

EXPANIA – Spanish Ex Libris Users Group Report to 2011 IGeLU National User Group Meeting

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<http://www.expania.es>

Membership (<http://www.expania.es/miembros>)

In 2011 we have achieved 17 full members (paying quota and having voting rights) even though there are 45 Spanish EL clients and most of them are involved in users group activities in some way (for example, 176 emails owing to 41 institutions are included in Expania mailing list). To increase the number of full members is an objective for next year. Quota, which is mainly used in funding Annual Meeting organization, has been cut down from 200 to 150 euro for 2012.

Annual Meeting (<http://www.expania.es/node/205>)

Expania Annual Meeting was held in Seville, on May, 12th-13th. It was sponsored by Greendata (Ex Libris Spanish distributor). Number of attendees decreased from previous year (from 50 to 35) as a consequence of the heavy funding cuts suffered by Spanish public institutions.

Mobile interfaces, authentication issues and off-campus access to e-resources were some of the hot topics discussed in the meeting. It was very interesting to hear experiences from users about Metalib/Aleph integration with Institutional authentication and authorization systems. Jürgen Küssow, from Ex Libris, talked about *EL general strategy and Alma*. Greendata (EL distributor) CEO talked about company reorganization and introduced new staff members.

A half day training workshop on *Metalib customization*, given by Expania members, was organized along with meeting. It was very successful and one of our goals for next year is to organize more training workshops to take advantage of the know-how of the group members.

Annual meeting was very high rated by attendees (4.6 out of 5 points)

Working Groups and Knowledge Bases (<http://www.expania.es/wiki>)

Spanish Journals Working Group has been very active scanning regional resources and making requests for their inclusion in SFX knowledge base, using both “Me Too” and NERS options. From 26 journal targets requested so far, 19 have been already included by EL in SFX KB. The working group will focus now on Spanish e-books and on keeping up to date existing targets.

Although not so active, there are other working groups involved in collaborative training, Metalib CKB resources and maintenance of SFX-Metalib wiki.

Support

Whereas Spanish users are quite satisfied with Greendata / Ex Libris support, there have been some queries reporting that response is very slow when the incident can not be solved by Greendata and it is transferred to ExLibris. We do not know if this is a general query, but we would like it would be treated in the INUG-EL meeting.

The Future

Library budgets cuttings make uncertain the future. It will not be easy to start new projects albeit many libraries in the group are already exploring discovery tools (Primo and others) and some of them have already implemented Metalib+. EL must take into account that pricing policy will be crucial for the introduction of Primo in Spain given the current economic scenario.

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