

EXPANIA – Spanish ExLibris Users Group Report to INUG 2015

<http://www.expania.es>

Membership

Membership of the Spanish Group decreased from 14 to 13 full members (paying quota and having voting rights). Membership is decreasing from 2012 (19 members that year), in some cases to avoid the payment of the quota (150 euros), but in most cases because the institutions ceased to use EL products (SFX/Metalib users that switched to EL competitors discovery tools). Apart from the formal members, other institutions not formally registered as group members normally cooperate with Expania.

Communication Channels

The Expania distribution list has 169 members and it is used by the group members and by Greendata (EL distributor in Spain) to communicate news and incidents. Web site (<http://www.expania.es>) is mainly used for Annual Meeting organization and to distribute the content of the meeting. Most of the Steering Committee meetings are online meetings.

Annual Meeting

Expania Annual Meeting was held in Barcelona, on April 16 th. Length of meeting was reduced to one day, as the last two years, for easier attendance. A practical workshop about “Working with Primo: Views and Tools”, addressed to technical staff and taught by Greendata and an Expania member, was organized as a satellite activity. The annual meeting was attended by 54 people, from 18 institutions, Greendata and ExLibris.

The meeting program was mainly centered on Primo and Alma. This year, Maria José Lloret from the Library UN Office in Geneva, presented in a realistic way their experience migrating to Alma, with their advantages and disadvantages. As for Primo, EL presented its development plans, focusing on the improvement of the search strategies and product customization. A round table was presented about the “Knowledge Management Platform of the National Health System”, a project of the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, with the aim of provide a basic architecture of electronic resources access based on Primo to Regional Health Services. A session about Catalonia Academic Libraries (CSUC) Linked Open Data projects was also held.

Support

Most of the support is given by Greendata (Spanish distributor) and it is correct. Proximity and the ability to communicate in Spanish are highly valued by customers. When an incident is escalated from Greendata to EL, response is slower and support is not as highly rated as the support given by Greendata.

More information

Spanish User Group decided to become a member of IGELU in order to be the representative in IGELU (and to vote in NERS) on behalf of Spanish users which do not belong to IGELU.

Chair of Expania was invited by Portuguese Users Group to attend its Annual Meeting in Lisbon to try to find points for collaboration

Steering Committee

A new SC was elected with minor changes (Secretary changed, rest of SC was reelected):

Chair: Gaspar Olmedo (Spanish Research Council Library Network)

Deputy Chair: Marina Losada (Pompeu Fabra University Library)

Treasurer: Carmen Rodriguez (Galicia Regional Health Care System Libraries)

Secretary: Anna Campos (Valencia Polytechnic University Library)