

ETH-Bibliothek Goes Live with the Primo Discovery and Delivery Solution from Ex Libris

Primo simplifies and streamlines search and discovery to meet the evolving needs of the research community at ETH Zurich

Hamburg, Germany – June 28, 2010. Ex Libris® Group is pleased to announce that the library of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich) has gone live with the Primo® discovery and delivery solution.

The ETH-Bibliothek Knowledge Portal, powered by Primo, provides users with seamless access to a huge array of collections, covering print, electronic and digital resources. The Primo search box—displayed on every page of the ETH-Bibliothek web site—enables users to search simultaneously in the NEBIS library catalogue (a union catalogue of 90 libraries), the institutional repository of ETH Zurich (ETH E-Collection), the image archive, the 'retro.seals.ch' platform, where over 80 digitized journals are stored, and the multimedia portal of ETH Zurich. Queries made via the Knowledge Portal also access the metadata of 22 million articles in the Digital Article Database Service (DADS) of the Technical Information Center of Denmark (DTIC), making use of Primo's Deep Search functionality. Many more local resources will be integrated with Primo over the coming months and years.

"The new Knowledge Portal dramatically improves access to our scholarly resources," commented Ms Arlette Piguet, head of customer services at ETH-Bibliothek and project leader. "With Primo, ETH-Bibliothek is adapting its services to meet the evolving behavior of our users. In the age of powerful search engines, the demands of our research community are constantly changing and their standards are higher than ever. With Primo we can meet those demands head-on."

"The smooth and efficient implementation of Primo is a reflection of our close cooperation with Ex Libris, and their eagerness to meet our requirements for high quality results in a complex environment," added Mr Andreas Kirstein, head of media and IT services and deputy director of the ETH Bibliothek.

Ullrich Jüngling, vice president of sales at Ex Libris Germany, commented: "We are delighted that ETH-Bibliothek has gone live with Primo, providing a single point of access to its extensive collections. It has been a great honor to work in partnership with the library, whose selection of Primo has reinforced their role as a leading research institution in Switzerland."

About ETH Zurich

ETH Zurich is a science and technology university with an outstanding research record, a place where 26,000 people from 80 nations study, conduct research, and work. About 390 professors teach in 16 departments, which focus mainly on engineering sciences, architecture, system-oriented sciences, mathematics, and natural sciences, and carry out research that is highly valued worldwide.

The ETH-Bibliothek is the largest library in Switzerland and the main library of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. The library holds more than 7.4 million items, including journals, databases, images, maps, old prints, archival and audiovisual materials, , and much more. Special emphasis is given to innovative library services and to the electronic resources that the faculty, staff, and students access at ETH Zurich.

For additional information on ETH Zurich, ETH-Bibliothek and the Knowledge Portal, see http://www.ethz.ch/index_EN and <http://www.library.ethz.ch/en/>.

About Ex Libris

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Dedicated to developing creative solutions in close collaboration with our customers, Ex Libris enables academic, national, and research 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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