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HARRASSOWITZ and Ex Libris Collaborate to Streamline Library Operations

Mutual customers will benefit from enhanced selection and acquisition workflows

January 27, 2015, Wiesbaden, Germany – HARRASSOWITZ, international booksellers and subscription agents, has entered into a collaborative partnership with Ex Libris® Group, a world leader in the provision of library automation solutions. The collaboration will provide library staff with a new, streamlined acquisition process compatible with both Ex Libris Alma and the HARRASSOWITZ acquisitions systems. In addition, the collaboration will enable libraries to reduce costs associated with acquisitions and to avoid unnecessary spending.

Leveraging Alma's open architecture, the first deliverable of this project will automatically update Alma with all print and electronic purchasing transactions that are made through the HARRASSOWITZ acquisitions systems. As a result, librarians will be spared the task of replicating these transactions in the Alma interface. Ex Libris and HARRASSOWITZ plan to release the first delivery of the integration during the second half of 2015, followed by further developments as part of the two companies' long-term collaboration plan.

"Libraries depend on HARRASSOWITZ and its global partners for a high level of joint collaboration designed to enhance the efficiency of acquisition procedures and other workflows," commented Friedemann Weigel, Managing Partner and Director of Sales at HARRASSOWITZ. "This initiative takes advantage of both companies' newest technologies, resulting in significant value to our mutual customers."

Dvir Hoffman, vice president for product management and marketing at Ex Libris, remarked: "Collaborations such as this one are a central element of our strategy for Alma. By leveraging Alma's open interfaces in conjunction with external service providers, we can extend and strengthen the service we deliver to libraries. As a result, library staff will be able to simplify their operational processes and dedicate more time to providing valuable services to end users."

About HARRASSOWITZ

Established in 1872, HARRASSOWITZ has been serving libraries around the world for almost 150 years. Customers value HARRASSOWITZ for the quality and accuracy of its services and for its industry-leading and innovative solutions. HARRASSOWITZ specializes in providing a comprehensive range of high-quality acquisitions and collection development support services to academic and research libraries for e-content, periodicals, continuations, books, and music scores. For more information, see <https://www.harrassowitz.de/> (English).

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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 facilitate their transition into the future. Ex Libris maintains an impressive customer base consisting of thousands of sites in more than 90 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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