

## **Requests for Aleph enhancements**

### **A. CATALOGING:**

- 1) Aleph should provide complete compliance to Unimarc update 5 (or subsequent update then available is required) for version 19 according to IFLA Unimarc Bibliographic standard.
- 2) Fix\_doc\_uni\_100\_advanced: as of v.16 release only date type “d” is correctly supported.  
Other date types that need to be supported are:
  - date type j
  - date type f

### **B. ITEMS**

- 1) In order to make the GUI more user-friendly our customer require the implementation of a new icon enabling the cataloged record to be pushed from cataloging editor to item. This would replace the current access provided by Record Manager function.
- 2) Italian customers are asking also for implementation of Unimarc Holding standard.
- 3) It is important that in Aleph it will be possible to use the LKR filed with ANA parameter in conjunction with Update\_Unimarc\_3 routine in tab\_z103 (SI 8192-33624) Priority 1 – needs to be in ver.18. Daniele is happy to share with EXL what he developed to solve the problem in ver.16.2

### **C. SERIALS**

- 1) In version 16, all issues for a publication pattern are opened with the same process status (NA). In previous version (v.14) instead, when checking in an issue, only NEXT issue’s process status was changed in order to be displayed as “waited”. Now ALL issues have the same process status. Any editing for changing process status of next issue (e.g. for display purpose) needs to be done manually for every issue. Our customers claim that it is extremely heavy to see all the issues in a publication pattern, especially for serials with high frequency.
- 2) In version 14, when checking in last issue for a cycle, next cycle’s issues were automatically opened by the system. In version 16 this is not possible. Even if serial-13 procedure permits to open all expected issues, for our customers the automatic opening of the next cycle’s issues at the moment of last issue’s check-in is considered more convenient.
- 3) In version 14, it was possible to leave blank Volume field in Publication Schedule. In version 16 this is no more possible, since a character ^ must be entered. The problem is that this character is displayed and printed

## **D. PRINTOUTS**

- 1) Services producing letters (such as cir-51) produce as many files as letters, so in case of editing, the changes must be done many times. In previous version, services produced only one file (which included several letters) very easy to be changed.
- 2) If XSL creator is used to modify the labels, a table is needed in order to be able to translate captions into the appropriate language. The table XSL\_creator contains only one line. It should include the list of tags in English to give us the possibility to insert the proper translation for each line.

## **E. Z313 INVENTORY NUMBER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

These are the improvements that our customers asked to us in order to conform the Z313 inventory number management as required by the Italian law.

### 1. Fields to add to Z313 table:

- Invoice date (Z77-I-DATE)
- Material type (book, issue, etc.) (Z30-MATERIAL)
- OPAC note (Z30-NOTE-OPAC)
- Inventory date (Z30-INVENTORY-NUMBER-DATE)

### 2. End of year inventory number management

The inventory management is yearly based. At the begin of the new year the contents of the inventory “register” up to that moment becomes not modifiable. This means that the used Z313 records must be flagged as “locked”. We suggest to add a specific flag to Z313 records that will be set by a batch procedure ran yearly from library manager.

In these record the only fields that should be “always” updatable are:

- Z313-WITHDRAWAL-NOTE and
- Z313-WITHDRAWAL-DATE

As the item could be lost or destroyed after the end of the year; these two fields will be updatable only if the value inserted in the “Internal note” field is not RECOVER (this word as a special meaning for Z313 inventory number management).

This means that the used inventory after the execution of the yearly batch procedure must not be reusable.

3. Change the Z30-PRICE and Z313-PRICE data type from alphanumeric (“picture X”) to numeric (“picture 9”); this because the price is a fundamental field for inventory reports and the presence of alphabetic characters created problem in the total amount of books value calculation.

4. Creation of an on-line interface to create and update the inventory series. Now the new inventory numbers are created using an external program (filling the Z313-USED, Z313-SUB-LIBRARY, Z313-SERIES and Z313-INVENTORY-NUMBER) and uploading them using p\_file\_04.

5. In addition to the above, the z313 management should be aware of the binding function. In ver.18 the z313 table needs to be modified when the z30 records are bound in a new single record with the inventory number of the first issue.