

IGeLU Steering Committee Candidacy statement 2025

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Professional Background

I currently serve as Alma administrator at the Sciences Po Library, working within a dedicated three-person team. My responsibilities span acquisition workflows, metadata and repository management, as well as user training and support.

With over 20 years in the library field, I have worked across a wide range of institutions—from small cultural organizations to major academic libraries. A key part of my professional journey includes six years as a project manager in customer services for library software companies (GEAC Computers France and ALS France), which gave me practical experience of the vendor-side perspective on software operations, business motivations, and customer services.

This background positioned me to manage our migration to Alma/Primo in 2020, after which I took on the role of Alma administrator. Alongside this, I remain actively involved in day-to-day library operations as a reference librarian for German-language materials in the social sciences.

My international experience continues with my current role leading a working group within our University's European Alliance, CIVICA. I collaborate with colleagues from ten European partner institutions to develop shared library services that support joint education and research initiatives.

Key Skillsets

- **System Administration:** Alma/Primo configuration and optimization, workflow design, metadata management
- **Project Management:** Migration projects, software implementation, cross-institutional collaborations
- **Cross-cultural collaboration:** Trilingual proficiency (German, French, English) with experience in multicultural collaborations
- **Integration and organisational management:** Aligning data from various sources and formats, implementing complex workflows with limited IT resources
- **Training and Support:** User education, staff development, customer service experience

Qualifications

- **Education:** Library and Information Science degree (1990, FHBD Köln, Germany), BA Lettres Modernes Spécialisées (1995, Sorbonne, Paris)
- **Professional Experience:** 24+ years in diverse library services, 6 years in library software industry
- **Leadership Experience:** Project management, team coordination, international collaboration leadership
- **Technical Expertise:** Alma administration, integrations for acquisitions, repository and cataloguing

Community Engagement

My institution has been an IGeLU member for four years. I have attended three IGeLU conferences, major opportunities to exchange with peers and learn from customer experiences and innovations from around the world. I am deeply impressed by the organisation's professionalism and accomplishments in serving the customer community and building a constructive relationship with the Ex Libris team.

As an active community member, I regularly engage with IGeLU resources and discussions. I'm also involved in the francophone user group ACEF, for which our institution hosted the annual conference two years ago.

I am convinced that international collaboration opens new perspectives, as beautifully illustrated by IGeLU itself. Having benefited greatly from this community, I now wish to give back by contributing my experience and dedication to the Steering Committee.

I am particularly committed to support institutions of all sizes and advocate the needs of the non-English-speaking community regarding multilingual management, improved handling of diverse data formats, and enhanced product documentation.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my candidacy.