

Conference report

2004 SUN Summit Libraries

20–21 September 2004, Berlin, Germany

SUN Microsystems in Germany is the organizer of the Sun Summit Bibliotheken (Libraries) and the last annual meeting was held in Berlin (20–21 September 2004). The Summit has the form of a forum with presentations and a small exhibition and it has grown in importance over the last years. The audience consists of a nice mix of hardware/software specialists and (system) librarians.

All the presentations can be found on <http://info.sun.de/re?l> and for future meetings information can be given by Regina Steyer (regina.steyer@sun.com).

We have summaries of the papers by Dr. Andreas Weber of the Computer Centre of the University of Bayreuth and Dr. Thomas S. Huck of the Hamburg Weltwirtschaftsarchiv/Hamburger Archives of World Economics (HWWA), respectively about InfoGuide (a portal solution for local library systems) and about retro-digitisation. Some highlights will be given also of presentations by SUN about OASIS Open Office and Identifiable Documents in networked libraries.

Digitisation of legacy files of the press information system of the companies and subjects archive of the HWWA

Digitisation of this press archive has in mind to offer web-based access to the material to remote and local users taking into account the rich subject-indexing and cataloguing tradition of the HWWA and (in the future) the ZBW (Zentralbibliothek der Wirtschaftswissenschaften) in Kiel (German National Library of Economics) in a so-called legacy-based publishing system.

InfoGuide – the local library portal in Bavaria

Bavaria is looking in a different way at the digital library, by not taking the library network as the main component or the state-wide portal, but the individual local library (systems). This approach may have been more difficult in regional library networks with a large variety of different local library systems, such as in Baden-Wuerttemberg (SWB-BSZ).

InfoGuide can be considered as an extension of the local OPAC, in Bavaria the SISIS-webOPAC, and allows federated searching of different databases and the integration of a variety of services, like ILL and Document Delivery and in the future authentication, pay-per-view, etc., via one interface.

OASIS Open Office XML file format

This format is a standardized file format for office and library applications, notably applications like acquisitions, reporting and statistics, but also for post-aggregation processing of search results and for Electronic Resources Management (ERM).

Identifiable documents in networked libraries

The part of interest for the library world had to do with identifiable documents/objects using RFID (Radio Frequency Identification). This technology is seen as a replacement for barcodes and other inven-

tory management requirements in library applications, including self-check stations, automatic sorting and receiving. RFID can be used with books, of course, but also in identifying cd-roms, dvds and other information carriers.

Exhibitors were:

aStec angewandte Systemtechnik GmbH – a library software supplier
<http://www.astec.de>

BSZ – Bibliotheksservice-Zentrum Baden-Wuerttemberg (union cataloguing and (digital) library network centre)
<http://www.bsz-bw.de>

Die Digitale Bibliothek – Digital Library project of the HBZ
<http://www.digibib.net>

Ex Libris – a library software supplier
<http://www.exl.de>

GBV/VZG – union cataloguing and (digital) library network centre
<http://www.gbv.de>

KOBV – a virtual union cataloguing network of Berlin-Brandenburg
<http://www.kobv.de>

MILESS – document server developed by the University Duisberg-Essen
<http://miless.uni-essen.de>

SISIS – a library software supplier
<http://www.sisis.de>

SRZ Berlin – a service provider in electronic publishing, digitations and document management
<http://www.srz.de>

VTLS Europe, S.L. – a library software supplier
<http://www.vtlseurope.com>