

# David Allen's Nomination for IGeLU Chair - 2021

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## Who am I?

My name is David Allen and I am the current IGeLU Chair and I humbly submit my nomination for IGeLU Chair 2021-2024.

## Where am I from?

I live on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia and work in Brisbane at the State Library of Queensland.

## Bit about me and my institution!

I have been at the State Library of Queensland for more than 30 years. When I started at the Library I thought that I would only be there for 2 years. However the library sector is constantly innovating and this has kept me at the State Library for so long.

The State Library of Queensland opened its doors in 1896 as the Brisbane Public Library. In 1943 the Queensland Parliament passed the *Libraries Act* establishing the Library Board of Queensland. The State Library of Queensland operates under the *Libraries Act 1988*.

Some of the areas where I have contributed to the State Library include:

- Software programming
- Library Management System replacement project
- Content delivery project
- Infrastructure support
- Digital Preservation.

Some of the library products that I have been involved in include:

- ORACLE - an in house developed Library Management System
- Voyager Library Management System
- ENCompass Digital Asset Management System
- Primo
- DigiTool Asset Management System
- SFX
- MetaLib
- EZProxy
- Alma
- Rosetta Digital Preservation System.

I am also a member of the following groups:

- Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation - ICT Working Party (Observer status)
- Australasia Preserves
- National State Libraries Australia - Digital Preservation Network.

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## What is my Ex Libris User Community experience?

ANZREG - Australia New Zealand Ex Libris Group

- ANZREG Committee Member - February 2011 to January 2015
- ANZREG Chair - January 2015 - December 2016

IGeLU SC Committee - September 2014 to August 2018

Some of the roles that I have undertaken as a IGeLU Steering Committee member include:

- Rosetta Work Group Liaison
- Primo Working Group Liaison
- Alma Working Group Liaison
- Developers/Interoperability Working Group Liaison
- Linked Open Data Working Group Liaison
- Analytics Working Group Liaison
- Voyager Working Group Liaison.

IGeLU Chair - August 2018 to present

Some of the activities that I have undertaken as IGeLU Chair are as follows:

- Increased transparency of SC monthly meetings by publishing minutes to the member's section of the IGeLU web site- <https://igelu.org/sc-minutes>
- Improvements to the IGeLU Governance - <https://igelu.org/transparency>
- Delivered the Singapore 2019 IGeLU Conference - the first IGeLU Conference in South East Asia
- Delivered the 2020 Conference as a virtual event as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Increased our areas of cooperation between IGeLU and our sister organisation ELUNA including the redevelopment of the Ex Libris and IGeLU and ELUNA Software Development Cooperation Agreement
- Met bi-monthly with Ex Libris Senior Management to escalate concerns raised by the community
- Met regularly with Ex Libris Regional Vice Presidents to
  - Increase the visibility of IGeLU's activities
  - Increase IGeLU membership
- Provided additional support to Ex Libris National and Regional Users Groups by providing:
  - Access to web publishing facilities
  - Access to mail list facilities
  - Access to online meeting and webinar facilities.
- Rosetta WG liaison activities
- Created a IGeLU Rialto Working Group
- Created a IGeLU Esploro Working Group.

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## What is my three (3) year action plan for IGeLU?

My three (3) year action plan for IGeLU is:

- Continue supporting IGeLU's members in advancing members' requirements. Representation of the IGeLU membership is the primary role of IGeLU.
- Continue delivery of Annual Conferences but as a hybrid conference (physical and virtual components)
- Improve communications with the membership. It is important that IGeLU represents the needs and requirements of its membership. To meet this important goal, I will undertake:
  1. Regular surveys of the membership to determine how IGeLU is performing and what could be done better
  2. Bi-monthly updates on IGeLU's activities via web conferencing and to also obtain feedback from attendees at the web conference
  3. Be more active with the National and Regional users Groups.
- Increase IGeLU membership. My plan to achieve this is:
  1. Regular webinars explaining the benefits of IGeLU membership to new and existing Ex Libris customers
  2. Active membership drives in the APAC and LATAM markets
  3. Investigate the application of the 'World Bank classification on income data' to determine potential membership discounts.
- Advance with Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness Agenda. This applies to both within IGeLU and also within the Ex Libris suite of products.
- Increase IGeLU's profile with Ex Libris, ProQuest and Clarivate
- Continue improving IGeLU's internal policies and procedures.
- On going support of the IGeLU Working Groups and Communities of Practice

## Acknowledgements

As the current IGeLU Chair, I rely on and acknowledge the following groups:

- IGeLU Steering Committee members
- IGeLU ex-officio members
- IGeLU program Planning Committee
- Past IGeLU Chairs and Steering Committee members
- Working Group and Community of Practice Chairs and members
- IGeLU members who continue to show faith in the organisation by renewing their memberships every year.