Candidacy for IGeLU SC

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Additional Information:

Royal Danish Library is Denmark's national library, and university library for 4 Danish universities. The library values the benefits of an active user community, and I have the institutional backing to dedicate the required time for SC duties.

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A statement outlining your interest in and qualifications for service on the Steering Committee. Your statement should be limited to 500 words.

Since my first IGeLU conference in Madrid in 2008, I have learned tremendously from the community, and participated in its changing relationship with ExLibris, as the latter moved to a SaaS company. I now run for my second term in the SC, motivated by a wish to support and sustain what I see as the three main community benefits: collaboration, communication, and product enhancements. Before entering the SC in 2020, I'd been active in the Primo Working Group since 2013, the last two years as group coordinator. This period saw the rollout of the new UI and the Primo Studio, that created new opportunities for supported customizations, and a new infrastructure for community collaborations – later extended to Alma Cloud Apps. As SC member I've been engaged in similarly fruitful models of cooperation between ExLibris and the community, such as in the GDPR Focus Group. In general, it is clear that helping ExLibris understand the needs and concerns of the customer community, and aiding them to address these issues properly, is now an important part of community leadership work. Another example was the Primo VE summit and report, and the ensuing feature development for that product. In addition to collaborative initiatives and coordinated communication, the product enhancement process is a backbone of the IGeLU community. The changing business structure of ExLibris makes it necessary that we keep attention on any challenges to this important process. This, as well as the community side of the process moving to a new system, requires that the IGeLU SC and WGs are determined to secure its continued relevance and value for community

members. In addition to keeping tabs on this process, my next term in the SC will see the rollout of the Documentation Advisory Group – another channel to help ExLibris better understand the needs of its customers.

Provide a PowerPoint presentation on who you are, your background and what you will bring to the Steering Committee. The PowerPoint should be no more than 10 slides

Please see the attached PPT.