

Bolzano, 5th August 2024

Dear IGeLU Secretariat,

herewith I am submitting the application for the nomination as member of the IGELU Steering Committee.

I'm Paolo Buoso, I am based in Bolzano, the capital city of South Tyrol, a region in the North of Italy in the heart of the Alps where different cultures and languages live.

I work at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, a young and multilingual University, as Library Deputy Head. In my role I coordinate the digital library services, in particular the implementation of solutions in support of teaching and research: library systems, the research information system and the institutional repository for the university and other partner research institutions of the region, also supporting the university with bibliometric analyses for research assessment. My team deals also with negotiations for electronic resources licensing, library resources procurement, open access and copyright issues. During my professional activity, I've developed experience in the field of information literacy and project management in international contexts. I am also coordinator of the Academic Libraries Commission of the Italian Library Association.

Since the beginning with SFX and MetaLib my institution is working with many ExLibris/Clarivate solutions. I supervised the implementation of Primo, Alma as first continental European early adopter, Leganto and Esploro again as early adopter and RapidILL. We are working also with Converis as Research Information System.

I have come to know IGELU association since my first conference in Zurich. I was firstly involved in the Alma Product Working Group and now part of the Leganto Product WG, mainly supporting the Conference planning activities since 2018. I am also part of the Leganto Working Group of ITALE, the Italian National Group of ExLibris users. Given the multiculturalism of my institution we are also member of DACHELA, the ExLibris user group of the German speaking countries.

I've always appreciated the innovative approach of this international community, its inclusive spirit of cooperation and the many exchanges with colleagues that often made our life easier in managing services. I've learned a lot during these experiences and informal exchanges, but we also had much fun.

I candidate now to serve the community in a different way. Hoping to fulfill the expectations, learning from the experienced colleagues, I aim to continue supporting the organization of our conferences, to advocate for continuous support of national requirements and practices, especially within teaching and research solutions, doing my part to ensure that the company continues to deliver innovation, quality and interoperability between systems listening to the diverse voices of the community.

Thank you for considering my application.

Best regards,

