Israel Users Group Report - 2016

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Goals of MELI (Exlibris Users Group – Israel)

- To represent the community of Users of Ex Libris products.
- To co-ordinate between the Users of Ex Libris products, to strengthen the bonds between them with Discussion Groups, an Internet site, and a database of internal solutions to problems. There are product-working groups for Primo, SFX, ALEPH and APIs.
- To maintain contact with User Groups abroad.

MELI activities – 2016

MELI meets three times a year for a one-day conference and one annual day meeting at the end of year. These meetings are hosted in different libraries; this gives the opportunity to the participants to learn about the different academic libraries in Israel. The meetings include talks about topics of Ex Libris products and during lunchtime, there is an option for a short guide tour to the libraries. The annual meeting is in December and it includes among the report of MELI activities, product working group reports and presentations from Israel representatives in IGeLU.

Topics of the meetings

The first meeting of 2016 was dedicated to Primo, statistics and User Experience – it was held at Tel Aviv University. The second meeting this year was for technical staff oriented learning about APIs in the Ex Libris products, held at the Hebrew University. The aim of this meeting was to open the collaboration among the Israeli institutes with APIs and the collaboration later with IGeLU. The third meeting this year will be dedicated to the preparations for the migration of Aleph to Alma. During 2016, the Alma Early Adopters Program took place in Israel with the participation of some universities and colleges. Haifa University library migrated to Alma during August and part of the conference day towards the end of September will include some impressions of the Alma project.

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