

Ex Libris Announces New Worldwide Integrated Library System Sales

Efficient management of complex collections, multilingual support, and years of international experience continue to draw academic libraries to select Aleph and Voyager

Jerusalem, Israel – June 4, 2009. Ex Libris™ Group is pleased to announce that fourteen institutions, in North America, Europe and Asia, have recently selected the Aleph® and Voyager® integrated library systems (ILS). Among the recent newcomers to the Ex Libris ILS community, now numbering over 3400 institutions worldwide, are:

- Iowa State University in the US;
- Reformed Episcopal Seminary in the US;
- Guangdong Provincial Sun Yat-Sen Library in China;
- Keio University in Japan;
- University of South Bohemia Ceske Budejovice in Czech Republic;
- Collège de France;
- École Normale Supérieure de Lyon in France;
- Université de Nice in France;
- NBD Biblion in the Netherlands;
- National Library of Romania;
- University of East London in the UK;
- Universidad Gabriela Mistral in Chile;
- National University of Costa Rica;
- Library of Congress in Peru.

“Iowa State is excited by the opportunities that Aleph will provide for new and improved user services, built on a tighter integration of our library management system and our e-Library Web site,” commented Olivia Madison, dean of Iowa State University Library, following the library’s decision to replace its SirsiDynix Horizon system with Aleph. “Also running the Ex Libris SFX®, MetaLib®, and Primo® solutions, Iowa State University Library has been a strong proponent and early adopter of cutting-edge discovery and delivery tools that are revolutionizing the ways in which users find and access information resources,” she added. “As a member of the charter group that first implemented the Primo discovery and delivery platform, we are pleased to be embarking on another long-term partnership with Ex Libris.”

The National Library of Romania purchased Aleph along with the SFX OpenURL link resolver, MetaLib gateway and metasearch portal, and DigiTool® digital asset management system, all from Ex Libris. Elena Tîrziman, general director of the library, explained: “We were very focused on finding a solution to manage our print, electronic, and digital collections. The fact that all Ex Libris solutions are completely multilingual and enable a library to manage and provide access to

diverse and complex collections weighed heavily in our decision. Throughout the selection process, we found the Ex Libris distributor in Hungary, Ex-Lh Ltd., to be extremely knowledgeable and responsive.”

After conducting a thorough investigation of available products, the Reformed Episcopal Seminary replaced its legacy Bib-Base system with the Ex Libris Voyager ILS. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches, librarian at the Seminary, noted: “One of our principal requirements was a flexible, out-of-the box solution, which Voyager met easily. The clarity and accessibility of the OPAC were also an important consideration for us. Voyager’s solid, long-standing reputation and the breadth of its customer base were major factors in our decision process.”

Margarita García Segura, director of the Information and Documentation Department of the National University of Costa Rica, explained that her organization selected ALEPH for its flexibility in handling the large collections housed in 17 networked libraries across the University. “The experience of Ex Libris and Aleph in Central and South America, and the system’s presence in the best libraries of the world, offer a guarantee of continuous development, permanence in times of constant challenges and vertiginous technological changes, as well as the capacity to meet the requirements of our users with new and trusted services,” she added.

Nancy Dushkin, VP marketing at Ex Libris, commented: “We are pleased to welcome these international institutions to our ILS customer base. The recent major releases of Voyager version 7 and Aleph version 20 have been very well received by our customer community, with which we collaborated extensively on the new enhancements and features that were included in each of these product versions. The planning process for the next major release of Aleph and Voyager has already begun.”

About Iowa State University

Iowa State University is a large, prestigious university with a friendly hometown personality. Its 26,000 students choose from over 100 majors, study with world-class scholars, and keep more than 500 student organizations going strong. U.S. News & World Report ranks Iowa State among the top 50 public national universities. Half of the school’s freshmen get an early boost in academic success by participating in Iowa State’s highly touted learning communities. So many students study or work abroad that Iowa State is 18th in the nation in that category.

For additional information on Iowa State University, see <http://www.iastate.edu>.

About the National Library of Romania

With its mandate to provide permanent support for Romania’s cultural values and to promote the preservation of the country’s cultural heritage, the National Library of Romania is dedicated to ensuring the preservation of, and the transmission of, the Romanian people’s national heritage and spiritual values. To this end, the National Library of Romania is seeking to broaden the

access to Romanian culture by attracting more categories of users to its valuable collections and by active participating in the development of the European Digital Library.

For additional information on the National Library of Romania, see <http://www.bibnat.ro/> (for information in English, see the [European Library Web site](#)).

About the Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Founded by the Reformed Episcopal Church in 1887, the Reformed Episcopal Seminary educates and trains Christians for lay and ordained ministries in the church. The seminary is distinguished by its adherence to reformed theology and evangelical beliefs, worship and polity in the Anglican tradition, and an emphasis on pastoral ministry training. The seminary offers courses leading to a master of divinity and a range of other diplomas.

For additional information on the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, see <http://www.reseminary.edu/index.php>.

About the National University of Costa Rica

The National University of Costa Rica is the second largest public university in the country, with 15,000 students. The University has eight faculties and three centers covering education, philosophy, liberal arts, social sciences, health sciences and arts. It offers 85 degree courses and post-graduate courses. The university is located in Heredia, known in Costa Rica as the city of flowers, 20 minutes from San Jose.

For additional information on the National University of Costa Rica, see <http://www.una.ac.cr/>

About Ex Libris

Ex Libris is a leading provider of automation solutions for academic, national, and research libraries. Offering the only comprehensive product suite for electronic, digital, and print materials, Ex Libris provides efficient, user-friendly products that serve the needs of libraries today and will enable them to transition into the future. Ex Libris maintains an impressive customer base consisting of thousands of sites in more than 70 countries on six continents.

Dedicated to developing creative solutions in close collaboration with customers, Ex Libris enables libraries to maximize productivity and efficiency and, at the same time, greatly enhance the user experience. By empowering users to discover and obtain the information they need, libraries ensure their position as the bridge to knowledge.

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