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Ex Libris Users Group - Israel

MELI (Ex Libris Users in Israel) Annual Report - 2020

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IGeLU National User Group meeting (INUG)

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15th IGeLU online conference

Membership

The Israeli user group consists of 62 member libraries from 50 member institutions:

- University libraries: 9 Universities / 20 libraries
- College libraries: 35
- Special libraries: 6 (including the National Library of Israel and the Inter-University Center for Digital Information Services)
- Public libraries: 1

Steering Committee

- Tamar Ganor, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Chair, tamarg@savion.huji.ac.il)
- Bracha Spiegel, Ruppin Academic Center
- Michal Krispin, Tel-Aviv University
- Laura Mulokadnov, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev – Treasurer
- Guy Shachaf, Technion
- Tchiya Dagan, Bar-Ilan University
- Lynne Porat, Haifa University

Annual Meeting with Ex Libris

The steering committee met with Ex Libris management representatives in February 2020 to discuss specific Israeli issues. Chairpersons of the Primo WG, Alma WG and Electronic Resources WG joined the discussion.

Issues raised and discussed:

- Hebrew issues in Primo and Alma
- Slowness of systems and lack of proper reporting of issues to the community



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- Israeli institutions turn to localizing due to lack of trust in CZ (e.g. lack of transparency when collection update is "stuck", collection contribution process which is not working well, titles from Israeli suppliers do not get updated).
- Deletions from CZ of authority files without explanation or warning
- Request from MELI to circulate link-checker tool

MELI activities

Due to COVID-19 outbreak, in 2020 MELI organized two analytics workshops and a Rapid-ILL conference before social distancing was mandated. Since then, MELI has organized ten webinars on different ExLibris products hosted by ExLibris representatives or librarians who wanted to share their workflows and insights with the community. These webinars proved to be a great success with an average of 120 participants weekly, and tens of views of the recorded sessions on youtube.

The webinars were on the following topics: Rapid ILL, Esploro, MARC edit and Alma, Managing subscriptions in Alma, Melingo (Hebrew component) in Primo, ExLibris community response during COVID-19, Leganto, Primo CDI.

The annual conference will also take place in an online fashion during December 2020.

In December 2019 a first of its kind conference was held in ExLibris headquarters, hosting Israeli providers in order to improve providers activity in the Community Zone. 15 providers participated, and ExLibris providers' relations division presented CZ workflows and guidelines. The conference provided a personal communication channel in which providers and ExLibris employees could establish a dialogue for future collaboration.

MELI working groups activities

Primo working group has been checking thoroughly CDI especially in Hebrew content; Alma working group is promoting Hebrew and Arabic functionalities; Electronic resources working group is promoting the Israeli National Library's contribution of local Hebrew collections.



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MELI website

We are currently in the process of migrating to a new website that will be responsive and will contain advanced features for the benefit of our users, while eliminating our dependency on Haifa University servers (where we currently host MELI website).

MELI maintains five mailing lists: IL-MELI List, IL-MELI-PRIMO List, IL-MELI-ALMA List, IL-MELI-ER, IL-MELI-ILL List.

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On behalf of the MELI Steering Committee

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