



ITALIAN EX LIBRIS USERS ASSOCIATION – ITALE

Annual Report 2022

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 2020: 42 Institutions

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

Membership fee: 450,00 € (for Itale and IGeLU Consortium member) per year

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

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.

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. Resource Sharing (includes Aleph & Alma integration with ILL SBN, the ILL Services offered by Italian National Union Catalogue (SBN), and Aleph & Alma integration with NILDE (Network Inter-Library Document Exchange) for DD Services)
5. Leganto Working group.

Working groups help Itale members to select requests for NERS process votes.

Activities and Events 2021-2022

Every year ITALE is used to organize 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 this period seminars were canceled. However, on December 2, 2021 and May 26, 2022 the members meetings and the *Workshop* for the ITALE Working groups were held online in order to approve the budget and to discuss the new common goals.



Unimarc and Primo VE Project (in collaboration with ACEF)

The following are the steps of the project:

In April 2020 started the works with Ex-Libris for the implementation of the requests presented by Itale regarding Unimarc in Primo VE. The first results of the project were presented at the IGeLU Conference in August 2020.

The document has been used as the starting point of the analysis of ACEF - Association des Clients d'Ex Libris France, because also the French colleagues consider the implementation of the standard UNIMARC in Primo VE a major issue.

Starting in March 2021 the project was carried in collaboration with ACEF.

ITALE and ACEF completed the analysis to identify and gather the requests to be sent to Ex-Libris in order to let the UNIMARC standard fully supported by Primo VE.

A case on the ProQuest-Ex Libris Support Portal was opened on behalf of ITALE and ACEF.

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Information and documentation

Further information, technical documentation, and news can be found on the web site
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