

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

## **Report for INUG 2017**

### **Membership:**

For the year 2017 we managed to continue to work with 58 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**

Once a year, we assemble generally around 50-60 DACHELA Members from the german-speaking countries. This year, we met in Switzerland, as we try to change the meeting-place between the different member-nations.

During our meeting, which took place from the 22th to the 23th of June in Bern, we tried to cover the variety of Ex Libris products serving all German speaking customers and keep them updated about the yearly undertakings. The presentations from both - users and Ex Libris - were informative and interesting discussions have taken place.

Roland Rehberger from Ex Libris gave an overview about the ux-developments concerning all Ex Libris products, especially Alma. In the course of the two days sessions the theme of user interface was one of the predominant themes, as the changes, especially in Alma, are massive.

We had also a complete session about the migration of the Berlin libraries to Alma, as they were the first bigger group of libraries, who changed to the new library system. For those libraries or consortias who are planning to change to Alma, it was very informative as we, could get an impression about the immense work which has been accomplished during their project. At the moment, the second group of libraries from Austria are planning their migration to Alma during the second half of this year. The central catalog will then follow early next year.

Another centrally organized consortia from BSZ presented their work as well as giving news about 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.

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