Landskerfi bókasafna hf.

(Consoritum of Icelandic Libraries)

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Agenda

- Organization
- Financing
- Services
- Thoughts about the future

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Company

- *English*: Consortium of Icelandic Libraries
- *Icelandic*: Landskerfi bókasafna hf.

- A public limited-liability company (hf.) founded in 2001

- Number of permanent staff: 6

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Ownership

Number of shareholders is currently 57

- The Icelandic State (~51,4%)
- City of Reykjavík (~20,2%)
- and 55 other municipalities (~28,4%)

Shareholders appoint Board of Directors

Company - Board of Directors

Appointed by Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs

– Árni Sigurjónsson, Chairman,

– Ingibjörg Steinunn Sverrisdóttir, **National Librarian,**

Appointed by City of Reykjavík

– Pálína Magnúsdóttir, **Reykjavík City Librarian**

Appointed by Association of Local Authorities in Iceland

– Karl Guðmundsson

History - selecting a library system (1998)

Mission:

"To select a library system for **all Icelandic libraries**, including university-, public-, school and research libraries. The guideline is to connect all Icelandic libraries so their databases will appear uniformed or as one database from the user's point of view."

Prior to this a number of ILS systems had been in use.

History - Objectives

- To eliminate multiplications of tasks within the libraries both regarding to cataloging and patron information.

- To make the best possible use of Iceland's modest library and information resources.

- To grant all Icelanders web based access.

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History - Timeline

- Aleph library system purchased in 2001

- Consoritum of Icelandic Libraries was founded in 2001 with the role of **running and operating the new national library system**.

- Opening of **Gegnir** (Aleph) in 2003

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Gegnir - The National Library System in Iceland

- One library system
- One union catalog
- One Aleph installation

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National Library System

- One national catalogue makes national cataloguing standards a necessity.
- Quality control and quality assurance for cataloguing are needed.

❑ Gegnir Cataloging Council
❑ Gegnir Subject Heading Council

National Library System

Large **diversity** of libraries – varied needs

- **Public** libraries
- School libraries
- National library
- University libraries
- Government libraries
- Research libraries
- Libraries of associations

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National Library Statistics (2012)

- Bibliographic records: 1 Million records
- Items: 5 Million records
- Circulation   3,5 Million
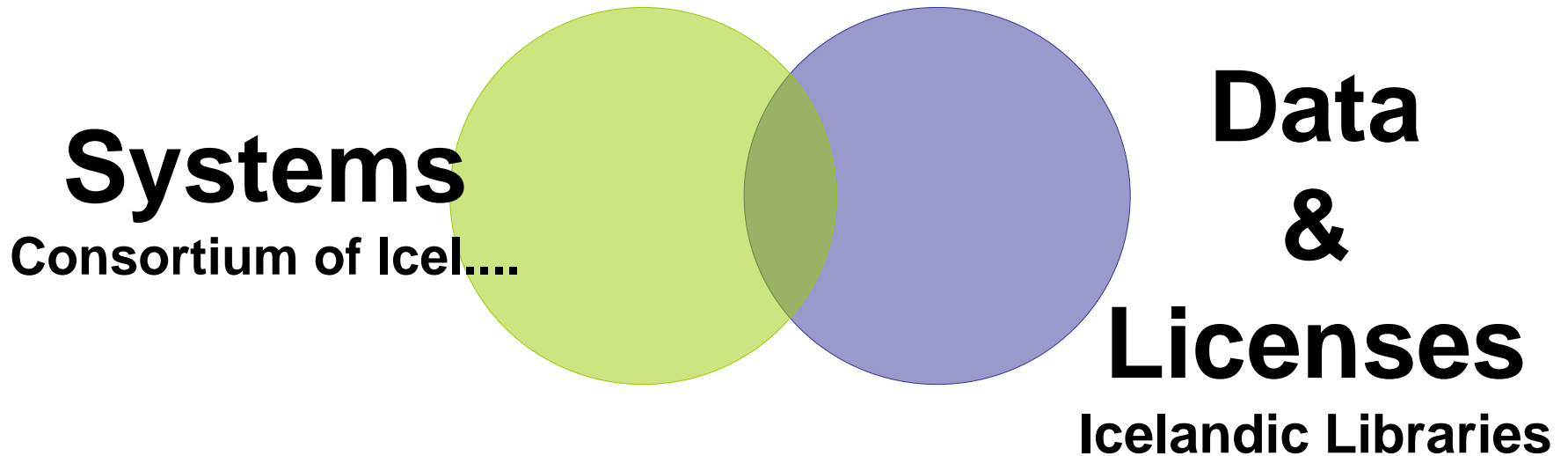- Borrowers: 0,2 Million
- Number of libraries: ~ 250

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National Library System

– **Collaboration**

– Sharing

– Quality control

– Compromises

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National Library System

Efficiency

- Eliminates multiplications of tasks
- Libraries don't have to worry about daily operation of a library system
- System costs are shared across libraries (TOC)

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Division of responsibilities

Systems

Consortium of Icel....

**Data
&
Licenses**

Icelandic Libraries

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System & Service Provider

for libraries

- National Library System, 2001
- Link Resolver, 2006

for museums

- Cataloging System for Museums, 2013

A National Discovery Portal, 2011

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Current System Solutions

- Aleph, version 20 (hosted in Iceland) – Branded **Gegnir**
- SFX, version 4 (hosted at Ex Libris)
- Primo, version 4.4 (hosted in Iceland) – Branded **leitir.is**
- Primo Central Index service
- bX recommender service

- **Sarpur**, cataloguing system for museums (hosted in Iceland)

Daily Operations

- Hardware & OS & maintenance **outsourced** to a local company
- Programming work is **outsourced**
- The Consortium is responsible for
  - Software configuration (system librarian work)
  - Software upgrades
  - Services towards libraries (and in future museums)
  - Service portal
  - Classes for library staff
  - Help Desk

Consortium membership

- Library signs a **Service Contract** with the Consortium of Icelandic Libaries

- Library pays a fixed **monthly fee** for the services of the Consortium.

  All operations of the Consortium are financed through the monthly fees.

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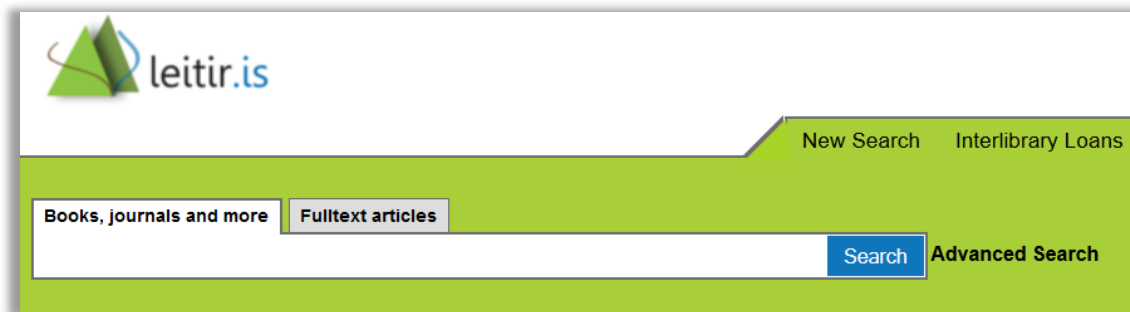
Coverage of Service Contracts

- Hardware for system and database as well as maintenance
- Licence- and maintenance fees
- System upgrades and SPs
- Daily operations
- Basic configuration and services
- Education / Courses
- Service center & helpdesk
- Quality control of database
- and more!

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What does the future hold for the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries?

First, what has been achived?

- Consensus on a National Library System
  - sharing data across libraries
  - sharing systems
  - adjusting workflows to systems (not vice versa)
  - mindset of collaboration and sharing our expertise

- We have a small but a balanced budget

- First steps towards collaboration with museums have been taken

- National Discovery Portal

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Future goal for the Discovery Portal

Access from one place to

libraries,

museums and

archives!

Are we ready to move our systems to a cloud environment?

- Some experiences already
- Icelandic „politics"
  - Data centers in Iceland vs. mainland
- Hosting costs in times of a weak Icelandic currency
- Budget issues
- „Loose control" of data and systems
- The decision will be a practical one

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Iceland is an island...

- Submarine cables provide international connectivity to the mainlands for
    - Cloud computing providers, data center customers etc.
    - Internet downtimes are rare but traffic can be slow
    - Bandwith
    - Security
    - Costs for download traffic
    - Are the internet connections to the mainland reliable enough? Likelyhood of something going wrong?
    - **Risk assessment** is needed

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Selecting new software for the National Library System

Evaluate possible options

- Are there/will there be commercial systems that meet our needs?

    - Public libraries, museums....

- Do they fit into our budget?

- Is open source an option?

- Is cooperation in the Nordic area possible?

No decisions have been made yet. We will wait and observe where the market is heading.

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Summary

- The company is well positioned
- No hurry - guard what we have achived
- Prepare well, define needs and workflows, evaluate options
- Invent new opportunities for the consorita
- Try to make wise decisions when it comes to selecting a system
- Make intermediary steps if feasible

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