

Israel Users Group Report - 2017

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Goals of MELI (Exlibris Users Group - Israel)

- To represent the community of Users of Ex Libris products.
- To co-ordinate between the Users of Ex Libris products, to strengthen the bonds between them with Discussion Groups, an Internet site, and a database of internal solutions to problems. There are product-working groups for Alma, Primo, SFX, ALEPH and APIs.
- To improve, coordinate and share local Israeli workflows amongst the Israeli community.
- To share and collaborate information about the Ex Libris products.
- To maintain contact with User Groups abroad.

MELI activities – 2017

The MELI steering committee organizes four yearly activities (three times a year for a one-day conference and one annual day conference). These meetings are hosted in different libraries and they are a great opportunity for meeting MELI participants and for learning about the different academic libraries in Israel. The meetings include Ex Libris products sessions, MELI participant's presentations and sometimes a short guide tour of the hosting library. The annual meeting is usually planned for December and it includes among the report of MELI activities, product working group reports and presentations from Israel representatives in IGeLU.

MELI promotes the participation of MELI users to IGeLU with a scholarship for a lecture approved to the IGeLU conference. This year there were few candidates to this scholarship and one lecture was selected for the wining scholarship to IGeLU.

Topics of the meetings

The first meeting of 2017 was dedicated to the User Experience –at Tel Aviv University. The second meeting was about the implementation of Alma at the Israeli Institutions held at Ben Gurion University. The third meeting this year will be dedicated to a workshop for technical staff in Alma Analytics and Primo hackathon.

Since 2016, many libraries at the Israeli institutions are migrating to Alma, therefore, MELI continues to support the knowledge transfer and collaboration amongst the institutions moving to Alma.

MELI Steering Committee Members

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