Joint Interoperability & Linked Open Data Business Meeting, 2015 IGeLU conference Budapest

For the first time, these two SIWG's held a joint Business Meeting, reflecting the inter-relatedness of the two topics and the importance of collaboration on issues related to both LOD and Interoperability.

The 90 minute session was kicked off by a presentation from Asaf Kline discussing Ex Libris LOD strategy, and emerging efforts to manage LOD publishing in Alma.
Additionally, Asaf, Israel Kuchar, and Shlomo Sanders invited customers to work with Ex Libris as partners in identifying use cases and best practices for consuming linked data in the next iteration of the Primo User Interface.
As Shlomo noted, this is an "opportunity to include LOD in the UI from the start rather than adding it after the fact." Ex Libris' LOD Strategy Document can be found in the Document Center under "Alma > Sales and Marketing > Alma Sales Kit > Documentation."

This was followed by a presentation from Josh Weisman on APIs and interoperability. Josh spoke about features of the Developer's Network, various avenues for affecting development priorities, Ex Libris' interoperability strategy, and introduced the API Road Map, which was recently posted to the Tech Blog: https://developers.exlibrisgroup.com/blog/Ex-Libris-API-Road-Map
He also suggested that we should consider joining this Blog to post tech-centered presentations like those scheduled for Developers Day.

Finally, there it was announced that Mehmet Celik was taking over for Masud Khokhar as Coordinator of the Interoperability SIWG and Lukas Koster was stepping in as Deputy Coordinator. Additional new members of the Interoperability SIWG were announced. See http://igelu.org/special-interests/interoperability/working-body for the current list of members

Membership of the LOD SIWG has not changed, but both groups emphasised that they are always looking for new volunteers. See http://igelu.org/special-interests/lod/working-body for the current list of members

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