

Promoting Koha at an inter/national level

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Our goals

- Spread the word of open source tools among Italian libraries
 - Koha
 - VuFind
 - DSpace
 - IIF
- Defend our new business model
 - moving from closed to open source is a one way road
- A stronger Koha community
 - enriching the management level adding the voice of libraries
- A way to collect grants from other companies
 - especially from companies not involved in ILS





Moving from Zebra to Elasticsearch

Koha Gruppo Italiano spoke about this with Ebsco

Ebsco granted Koha Gruppo Italiano

Koha Gruppo Italiano assigned the work to one or more companies and signed a Memo of Understanding MOU:

- AUR received the grant
- Companies send invoices(s) to AUR
- AUR and Ebsco agree with the payment(s)
- AUR pays the invoice(s)

A chain of trust is formed:

- Koha Gruppo Italiano, Granter,
- Grantee(s), Koha Community





One more grant, four developments

- Creation of an Acquisitions API service to allow for automatic real-time replication of orders into Koha (Gobi/ByWater Solutions)
- Complete implementation of EDIFACT ordering and invoicing (ByWater Solutions, EBSCO, and SWITCH consortium)
- Integration of Coral Open Source ERM administration (BibLibre)
- Plug-in integration to Italy's Indice SBN (adaptation of sw by @Cult)



Commercial ILSes cannot be used everywhere

- little libraries
- secondary and high schools
 - especially public schools
- schools of library science
 - Koha at the Scuola Vaticana di Biblioteconomia
- cataloguing agencies
- research and experimentation



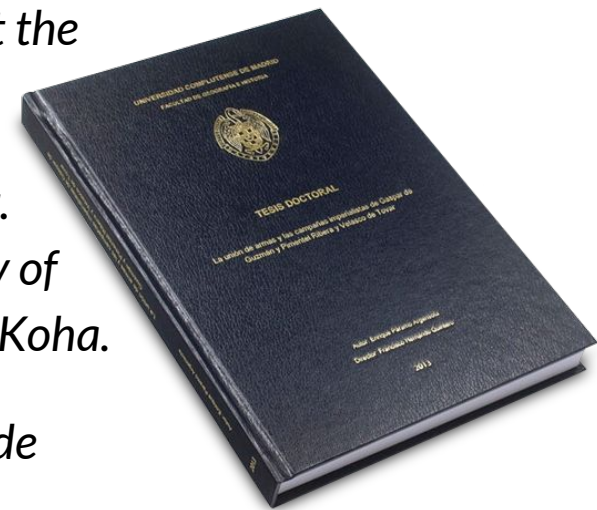
A thesis with Koha

From the Koha Newsletter:

*An experimental thesis “**RDA e le risorse cartografiche**” (RDA and cartographic resources) was successfully defended at the University of Florence (Italy) on 20 February 2018.*

The thesis was supervised by Prof. Mauro Guerrini and Dr. Stefano Bargioni, as part of it was conducted at the library of Pontificia Università della Santa Croce and was based on Koha.

The author, Laura Manzoni, was awarded the highest grade possible.





Koha and FOLIO, Koha vs FOLIO, Koha in FOLIO?

Koha plus FOLIO: a solution for connected library services

A white paper published by Chris Cormack and Brendan Gallagher [[PDF](#)]

At the latest Koha Hackfest in Marseille, ByWater Solutions said that they are going to integrate parts of Koha in FOLIO, and they will provide services on FOLIO

Koha European Users Group

Do we need it?

Was KohaCon16 the cradle of an European Group?
France, Sweden, Italy, Greece, ...

We decided to avoid a formalization, and ensure:

- news sharing and routing on social media
- cooperation
- coordination

Marseille Hackfest acts as an European annual meeting
on Koha, but it focuses in development, translation...





The definitive switch to Elasticsearch (1)

ByWater Solutions and BibLibre have a roadmap for Elasticsearch:

- Unimarc
- search on authority records
- configuring facets
- act as Z39.50 server
- *academic* browse: list of names, uniform titles, subject headings, including alternative names, broader and narrow terms
- ...

Paul Poulain defined the Koha Elasticsearch "Our hottest topic, for sure" of the Marseille Hackfest

BULAC hopes to use Elasticsearch in a production environment with 18.05.



The definitive switch to Elasticsearch (2)

Can European Koha Users Groups start an action to ensure that Elasticsearch will ASAP become the **default search engine** for Koha?

- Help developers to understand that the whole community is waiting for Elasticsearch, especially the current version
- Send a message to Koha libraries to sponsor last steps
- Create an atmosphere on social media
- Give more ideas for using Elasticsearch, e.g. ...



Bibframe, RDA, FRBR -> LRM and the future of cataloging

Member of EURIG, representing the URBE Network

Eurig 2018, May 24th, Copenhagen

Pros and cons of RDA

What Koha can do for RDA or Bibframe

What I can do for Koha in EURIG

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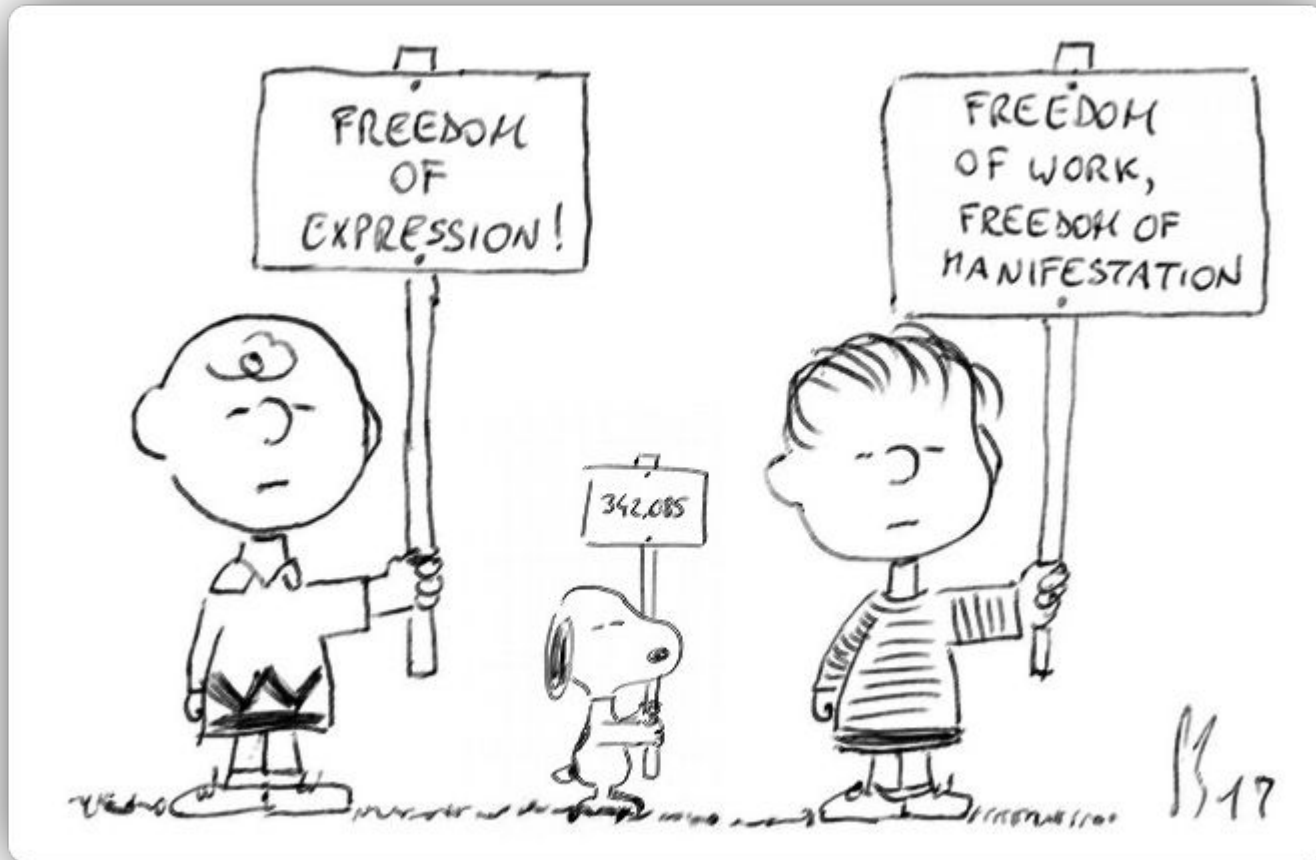
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