MELI (Ex Libris Users in Israel) Annual Report - 2011

Ex Libris Users in Israel (MELI)
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Membership

The Israeli User Group consists of 53 member institutions:

- University libraries: 18
- College libraries: 27
- Special libraries: 7
- Public libraries: 1

Ex Libris products use by MELI members

- ALEPH v18 - local & ASP model
- ALEPH v20 - (ASP model 45 members, local model 3 + 2 in implementation process)
- SFX (including bX) – (3 members + 1 with SFX only in implementation process)
- MetaLib - (2 members)
- DigiTool - (2 members)
- Primo - (10 members + 3 in implementation process, including Primo Central)

Development Requests for Aleph v21:

The MELI steering committee sent 50 points for development requests in Aleph version 21.

Activities with Ex Libris management

A meeting between the MELI steering committee & Ex Libris management was held on March 2011.

MELI stressed the quality improvement following last year's annual conversation.

There is a great improvement in routing problems and service from the call center is quick and efficient. In addition, the quarterly talks Uri Miller conducts with representatives of member institutions are effective and successful. This is a good way to convey reciprocal information and comments.

Activities within IGeLU

Product Working Groups: Currently Israeli members take part in the following PWG:

- ALEPH - Product Working Group (WG)
  Systems Administration WG – Yossi Tissona**,** *College of Management, Rishon Le-Zion*
  WebOPAC - Maya Amichal, *Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel*
- PRIMO - Product Working Group
  Naomi Greidinger, University of Haifa

IGeLU Conference

Israeli users are encouraged by MELI to submit abstracts for lectures or poster presentations to the IGeLU annual conference. As in past years, two of the accepted proposals were chosen by MELI and will be sent to the IGeLU conference in Haifa, fully funded.

In addition, especially this year where the conference takes place in Israel, MELI will fund the cost of 75$ for each Israeli participant at the IGeLU conference.

Annual Meeting

In the annual single day meeting, Israeli users are updated regarding MELI's activities during the passing year, and the steering committee elections are held. In addition, Ex Libris representatives present annual reports, updates and news.

Biennial Seminar

The MELI biennial seminar is a two-day event. The agenda is mutually drafted with Ex Libris, and includes presentations aiming to cover a wide area of subjects regarding the variety of products used by customers in Israel. The Ex Libris trainers lecture at the seminar.

Since in 2011 it's the Ex Libris system seminar's turn to be held, MELI will not hold a seminar this year.

MELI Training Sessions

During 2011 three training sessions took place. The sessions incorporated two models of training: a user-to-user model and training by Ex Libris staff.

- **Day training on Catalog**
  Creating cataloging records describing resources and creating access (AACR to RDA),explanation of the fields 008 and LDR, cataloging interface innovations version 20 and view unique solutions in libraries.

- **Training on System**

  Upgrade express version 20, observations and points of transition to version 20, El Commons and the new Ex Libtis customer center, PDS and interfaces developed by libraries.

- **Day training on SFX**

  Linking - how does it work? Localizing your SFX KB, SFX KB updates process, menu configuration, display logic, translations and display and collection tool.

Goals for next year

MELI will continue to increase involvement of Israeli users in IGeLU activities regarding all products and provide professional knowledge on Ex Libris products
MELI also encourages group discussions where Israelis can share information and ask questions in Hebrew. Israeli users have access to the MELI and SFX user groups, and this year we started a new WIKI in Hebrew where members can exchange professional information.

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