ACEF annual report
2016 IGeLU National User Group meeting
Trondheim, September 4th 2016

Association
Founded in 2000, ACEF was formerly known as AUFA (Association des Utilisateurs Francophones d’Aleph). It changed its name during an extraordinary general assembly on February 12th 2007 and became then ACEF (Association des Clients d’Ex Libris France).

Membership
The ACEF user group consists of 39 member institutions in 2016, most of them are academic libraries. Most institution members are from France, two are from Belgium, and one from Quebec. One institution has left the association because they’re not paying the Aleph maintenance fee anymore to Ex Libris. Membership fee: 120 EUR.

Main events since the last IGeLU meeting

Aleph training
A five-day training session was organized at Bibliothèque universitaire de Versailles Saint Quentin and Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe (Paris). The training was given by Mrs Valérie Philibert (Ex Libris) and presented basic Aleph administration.

Primo training
A three-day training session was organized at Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe (Paris) in May 2016. The training was given by Mr Laurent Aucher (Project Manager & Admin at Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University) and Mr Laurent Nabias (Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe / DBU Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3).

ACEF meeting in January 2016 (Paris)
Several institutions complained about Ex Libris’ global support: response time is increasing, especially for Primo cases.

Almost all institutions are concerned regarding the ABES’ SGBM/URM project (higher education bibliographic agency). Project group, pilot sites and Ex Libris staff signed a very strict non disclosure agreement. Barely no information were made public since 2014. The structure of the multiple tenders also seems very complex.
One products session (‘user to user’) was organized:

- PSL-Explore portal: a library and heritage platform based on Drupal/Primo/SFX » by Laurent Aucher (Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University)

Presentations and Q/A with the Ex Libris Staff

- General update about Ex Libris Support » by Martin Büscher (Head of European Support)

- Ex Libris Group strategy and information regarding Ex Libris’ acquisition by Proquest » by Ofer Mosseri (VP Europe) and Arnaud Guénégan (Sales Director, Ex Libris France)

- Update about BACON integration within Ex Libris' KBs (Alma CKB, KB SFX KB) and ongoing procedures regarding ISTEX » by Maud Arnaud (consultant, Ex Libris France)

ACEF meeting in June 2016 (Paris)

Renewal of the board

Laurent Aucher, from Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University, was unanimously elected by the general assembly as new chair of the ACEF.

William Demet, from Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin, was unanimously confirmed as vice-chair of the ACEF.

Marjolaine Simon, from DBU Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3, was unanimously elected as new treasurer of the ACEF.

Current members of the board:
- Chair: Laurent Aucher (PSL - laurent.aucher@univ-psl.fr)
- Vice-chair: William Demet (UVSQ - william.demet@uvsq.fr)
- Secretary: Ewa Nieszkowska (UPEC - nieszkowska@u-pec.fr)
- Treasurer: Marjolaine Simon (DBU Paris 3 - marjolaine.simon@univ-paris3.fr)

Products sessions (‘user to user’) were organized:

- Should we display e-resources in Primo from Aleph or SFX? The delicate balance between MCO and metadata quality » by Laurent Nabias (Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe / DBU Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3)

- Alma Resource Management » by Laurence Richelle (Université de Liège)

- Building a site/documentation portal using Primo, Aleph and SFX APIs: example of the future site of Paris Dauphine Library » by Yves Tomic (Université Paris Dauphine)

- ezPAARSE together with Ex Libris software, implementing EZproxy or Squid logs analysis » by Laurent Nabias (Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe / DBU Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3)

Some of these presentations have been made available on ACEF intranet.

On behalf of the ACEF user group
Laurent Aucher