

## Progress Report

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### 1. News from library automation vendors active in the Netherlands

The Dutch library scene is, as always, changing rapidly with some new names replacing long established ones and an ongoing reshuffling is taking place all the time. The NBLC is promoting at present a kind of certification for library automation software sold to public libraries, incl. Provincial Library Centres (PBC) and so far certifications have been given to Bicat (HKA), SunRise (SISIS) and VUBIS (Geac). Rejected have been many others (by surprise): Bibliobyte, Concerto, PICA LBS, Q-be and Datapoint (went bankrupt last year).

New market entrants cannot easily get certification, as no open procedure exists, leaving out successful companies like LIB-IT with LIBERO, represented by DILITES in the Netherlands and DYNIX, which wants to start marketing their systems in the Netherlands again.

Active vendors

<b>ADLIB</b>	<a href="http://www.adlibsoft.com">www.adlibsoft.com</a>
<b>Autocheck Systems</b>	<a href="http://www.autochecksystems.nl">www.autochecksystems.nl</a>
<b>BIBLIOMONDO</b>	<a href="http://www.bibliomondo.com">www.bibliomondo.com</a>
<b>BIBLIOSERVICE</b>	<a href="http://www.biblioservice.nl">www.biblioservice.nl</a>
<b>DILITES</b>	<a href="http://www.delites.nl">www.delites.nl</a>
<b>DYNIX</b>	<a href="http://www.dynix.com">www.dynix.com</a>
<b>Ex Libris</b>	<a href="http://www.ex-libris.com">www.ex-libris.com</a>
<b>Geac Benelux bv</b>	<a href="http://www.geac.nl">www.geac.nl</a>
<b>HKA</b>	<a href="http://www.bicat.com">www.bicat.com</a>

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<b>IT Accent</b>	<a href="http://www.accountnet.nl">www.accountnet.nl</a>
<b>IOTA</b>	<a href="http://www.cardweb.nl">www.cardweb.nl</a>
<b>OCLC PICA</b>	<a href="http://www.oclc-pica.nl">www.oclc-pica.nl</a>
<b>SIRSI</b>	<a href="http://www.sirsi.co.uk">www.sirsi.co.uk</a>
<b>SISIS</b>	<a href="http://www.sisis.nl">www.sisis.nl</a>
<b>SQUARE IS bv</b>	<a href="http://www.squareIS.com">www.squareIS.com</a>
<b>STOAS Greenwise</b>	<a href="http://www.stoas.nl">www.stoas.nl</a>
<b>X-ref Nederland b.v.</b>	<a href="mailto:Info@x-ref.nl">Info@x-ref.nl</a>
<b>3M</b>	<a href="http://www.3m.com/library">www.3m.com/library</a>

### 2. Activities of Johan van Halm

2002 has seen again an array of challenging activities, such as:

- Brainstorming projects with many European and international vendors, as well as major international library suppliers
- Ongoing teaching activities at the University of Constance (D) and the Fachhochschule Cologne (D) for marketing, library and information consultancy and information brokerage, increasingly with coverage of e-commerce and e-content
- joint ventures and take-over preparations for a variety of information industry companies at both sides of the ocean
- starting-up a project to automate the 8 public university libraries in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (financed by the World Bank)
- starting-up a multi-client study in Germany in cooperation with IT/content-branch monitoring company NMS (New Media Services)
- recruitment projects for 'top-dog' positions in the library services industry
- ongoing assistance with the launch of sophisticated new library automation systems world-wide
- as the editor-in-chief of the well-known information industry journal Information Service and Use (ISU) a variety of topics could be covered, incl. a special issue on electronic publishing and e-learning
- monitoring the European library-portals market
- an exploration of the Italian library services market
- as Chairman of EUSIDIC, the European Association of Information Services, trying to re-vitalize this association