



Ex Libris Users Group - Israel

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## **Ex Libris Users in Israel (MELI) 2009 Report**

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### **Membership**

The Israeli User Group consists of 52 member institutions (4 new members joined this year).

### **Products in use**

Aleph: versions 16, 18, 20

SFX (including bX)

MetaLib

DigiTool

PRIMO (in implementation process)

### **Activities**

#### **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting is a one day meeting held each year. On this meeting MELI objectives are discussed and elections to the steering committee are held. In addition, an annual report is presented and ex libris representative gives an updated review.

#### **Annual seminar**

The annual seminar is a two day event with parallel sessions aiming to cover a wide area of subjects. The seminar agenda is created in cooperation with Ex Libris and includes presentations taken from ELUNA meeting. Ex Libris trainers give the seminar's lectures.

## **Training**

Training includes both sessions given by Ex-Libris trainers covering specific subjects and sessions of “User to user” in which users share their experience and knowledge with others.

## **Training Sessions**

### **Directionality**

Contrary to English, directionality of Hebrew is from right to left; therefore a lot of attention is given to the problem of directionality in Aleph. The training session summarized prolonged mutual efforts of MELI and Ex-libris representative that worked together and introduced a solution to this problem.

### **ILL**

A training session on the new integrated ISOILL module was held as a preparing step towards moving to working according to ISOILL standard.

### **Additional Training subjects**

Aleph Add-ons, Non-book materials cataloging, circulation and more.

## **Aleph System: Development Proposals for version 21**

The steering committee coordinated the development proposals for version 21. Coordinators for the different modules were elected and established committees working in cooperation with the national modules committees.

## **SFX**

A joint forum of SFX users and Ex-Libris representatives was established in order to discuss and promote needs of Israeli SFX users. This forum initiated a cooperation between Ex-Libris and the Israeli National Library that brought to forming a new target of Hebrew e-journals which is maintained and updated by the Israeli National Library.

## **Metalib**

MELI has approached Ex-Libris asking to add Hebrew resources to Metalib global resource list. Ex-Libris agreed to add two Hebrew resources each year and has already added the first two.

### **Activities with Ex-Libris Management**

MELI steering committee holds periodical meetings with Ex Libris management on issues specific to the needs of Israeli users, like bi-directionality, Hebrew databases, etc.

MELI enjoys a good relationship with Ex Libris management, which helps in promoting Israeli users goals.

### **Goals for next year**

- Increasing involvement of Israeli users in IGeLU activities, and especially in PWG.
- Hosting 2011 IGeLU meeting in Haifa, Israel

### **Steering Committee – 2009**

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