



ITALIAN EX LIBRIS USERS ASSOCIATION – ITALE

Annual Report 2020 - 2021

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 and since June 2015 ITALE became a member of IGeLU.

Since 2020 ITALE is open to all Italian-speaking institutions.

Members 2020: 44 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

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

ITALE is eager to collect needs, ideas, problems, and requests about Ex Libris products. We intend to share them with other national user groups: for these reasons ITALE encourages and supports its members to attend the annual IGeLU meeting.

We use our web site for publishing documentation and information about Ex Libris products; we have a mailing list, reserved to ITALE members, for disseminating information, answers and questions.

ITALE working groups

Currently we have five active Working Groups - Via concerning the following subjects:

1. Discovery Tools
2. Bibliographic standards and Italian National Union Catalogue (SBN) integration with Aleph/Alma
3. Alma
4. Resource Sharing Working group (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 – New! It was set on the end of May, 2021.

Working groups help Itale members to select requests for NERS process votes.

Activities and Events 2020-2021

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.

The 2020 and 2021 Spring seminars were canceled for COVID-19 emergency. However, the members meetings, and the *Workshop* for the ITALE Working groups were held online in order to approve the budget and to discuss the new common goals.



On December 4th 2020 a workshop on Analytics was held online (on the Google Meet platform of the University of Siena). The seminar has been a great success and all the available places (100) were fully booked.

Unimarc and Primo VE Project

The following are the steps of the project:

In April 2020 started the works with Ex-Libris for the implementation of the requests presented by Itale regarding Unimarc in Primo VE. The first results of the project were presented at the IGeLU Conference in August 2020.

The document has been used as the starting point of the analysis of ACEF - Association des Clients d'Ex Libris France, because also the French colleagues consider the implementation of the standard UNIMARC in Primo VE a major issue.

Starting in march 2021 the project was carried in collaboration with ACEF.

ITALE and ACEF are completing the analysis to identify and gather the requests to be sent to Ex-Libris in order to let the UNIMARC standard fully supported by Primo VE.

Agreement was reached on the majority of the issues.

There are still some points that need to be addressed, in particular the request to create an index reserved to the collection data: considered the two different cataloguing technique adopted by France and Italy ("embedded technique" for Italy), it is not possible to indentify a unique solution and it should be asked to Ex Libris to implement the index for the two countries in two different ways.

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Information and documentation

Further information, technical documentation, and news can be found on the web site
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