



ITALIAN EX LIBRIS USERS ASSOCIATION - ITALE

Annual Report 2018

Introduction

ITALE was established in 1999 among the Italian institutions that had adopted ALEPH. Since January 2007, the Association is open (as in the model provided by IGeLU) to all institutions that use Ex Libris products.

Since June 2015, ITALE, as an Association, became a member of IGeLU.

Members 2018: 37 Institutions

Membership fee: 250,00 € (it covers group activities and projects)

In November 2017, during the Meeting of the members of the Association, hosted by Banca d'Italia in Rome, ITALE renewed its Steering Committee for the period 2018-2020.

Products in use: ALEPH, ALMA (the number of institutions "live" with Alma or migrating from other systems to Alma, is growing day by day), Primo, SFX, Metalib, MetaLib Plus, a few institutions use also DigiTool, Bx, Leganto. Some institutions use Summon; some other institutions have chosen EDS as Discovery tool integrating with Aleph or Alma. Since 2009 the local support has been provided by the Italian subsidiary of Ex Libris.

ITALE working groups

Following the introduction of the new products (Primo, Alma, Leganto), the need to monitor more effectively their usage in the Italian community has stimulated the formation of dedicated Working Groups, which started their activity in 2016, publishing their results on the web site of the association.

Currently there are three active Working Groups concerning the following subjects:

- 1) Discovery Tools
- 2) Bibliographic standards and Italian National Union Catalogue (SBN) integration with Aleph/Alma
- 3) Alma

In May 2018, during the Spring Meeting hosted by the IULM University, two new Working Groups were proposed to Itale Institutions:

- 4) Aleph and Alma integration with Italian National Union Catalogue (SBN) for ILL Services
- 5) Legal and contractual Issues (such as Privacy and GDPR, Cloud services...)

At the end of July 2018, the "Discovery Tool" and the "Alma" Working Groups began to work together on Primo VE.

ITALE is working to collect needs, ideas, problems, and requests about Ex Libris products. We intend to share them with other national user groups. For these reasons ITALE is supporting some institutions for attending the IGeLU meeting in Prague.

ITALE Meetings give us the chance to know and share users' projects, goals and work.

They also give us the chance to meet Ex Libris technical and managerial staff and to try to explain needs and "desiderata" of Italian Users.

We use our web site for publishing documentation and information about Ex Libris products; we have a mailing list (itale@itale.it) for disseminating information, answers and questions.

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In April 2018, an Erasmus Plus Staff Training project gave to the ITALE Chair the opportunity to meet colleagues from Coventry University who also use Alma and Primo for their Library services, and to attend to the Annual Epuk-UKI Meeting. It was a good opportunity for exchanging and comparing our experiences with the UK colleagues.

Activities and Events 2017-2018

The final event of 2017 we organised was the Seminar "*Digital archives and research tools strategies for access to knowledge*", where different Digital archives experiences were presented. Tracey Clark's presentation was about Sheffield University Library's experience. Colleagues from the University of Roma 3, the University of Milano Bicocca, the BEIC Library of Milan and the Banca d'Italia, showed their work on Digital repository, Interoperability, Conservation and open source software programs. Ex Libris strategy for Managing and preserving Digital collection and for supporting Teaching, learning and research was presented by Adi Alter and Ofer Mosseri.

The Spring 2018 event was the Seminar "*Is the sky really blue above the clouds? Discovery tool: reflections and software compared*", held in Milan in May and organized by the ITALE Working Group on Discovery Tool.

There were presentations about Discovery Tool in general, and about Primo, EDS and Summon. A colleague from the University of Genoa presented a reference Librarian's point of view and the same from students' point of view. Presentations by Ex Libris were about GDPR (Martin Buscher), and Primo VE and Primo Studio (Ghislain Onestas).

The next meeting, in Autumn, will be organized by the "Alma" WG as "Users' Alma Day".

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Information and documentation

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