



חשתמשי אקס ליבריס - ישראל
Ex Libris Users Group - Israel

MELI - Annual Report to INUG 2013

Members

54 member institutions:

- 8 universities / 19 libraries
- 27 colleges
- 7 special libraries (including the National Library of Israel and the Interuniversity Center for Digital Information Services)
- 1 public library

Steering Committee

Esther Guggenheim, National Library of Israel - Chair

Marina Kalach, University of Haifa - Internet Site

Michal Pinkas, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Olga Merzin, Yizrael Valley College

Ruth Asiskovitz, Sapir College

Tamar Blumendal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Harman Science Library - Treasurer

Tamar Vakil, Bar Ilan University

Organizational Matters

The registration of MELI as an association with independent legal status did not succeed. However the National Library of Israel agreed to continue to allow MELI to manage finances via library accounts. MELI and the library signed a mutual memorandum.

Meeting with Ex Libris

The steering committee met with Ex Libris management representatives in February to discuss specific Israeli issues. Representatives of the Primo workgroup joined the discussion:

MELI asked to discuss the procedures for Israeli development requests. Ex Libris suggested to start discussing Israeli requirements for Alma instead of development requests for Aleph. The steering committee stated that they cannot decide about this on behalf the members and Ex Libris agreed to organize a meeting with library directors to discuss the matter. The meeting took place in August, but we are still waiting to hear about the outcome.

Addition of Israeli and Judaica data bases to Primo Central was discussed. Furthermore the Primo group emphasized the importance of a morphological tool to support searching in Hebrew (because of the nature of Hebrew orthography it is not possible to account for all variants in the synonyms list). It was agreed that the Primo group will meet with the product manager and development to discuss these issues and support further. The meeting was also held in August and Ex Libris informed the group that they have decided not to follow up the use of the tool used for Chinese for Hebrew.



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MELI asked to continue adding Hebrew publications to the SFX knowledge base and it was decided to start a working group for this purpose, similar to the Primo workgroup.

Training Days

MELI organizes 3-4 training days with a special focus a year each hosted by a different member institution.

The first day for 2013 was covered integration of print and electronic journals in Aleph and SFX and an outlook on Alma in this respect.

The second day was organized by the Primo group and covered new features in Primo 4, problems with FRBR because of legacy records and other factors, developments by the National Library of Israel to integrate digital resources from Primo on the library website and a podium discussion on the future of discovery tools.

Technical Seminar

MELI in cooperation with Ex Libris organizes a two-day technical seminar biannually. The seminar was held on November 18-19 at the Open University.

Development requests for Aleph v. 22

The Israeli requests have been passed to development.

The request selected were addition of a warning about additional due items upon return, opening of patron details from the item list in the circulation module and enhancement of the correct heading function in the cataloging module.

Goals for the remainder of 2013 and 2014

Establishment of an SFX working group.

Discussion of introduction of Alma in Israel with Ex Libris and with our members. There will be another one or two training meetings in the fall and winter.

New platform for the MELI website.

Envolvement in IGeLU

Noemi Gradinger, University of Haifa was elected to the steering committee at the last IGeLU meeting.

In an effort to promote participation at the IGeLU annual conference, MELI continues to cover the costs of the conference, flight and hotel for a staff member of one the member institutions who will present at the conference. This year's stipend goes to Hadar Miller, National Library of Israel, who will present the developments to integrate digital objects in the library website via Primo.