

Ex Libris Alma is the Next-Gen Library Service of Choice for Academic Libraries in Australia and New Zealand

The latest institutions to join the Alma Early Adopter Program in Australia and New Zealand are RMIT University and the University of Otago

Adelaide, Australia—February 6, 2012. Ex Libris® Group, a world leader in the provision of library automation solutions, is pleased to welcome two more universities to the Australia and New Zealand early-adopter program for the Alma library management service. The newest members are RMIT University, in Australia, and the University of Otago, in New Zealand.

These early adopters join over 60 institutions, on three continents, that have committed to adopting Alma through various collaborative and early-adopter programs. Among those institutions are the members of the Australian Collaborative Partnership Program for Alma: Monash University; Swinburne University of Technology; the University of Western Sydney; the South Australian Consortium for Information Technology and Telecommunications, which consists of Flinders University, the University of Adelaide, and the University of South Australia; and UNILINC, a consortium of academic libraries that includes Australian Catholic University, Charles Sturt University, and Southern Cross University.

“We are excited to become part of the Alma early-adopter program,” said Craig Anderson, university librarian at RMIT University. “Working with Ex Libris and the other early-adopter universities enables us to move into the future with the confidence that we are operating from a sound technological basis. Alma will assist our librarians in supporting our institution’s students and researchers and facilitating academic excellence.”

University Librarian Howard Amos, at the University of Otago, commented: “Becoming an Alma early adopter is a major contributor to our strategy to ensure that our technology platform will support our vision of the academic library as a center of excellence serving the whole institution. We are proud to be partnering with Ex Libris to enrich world-class scholarship.”

“As a unified cloud-based system designed for multiple collections of electronic, digital, and print resources, Alma encompasses the full spectrum of workflows for the purchase,

organization, and delivery of all types of content,” Howard Amos added. “Alma will significantly boost efficiency and productivity for our library, and we are pleased to be in the vanguard of adopters of next-generation academic library systems in Australasia. The early adoption of Alma gives us an opportunity to join a global network of libraries at the forefront of the automated management of library operations.”

“I am delighted to welcome these leading institutions to the Alma early-adopter program,” remarked Holley Dumble, director of sales for Ex Libris Australia and New Zealand. “The value of managing all library operations through a single, cloud-based and workflow-led system is becoming clearer to academic institutions around the globe. The early adoption of Alma and planning for its implementation by institutions in Australia and New Zealand reinforce the strength of the Ex Libris strategy of unified resource management.”

About Alma

By consolidating the disparate systems used by today’s libraries to manage electronic, print, and digital resources, the Ex Libris Alma solution accelerates libraries' move toward next-generation services. Alma’s cloud infrastructure helps libraries increase their efficiency through data sharing and collaboration. As a result, libraries can focus their resources on extending services within and outside their institution, while supporting the institution’s teaching and research missions.

About RMIT University

RMIT is a global university of technology and design and Australia’s largest tertiary institution. The university enjoys an international reputation for excellence in practical education and outcome-oriented research.

RMIT is a leader in technology, design, global business, communication, global communities, health solutions, and urban sustainable futures. In the 2011 QS World University Rankings, RMIT placed in the top 100 universities in the world for engineering and technology. The university’s student population of 74,000 includes 30,000 international students, of whom more than 17,000 are taught offshore (almost 6,000 at RMIT Vietnam).

For more information, see <http://www.rmit.edu.au/>.

About the University of Otago

Founded in 1869, the University of Otago is New Zealand's earliest and most research-intensive university. With campuses in Dunedin, Wellington, and Christchurch, the University of Otago provides a research-led learning environment that is second to none, with a richly deserved reputation for excellence. University of Otago researchers and scholars contribute to leading international discoveries and knowledge, to new commercial applications, and to the health and the social and cultural well-being of people in New Zealand and around the world.

For more information, see www.otago.ac.nz/.

About Ex Libris

Ex Libris is a leading provider of automation solutions for academic 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 80 countries on six continents.

Dedicated to developing creative solutions in close collaboration with 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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