

# **DACHELA - Ex Libris Users Group of the German speaking countries**

## **Report for INUG 2016**

### **Membership:**

For the year 2016 we managed to continue to work with 59 members; the Membership fee continues to be stable with EUR 50 ,- for IGeLU members and EUR 100.- for others.

### **General Activities**

#### **National User Group Organisation – DACHELA**

This year, we assembled around 60 DACHELA Members in the southern german town of Konstanz for the annual two days gathering at the University of Konstanz at the beginning of June.

During our meeting we tried to cover the variety of Ex Libris products therefore serving all German speaking customers and keep them updated about the yearly undertakings. The presentations from both - users and Ex Libris - were very informative and interesting discussions have taken place. From Ex Libris the Business Development Director, Alan Oliver, gave us very interesting insights to the overall Ex Libris strategy and roadmap. Elad Hoffmann, the Head of Pre-Sales EMEA, presented the Alma and Leganto platform to the german speaking users.

In 2016, the first university library migrated to **Alma** and during this years meeting we could get an impression about the immense work which has been accomplished during this project. At the moment, libraries from Berlin are planning their migration to Alma during the second half of this year. Further to that, there will be a centrally organized consortia-migration project in Austria, where the OBVSG and most of the libraries will go live during the next three years.

Another centrally organized project was introduced, the CBDZ (German Bibliographic Data Zone), which will be a place for german Alma libraries to be supported. The BSZ, GBV and hbz are - together with Ex Libris - responsible for the realization, which will at least take until 2018 or 2019 and will be an ongoing process.

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

For the first time, the session about the discovery-tools also included a presentation about Summon. A presentation about the hosted Services from the Bavarian consortia (BVB) was also given and showed the many existing diverse solutions besides Primo as a SaaS by Ex Libris.

Again, another important theme was the acquisition; this time BVB and hbz gave a presentation on their ongoing project about supporting structures for the libraries, either Aleph or later on Alma.

The next encounter is in June 2017 and will take place in Bern.

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