



ITALIAN EX LIBRIS USERS ASSOCIATION – ITALE

Annual Report 2023

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. Since June 2015, ITALE has become a member of IGeLU.

Since 2020, all institutions that speak Italian are welcome to join ITALE.

Members 2023: 45 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

33 ITALE institutions are also members of IGeLU, 29 of which are in consortium mode.

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

ITALE is eager to gather feedback on needs, suggestions, issues, and requests about Ex Libris products and we aim to share them with other national user groups. For these reasons, ITALE encourages and supports its members' attendance at the IGeLU meeting.

We distribute documentation and information regarding Ex Libris products on our website; moreover, we also maintain a mailing list that is only available to ITALE members for the purpose of sharing information, clarifications, and queries.

ITALE working groups

Currently we have five active Working Groups focused the following topics:

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 2022-2023

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.

During the pandemic period seminars were canceled. On December 1, 2022, only the members



meeting was held online in order to approve the budget and to discuss the new common goals.

In 2023 we finally met again in Genoa and all the events were hosted by the University of Genoa on May 25 and 26.

The seminar *Andare insieme – andare lontano* (i.e. *Go together – go far*) was organized by the working group on Resource sharing. All of the presentations were given by participants who had already implemented Resource sharing in Alma with the intention of exchanging best practices and providing insightful comparisons. We discussed about the integration between Alma and each of the two Italian services ILLSBN (for ILL/DD) and Nilde (for DD); in particular, the *Alma Nilde Cloud App*, developed by ITALE, was introduced to streamline and improve the data entry. Additionally, we discussed our experiences with RapidILL, Analytics for RS, and the RS Directory. Furthermore, a suggestion for unrestricted reciprocity among ITALE members was made.

The University of Milan will host the next ITALE event on December 5 and 6, 2023.

Unimarc and Primo VE Project (in collaboration with ACEF)

The project is finished: the UNIMARC standard is currently fully supported by Primo VE. What is missing is the migration for the early adopters institutions to the new environment, disabling the “workarounds” adopted to make Unimarc fields display, search and filter acceptable.

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Information and documentation

Further information, technical documents, and news can be found on the website
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