

EXPANIA – Spanish Ex Libris Users Group Report to INUG 2016

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Annual Meeting (<http://www.expania.es/node/371>)

Expania Annual Meeting was held in Santiago de Compostela, on May 20th, and the workshop *Working with SFX Utilities*, addressed to technical staff and taught by Greendata (EL Spanish distributor) and an Expania member, was organized as a satellite activity. An email introducing the Spanish User Group and inviting to attend the Annual Meeting was sent to all Spanish Proquest clients by Expania steering committee. Response was not enthusiastic, but we will try to involve them during next year. The annual meeting was attended by 38 Ex Libris clients, one Proquest client and 11 people from company staff (Greendata, ExLibris and Proquest). Workshop was attended by 35 people.

The meeting program included an opening session about *Altmetrics and Academic Libraries*, a presentation by EL of *Ex Libris-Proquest Strategy Roadmap*, some technical communications by Expania Primo users and presentation of the *new Primo UI*.

Alma in Spain

Alma introduction in Spain is not being easy. EL communicated in Expania Annual Meeting the first two Alma signed contracts in Spain (Deusto and Alfonso X El Sabio, two small Universities). Budgets of public institutions have not recovered from economic crisis yet and there are not many important academic libraries changing to new generation library systems.

Ex Libris strategy in Spain

EL communicated in Expania Annual Meeting that they will take over the business directly in Spain from now on. Greendata (former Spanish distributor) staff involved with EL products have been hired by EL and they will continue giving support to Spanish clients from Greendata offices in Barcelona. It is too early to make an assessment of that change, but at a first glance, it is beneficial for clients to continue having support in Spanish with the same technical staff (clients are very happy with the current Spanish support staff), and access of Spanish staff to EL information and systems will be easier from now on, which also will benefit to clients. On the cons side, administrative negotiations can be more complicated with the new scenario. On one side because it was easier for Spanish public institutions to contract with a national company (Greendata), but also probably because EL commercial staff is not so informed of administrative and bureaucratic details imposed by national law as Greendata was. Anyway, we will have to wait a little to make a definitive assessment and very little has changed until now.

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