Voyager PWG Business Meeting 2015 IGeLU conference Budapest

As most of the IGELU's Voyager customers have moved forward to Alma, there wasn't much of a Voyager business meeting. There were six people present in the mini meeting, three Finns, two (ELUNA) Americans and a Swede.

In the meeting Nicholas summarized what had happened over the last year both with Voyager and the group:

- On Voyager product level updates seems to be going much better than with some other Ex Libris products. The enhancement votes have been coordinated by ELUNA's Julene Jones, whose contribution both quantity and quality wise has been superb. The communication with Ex Libris' Voyager Product Manager Mike Dicus has been smooth, and the enhancements are coming up nicely.
- On the PWG level Nicholas unexpectedly found himself the chair (and the only member) after everyone else resigned in Oxford 2014 IGeLU meeting. So most of his year was spent on a learning curve, with an added bonus of having a hectic year at the home library as well, which affected the PWG work as well. Elsewhere the ELUNA and IGELU SCs made plans for merging their Voyager PWGs. The merger became official after the Budapest conference.

Regarding the future:

- No new PWG members turned up. Also Nicholas Volk had not received any replies to his recruitment e-mail on the Voyager-L mailing list. It seems unlikely that there any new members will turn up from outside the north America in the future either.
- The ELUNA PWG was still fully manned, but mainly by new faces there as well. Probably due to the inexperience PWG side and person changes, not all the information has propagated down from the SCs to the PWG side as smoothly as it should, and something remains to be sorted out.
- Nicholas also mentioned that he'll be absent from work for much of the 2016, and thus not looking a big role in the joint PWG.

After summary there was some free discussion mainly on the slightly better situation in the US, and migrations to Alma, but not much else.