

Cranfield University chooses SirsiDynix Symphony and BLUEcloud Campus

Cranfield University prepares to migrate to SirsiDynix's cloud-based solution for library resource management and discovery

May 5, 2016, Watford, UK—Following a competitive tender process, Cranfield University has selected the BLUEcloud Campus library services platform, including SirsiDynix Symphony and SaaS, for its campuses in Cranfield and Shrivenham. The comprehensive cloud-based solution from SirsiDynix will bring staff and students from both campuses together onto a single system for the first time.

The Cranfield campus of Cranfield University, located in the heart of Bedfordshire, has been a SirsiDynix customer since 1998, benefiting from SirsiDynix Symphony's comprehensive suite of library management functionality with a mature and extensive range of APIs and web services. The new multi-year contract includes the University's Shrivenham campus, situated in Wiltshire. Staff from both campuses are working closely together to migrate data from Symphony, Koha and SFX to the new shared SirsiDynix system over the summer of 2016. The robust platform will also deliver web-based tools for resource management, including BLUEcloud Analytics to support data-based decision making and BLUEcloud eRM for managing electronic resources.

Additionally, Cranfield University will be one of the first sites worldwide to adopt BLUEcloud Lists. BLUEcloud Lists is a resource list management system that supports the delivery of postgraduate course materials and student-staff collaborations for learning and teaching. Cranfield will also join the growing list of institutions choosing the BLUEcloud Visibility service for the publishing of Linked Data to enhance discoverability of library resources on the web.

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Simon Bevan, University Librarian for Cranfield University, commented on the Cranfield selection saying, "Following a detailed and thorough procurement process, we are extremely pleased to be continuing our long term relationship with SirsiDynix. The current and future functionality of BLUEcloud will help us to provide a more efficient and effective service for the benefit of our customers and will also allow us to resolve a number of institutional strategic aims by further integrating and streamlining services."

"SirsiDynix is thrilled to continue to support the learning and research stewarded by the Cranfield University Libraries" said SirsiDynix CEO Bill Davison, "Cranfield has selected an LSP that will provide Cranfield and Shrivenham sites with powerful tools, like BLUEcloud Lists, for delivering their educational resources. The BLUEcloud Campus LSP will also offer them the advantages of best of breed flexibility. The best of breed approach will enable Cranfield to continue to bring great tools to their staff and students."

About Cranfield

Cranfield University is a global leader for education and transformational research in technology and management. The University is exclusively postgraduate and is based in Bedfordshire, with an additional campus at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire.

Founded in 1946, Cranfield has developed into one of the world's leading academic institutions. It is one of the top five research-intensive universities in the UK, with 81% of our research classed as world-leading or internationally excellent by REF (Research Excellence Framework, 2014).

Cranfield admits over 4,000 postgraduate students and awards over 5% of the UK's engineering and technology PhDs every year. 97% of Cranfield graduates are in relevant employment or further study six months after graduation, securing jobs in some of the world's best-known organisations.

Cranfield University has a long track record of working closely with business, industry and government across many different sectors. Through industry partnerships, applied research projects and executive education and professional development programmes, Cranfield works with around 1,500 companies and organisations.

Cranfield is home to many world-class, large-scale facilities which enhance teaching and research and is the only university in the world to own and run an airport with airline status. Cranfield employs 1,500 academic and support staff.

About SirsiDynix

SirsiDynix connects people with knowledge at more than 23,000 libraries around the world. Through library management technology and search and discovery tools, libraries using SirsiDynix technology bring relevant resources and the power of knowledge to their users and communities. SirsiDynix technology is architected to be open, scalable, and robust, offering a complete out-of-the-box solution and unparalleled flexibility through APIs and web services. Complemented by the most experienced training, consulting, and support staff in the industry, SirsiDynix helps libraries create tomorrow's libraries, today. To find out more, visit www.sirsidynix.com.