

DACHELA - Ex Libris Users Group of the German speaking countries

Report for INUG 2023

Membership:

For the year 2023 we managed to continue to work with more than 60 members; the Membership fee continues to be stable with EUR 50,- for IGeLU members and EUR 100.- for others.

General Activities

4. und 5. Oktober 2023

National User Group Organisation – DACHELA

Starting with the Pandemic, we have already assembled virtually since 2020 for our conferences using big-blue-botton or zoom. This year's virtual conference will take place from the 4th to the 5th of October.

The virtual form has advantages (number of participating numbers), but also disadvantage e.g. the lower general input and less intensive discussions are noticeable.

During our meeting we always try to cover the variety of Ex Libris products therefore serving all German speaking customers and keep them updated about the yearly undertakings especially Alma and Primo. The presentations from both - users and Ex Libris – are always very informative and succeeded by discussions and also questions which are being answered in the conference-chat. Usually, we have an overview of product-news from Ex Libris and gain insights into the Ex Libris-Support and Development.

Since 2016, libraries and consortias have migrated to Alma and a few days ago the North-Rhine-Westphalian Library consortia finished the migration to Alma with more than 40 libraries. In April, one of the biggest German libraries, the Bavarian State Library completed their migration to Alma.

Problematic aspect for the INUG/Ex Libris-Meeting:

On consortia faces a severe problem with the general publishing from the NZ on the occasion of Wave 3 cutover/Go live.

For the time being, hzb separated the publishing for ist own discovery IntrOX in order to serve the libraries better. The general publishing runtimes are far longer than experienced before and even the "boosting" by Ex Libris does not bring the expected improvement.

At the moment, the libraries of Wave 3/group C are waiting for their updated data for more than one week, this is unacceptable.

And hzb does not know how the performance of the daily incremental publishing will develop if this continues.

Interesting: *Have other national communities made a similar experience or found any other issues or solutions?*

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