA members (10 academic libraries & 2 library service centres) are part of the Alma EAP.

On behalf of the user group:

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