



Europe, Middle East and Africa

Information pack

Become part of an active user community, share ideas and help shape the SirsiDynix suite of products to do what you need them to do...

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What is COSI?

COSI EMEA is an independent user group for libraries and other organisations using SirsiDynix products financed through institutional membership subscriptions.

Inaugurated in December 2008 it is formed from the old European Unicorn Users' Group (EUUG), the Dynix Users' Group (DUG) and the Horizon Users' Group (HUG) and promotes communication among users and systems administrators to increase awareness of local development initiatives.

The group holds an annual conference to allow the user community to exchange knowledge and ideas as well as facilitate networking opportunities.

The group offers a mechanism to represent the interests of SirsiDynix users in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) and to maintain a constructive and collaborative relationship with SirsiDynix.

COSI EMEA works with SirsiDynix to influence system development for the benefit of EMEA customers.



Cost of membership

Membership - £20

- Access to the COSI (EMEA) website with: conference and other presentations; customer matrix showing operating systems, software and versions; other software implementations.
- Opportunity to attend meetings in a non-voting capacity.
- Support from the group on SirsiDynix related issues.
- Access to a substantial peer support network.
- Option to attend and/or have access to the minutes of sub-groups.
- Discount for all employees attending the annual conference
- Single vote at the AGM or other meetings where a vote is being taken

Membership is open to all customers of SirsiDynix International that are based within Europe, the Middle East or Africa.

If you would like to join the group then please complete the enclosed application form.

For more information please contact

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or

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COSI Website – www.cosiemea.org

The COSI website offers a place for sharing information to its members.

As well as the usual information about what we do and our constitution you will find most content is for “members only” and includes:-

- Information about our annual conferences, including presentations given
- A list of members with details on their system set ups so you can talk to your “peers” regarding issues or problems. Also useful if you are considering adding a new module and want to see it working in a library environment
- Minutes of our meetings, including sub-group meetings
- Links to useful websites

We welcome ideas for content on the site, so please get in touch!

For more information please contact

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COSI Email discussion list

As well as the website we also offer a free email discussion list. This list is only available to customers of SirsiDynix, not SirsiDynix employees, so you can talk openly and honestly about any matters regarding the company, its products or services, as well as User Group activities.

It is used to communicate on matters pertinent to users of SirsiDynix products, to provide a support forum made up of fellow users, and to communicate on User Group activities such as the annual conference etc.

It is not connected to or intended to replace any of the listservs web forums or other communication forums provided by SirsiDynix itself.

Any employee of an organisation who uses SirsiDynix products is welcome to join this email list, whether the organisation is a member of COSI or not.

To sign up to the list, please go to www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cosi

We recommend you register yourself on this site with a password as this will allow access to secure areas such as the list archive, although this is not essential for subscribing.

To post to the list simply send an email to cosi@jiscmail.ac.uk.

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COSI Conference

Every year we hold a conference to bring members together and share ideas and knowledge of the SirsiDynix suite of products.

Attendance is open to any customer of SirsiDynix in the EMEA region, with non-EMEA SirsiDynix users and distributors welcomed, too.

SirsiDynix International support the conference and key staff from the UK and US frequently attend and present a session. SirsiDynix trainers often give sessions and there may be key product news and announcements made.

Customers are encouraged to present and help choose the themes covered.

The conference is usually held over three-days in Europe (often the UK) with presentations on a wide variety of topics, evening networking events, and a keynote speaker from the library or technology sphere.

Exhibitors are often also keen to attend, showcasing new products or providing useful information. Past exhibitors include 3M, Bowker, and ChiliFresh.

More information on past and future conferences can be found on the COSI EMEA website, and don't forget that full members of COSI usually receive a discount on the conference fee.

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Subgroups

There are a number of subgroups within SirsiDynix's customer community. The subgroups usually focus on a particular module or area of interest. Currently we know of the following subgroups:-

- Acquisitions sub group
- Cataloguing sub group (COSICAT)
- Inter-Library Loans (ILLs) sub group
- Public Libraries User Group (PLUG)
- User Experience

Subgroups meet as they need to discuss requirements for their particular specialist areas, as well as swap ideas and concerns.

They collectively put forward enhancement requests to SirsiDynix – giving each request more chance of being realised as there are many votes instead of just one.

To support the subgroups within our region, we advertise upcoming meetings and host minutes of past meetings on the COSI website.

You do not need to be a member of COSI in order to attend a subgroup. You will, however, need to be a member of COSI to access the minutes archive and see meeting announcements for the subgroups.

For more information please contact

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