



חשתמשי אקס ליבריס - ישראל
Ex Libris Users Group - Israel

MELI (Ex Libris Users in Israel) Annual Report - 2018

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13th IGeLU conference in Prague, Czech Republic

Membership

The Israeli user group consists of 60 member libraries from 48 member institutions:

- University libraries: 9 Universities / 21 libraries
- College libraries: 32
- Special libraries: 6 (including the National Library of Israel and the Inter-University Center for Digital Information Services)
- Public libraries: 1

Steering Committee

- Shelly Shen-Aridor, University of Haifa – Chair / Internet Site (saridor@univ.haifa.ac.il)
- Bracha Spiegel, Ruppin Academic Center
- Ido Aharon, Tel-Aviv University
- Laura Mulokadnov, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Sarit Hassin, Isaral Antiquity Authority – Treasurer
- Tamar Ganor, The Hebrew University
- Tchiya Dagan, Bar-Ilan University

Annual Meeting with Ex Libris

The steering committee met with Ex Libris management representatives in March to discuss specific Israeli issues. Representatives of the Primo PWG, Alma PWG, API PWG and Electronic Resources PWG joined the discussion.

Issues raised and discussed:

- Quality of support
- Hebrew issues in Primo (e.g. morphological component and retrieval in Hebrew in Primo, display issue in Primo New UI)
- Israeli and Hebrew issues in Alma (e.g. correction of Hebrew years, sorting of volumes by Hebrew years/ Hebrew enumeration, NLI – National Library of Israel authority files and CZ records, adding VAT to order screen)
- Israeli and Hebrew issues with the CZ (e.g. Sunday CZ downtime disabling the work in Israeli libraries, titles from an Israeli supplier do not get updated although the supplier is more than willing to cooperate, suggestions from few institutions to donate quality records for Israeli titles)



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MELI activities

MELI traditionally holds three times a year one-day conferences and an annual meeting at the end of the year. The annual meeting is dedicated to reporting of MELI activities, product working groups activities, presentations of the Israeli representatives in IGeLU, updated from Exlibris, a keynote speaker and if time allows additional lectures.

The various activities are hosted by different member libraries.

Thus far, MELI organized the following activities:

- Two faces to Primo: FrontEnd & BackEnd - 20/3/2018 ,held at Haifa University seaport campus
- Primo Normalization Rules for beginners, hands-on workshop – 22/4/2018, held at Tel-Aviv university
- Primo Normalization Rules for advanced, hands-on workshop – 23/4/2018, held at Tel-Aviv university
- API workshop for beginners – 4/7/2018, held at Hebrew University, Rehovot campus
- API workshop for advanced – 11/7/2018, held at Hebrew University, Rehovot campus

Coming up is a series of webinars by the Israeli ALMA PWG, a conference focused on the issue of Hebrew in ALMA & Primo and the MELI annual meeting.

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

Following the annual meeting with Exlibris management and in cooperation with Exlibris Support management:

- We have been given a dedicated user in the sales force portal for the national working groups. Currently the Primo PWG sales force user is operational, within the next couple of months two more users will open: one for Alma-PWG and one for the Electric Resource–PWG.
- We hosted four of EXL support personnel (two ALMA supporters, two Primo supporters; two from tier 1, two from tier2) for a one week library training pilot. The pilot was deemed very successful and we are planning an additional library training by the end of this year.

Involvement in IGeLU

- Neomi Greidinger, University of Haifa, is on the IGeLU steering committee.
- Tulie Amichal, College of Management Academic Studies, is a candidate for the open position of Steering Committee member.
- Boaz Dotan, University of Haifa, is a member of the Primo PWG.
- Marina Kalach, University of Haifa, is a member of ALMA PWG.
- Joan Kolarik, Weizmann Institute of Science, is a Deputy Coordinator for the Analytics SIWG.
- In an effort to promote participation at the IGeLU annual conference, MELI continues to cover the costs of the conference, flight and hotel for a staff member of one of the member institutions who will present at the conference. This year MELI decided to award two personnel with the stipend:



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- Lynne Porat, University of Haifa, who will present "Primo New UI: Not just for undergrads".
- Guy Shahaf, Technion–Israel Institute of Technology, who will present "Technology innovation on the way to Alma".
- Laura Mullokandov, Ben-Gurion University, and a member of MELI steering committee was awarded the Christine Moulen First-Time Attendee Scholarship.

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