

# SFX Product Working Group Business Meeting

IGeLU Conference  
September 15, 2014

*Bas Vat, PWG Coordinator*

# Agenda

- Report on activities 2013-2014
  - Organization
  - What we did this year
  - What is planned for next year
  - Questions, Comments
  - Q&A

# **SFX Product Working Group (PWG)**

- Liaison between users and Ex Libris
  - Discuss member issues
  - Enhancements processes
  - Annual conference planning
  - Newsletter articles
  - Collaboration with
    - Ex Libris
    - IGeLU Steering Committee
    - National user groups
    - ELUNA

# Working Group Members

- Bas Vat, Coordinator  
(Leiden University Libraries, Netherlands)
- Mathias Kratzer, Deputy Coordinator  
(Bavarian Library Network, Germany)  
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- Anna Pienimäki, communications, conference planning  
(National Library, Finland)

# Working Group Members

- Michelangelo Viana, software enhancements and NERS  
(Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul PUCRS, Brazil)
- Holly Thomason, KB enhancements, KBAB liaison  
(Stanford University, USA)
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- Mark Dehmlow, SC liaison  
(University of Notre Dame, USA)

# Volunteers?

The Igelu SFX Product Working Group is seeking volunteers to serve two-year terms as PWG members. The PWG operates under the auspices of the Igelu Steering Committee and is charged with organizing the SFX enhancement process, communicating product information to SFX customers and advocating for SFX users with Ex Libris. Candidates must work at an Igelu member institution which licenses SFX. The time commitment typically is less than two hours per month, usually in the form of conference calls.

# Goodbye...Hello

- Thank you very much Mathias!
- Welcome:
  - Caterina Barazia, Università di Torino
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# Communication

- **ELUNA**  
(Maribeth Manoff, Rich Wenger)
  
- **SFX Product Manager**  
(Yisrael Kuchar, Christine Stohn)
  - Future of SFX
  - Enhancements process
  - Quality of CKB updates and service packs



# Communication

- **User Community**
  - List management shared between ELUNA/IGeLU
  - Discussion Lists
  - News in brief
  
- **Do you hear from us enough?**

# CKB Enhancements

- **CKB enhancements – ongoing**
- Three rounds since last conference
  
- **Top 4 general resources May 2014:**
- American Mathematical Society free ebooks
- Mendeley
- OMICS Group Open Access Scholarly Journals
- CLACSO E-books Library
  
- **Regional resources:**
- United Kingdom no requests submitted/no votes entered
- Italy no requests submitted/no votes entered
- Spain MDPI - Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute

# CKB Enhancements

- More information:  
<http://exlibrisgroup.org/display/CrossProduct/NERS+SFX+voting+results+and+regions>
- Rethinking needed? The number of requests and the number of votes is declining.

# Software enhancements

- Ex Libris evaluated the top thirty rated enhancement requests for SFX Software Enhancements 2013 Cycle and nine were accepted for development.
- The initial Ex Libris plan was to start delivering the enhancements in SP 4.7 (scheduled for September 2014), but started earlier, already in SP 4.6.1 (released June 2014).
- According to Ex Libris, improvements not implemented in SP 4.7 will come in subsequent release.
- <http://www.exlibrisgroup.org/display/CrossProduct/NERS+Results+from+the+SFX+Software+Enhancement+Process+2013>

# Software Enhancements accepted for Development

- (D1) KBMANAGER: ON LIST OF PORTFOLIOS, HIGHLIGHT ACTIVE TARGETS (ERS #2210+#3122) Released on SP 4.6.1
- (D2) LIST OF PORTFOLIOS: INDICATE IF THE OBJECT PORTFOLIO HAS AS LOCAL ATTRIBUTE: THRESHOLD/PARSER (ER #2724) Released on SP 4.6.1 (Jun/09/2014)
- (D3) EXPORT TOOL: ADDITION OF COLUMN LOCAL\_THRESHOLD IN THE REPORTS (ER #2196) Enhancement waiting to be implemented.
- (D4) INTEROPERABILITY: OPTION TO HIDE SFX MENU BANNER IN PRIMO CENTRAL (+ PRIMO?) IFRAME (ER #2538) Enhancement waiting to be implemented.
- (D5) KBMANAGER: CREATE MORE CONTRAST BETWEEN TABLE ROWS FOR SFX VERSION 4 (ER #2147) Enhancement waiting to be implemented.

# Software Enhancements accepted for Development

- (D6) KB MANAGER: IMPROVE THE DISPLAY OF THRESHOLDS ON THE PORTFOLIO LIST FOR A TARGET (ER #3100)  
Enhancement waiting to be implemented.
- (D7) OBJECTPORTFOLIO LISTS: SHOW IF A THRESHOLD IS LOCAL OR GLOBAL BY GIVING IT A DIFFERENT COLOUR (ER #3113) Enhancement waiting to be implemented.
- (D8) MENU CONFIGURATION: MAKE DISPLAY LOGIC RULES RESISTANT TO TARGET RENAMINGS (ER #2163)  
Enhancement waiting to be implemented.
- (D9) KB TOOLS: KBART EXPORT FORMAT FOR INDIVIDUAL TARGETS AND/OR ALL ACTIVE TARGETS (ER #3083) Under implementation, to be released soon.
- SP 4.6.1 includes ability to use KBART format as an option for DATALOADER only (not for export yet).

# **Software Enhancements not accepted**

- Three enhancement requests were rejected (R) by Ex Libris. These enhancement requests will not be implemented in the foreseeable future:
- (R1) eBook Search: Add option to find eBooks by Category/Subcategory (ER #2729)
- (R2) SFX Object Lookup/SFX Citation Linker: introduce stemming (ER #2764)
- (R3) KB Tools: Add MySQL query interface to SFX Admin Center (ER #3090)

# 2014 - 2015

- **Software Enhancements**
  - **Knowledge Base Enhancements**
  - **Conference Planning**
  - **Periodic News**
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- **Work with the Alma PWG**
  - **Rethink the CKB enhancement process**



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# Questions and Requests

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- **Things you have questions about**
- **Things you would like us to work on**

## Hybrid Open Access

Hybrid Open Access journals require access control at the article level. Currently SFX is focused on journal level access.

What are the plans for SFX?

## Knowledge Bases in Alma, SFX and Primo Central

Can you please explain the way Ex Libris handles the existence of KB's for SFX, Alma and Primo Central. There is a partial (though not full) overlap in requirements from these systems, and even some dependencies.

In what way does Ex Libris make sure all KB's are kept in sync and at the right quality level?

## Future of SFX

What is the future of SFX, in the light of development on Alma?

How long will SFX remain as a separate system and what does Ex Libris do to make sure the system is further developed.

## Q&A

Will be implemented a support of more Shibboleth Identity Providers (IdP) into SFX?

Right now, there is only one IdP supported. It is placed in the configuration file "shibboleth.config".

Would be perfect, if adding of new Shibboleth IdP would be the same as editing Proxy configurations in SFX Admin Center with a list and "add new IdP" function. It would be usefull for consortia model of SFX instalations.

# Q&A

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- Is it planned to enhance support of musical documents in SFX? There are plenty of musical databases missing in CKB as Naxos music library etc. in spite of the fact some are in Metalib. There is also completely missing category "music" in A-Z list



# Q&A

- Is it planned to add well know “Open Library” into SFX CKB?
- There are over 1 mil. E-books available and it is a great information source that would increase the number of free e-books dramatically

## Q&A

As we heard there was an discussion about enhancing functions of Authentication note in SFX menu in the past. Would be very useful to implement automatical filling of of auth note field wit a names of activated institutions for the target / object portfolio. Might be possible to implement this function?

# Q&A

- How is progress with multilingual support in SFX menu, especially to use different languages for a target name service name and notes? Is there any support planned in the near future?

# KBAB?



- Stands for : Knowledge Base Advisory Board
- More info: session 11.41 Tuesday