

National meetings have continued in Latin America, taking place in Mexico, Peru, Argentina, Ecuador, and soon in Chile (October 14).

In July, a Latin American meeting was held in Colombia with representatives from Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Argentina, and Chile.

Many Clarivate product users have expressed the need for a Latin American user organization to share experiences and common problems with Ex Libris products. For this reason, the vendor is promoting a meeting where we can begin discussing and resuming the organization we planned in 2020.

We will have a meeting on October 14 to resume discussions about GUAL. I will keep you updated on our progress.

Regarding incidents that we would like to escalate to Clarivate/Ex Libris, in Chile two institutions have been working with linked data, and experienced problems deploying Info cards and Entity pages in Primo.

The University of Chile, unable to display info cards and the Entity Page in Primo using its local authorities, had to develop a local solution to import author information from Wikidata/Wikipedia.

In our case, we configured the linked data perfectly in Alma, but in Primo, we realized that only authorities linked to Library of Congress directly, can be displayed in the Info cards and Entity Page.

We are sending periodically some of the original name authority records to Library of Congress (NACO project), and only these would allow us to display the linked data in Primo. We have an authority database of hundreds of thousands of records that are not in Library of Congress and are therefore excluded from the linked data display.

Is it feasible to request that Clarivate/ExLibris develop a solution that would allow us to incorporate local records linked to Wikidata records into the linked data displays in Primo?