



ITALIAN EX LIBRIS USERS ASSOCIATION – ITALE

Annual Report 2020

Introduction

ITALE, established in 1999, is the Association among the Italian institutions that adopted ALEPH. Since January 2007, the Association is open to all institutions using Ex Libris products and since June 2015 ITALE became a member of IGeLU.

Since 2020 ITALE is open to all Italian-speaking institutions.

Members 2019: 43 Institutions

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

Products in use: ALEPH, ALMA, Primo, SFX, MetaLib, MetaLib Plus, Leganto, a few use also DigiTool, Bx, CampusM, Esploro, RapidILL. Some members use Summon, others have chosen EDS as Discovery tool integrating with Aleph or Alma.

ITALE working groups

Currently we have five 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
4. Aleph & Alma integration with ILL SBN, the ILL Services offered by Italian National Union Catalogue (SBN)
5. Aleph & Alma integration with NILDE (Network Inter-Library Document Exchange), an Italian project for DD Services

A sixth working group on Legal and contractual Issues (such as Privacy and GDPR, Cloud services, ...) is currently inactive.

ITALE is eager 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 encourages and supports its members to attend the annual IGeLU meeting.

We use our web site for publishing documentation and information about Ex Libris products; we have a mailing list, reserved to ITALE members, for disseminating information, answers and questions.

Partecipantion to IGeLU working groups

Marianna Gemma Brenzoni, University of Verona, agreed to join the IGeLU working group about GDPR.

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Activities and Events 2019-2020

Every year ITALE organizes two events, one in Spring and one in Fall, each consisting of: a workshop reserved for the ITALE working groups, for sharing experiences and setting collaborations; a member meeting; and a seminar / workshop open to the librarian community at large.

In November 2019, during the user meeting an amendment to the ITALE statute was approved: ITALE became an Association open to all Italian-speaking institutions, so including institutions outside Italy. The Fall seminar *Biblioteche e bibliotecari nel mondo che cambia: didattica e ricerca al centro dell'attenzione (Libraries and librarians in a changing world: focus on teaching and research)* was hosted by the University of Pisa. The seminar was focused on services for teaching and research, in particular the use of Leganto. The opening speech of the seminar was given by Masud Khokhar, Director of Libraries and Archives at the University of York, titled *Driving collective change in a digital world*. Presentations were held by institutions, members of ITALE, and by Ex Libris staff. Moreover, we briefly discussed about the Esploro choice made by some Italian institutions.

In May 2020 the Spring event was canceled for COVID-19 emergency. However, the users meeting, in particular for approving the budget, and the *Workshop* among all the ITALE Working groups, in order to discuss the new common goals, were held online.

In partnership with Ex Libris, we organized two webinars in Italian, for reaching a large number of colleagues. The first one was held in November 2019 and it was an introduction to Analytics, the second one was held in April 2020 on RapidILL.

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Information and documentation

Further information, technical documentation, and news can be found on the web site <http://itale.igelu.org>