



חשתמשני אקס ליבריס - ישראל  
Ex Libris Users Group - Israel

## **MELI (Ex Libris Users in Israel) Annual Report - 2019**

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14th IGeLU conference in Singapore

### **Membership**

The Israeli user group consists of 61 member libraries from 50 member institutions:

- University libraries: 9 Universities / 20 libraries
- College libraries: 34
- 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](mailto:saridor@univ.haifa.ac.il))
- Bracha Spiegel, Ruppin Academic Center
- Ido Aharon, Tel-Aviv University
- Laura Mulokadnov, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev – Treasurer
- Tamar Ganor, The Hebrew University
- Tchiya Dagan, Bar-Ilan University
- Vera Daikhin, Yezreel Valley College

### **Annual Meeting with Ex Libris**

The steering committee met with Ex Libris management representatives in May 2019 to discuss specific Israeli issues. Representatives of the Primo PWG, Alma PWG and Electronic Resources PWG joined the discussion.

Issues raised and discussed:

- Hebrew issues in Primo (e.g. morphological component and retrieval in Hebrew in Primo, display issues including directionality of titles in Hebrew\English, citation of Hebrew records).
- Israeli and Hebrew issues in Alma (e.g. directionality of characters in Alma, URL's with Hebrew letters in them do not work properly, adding by mistake Hebrew characters and then deleting them changes the position of the cursor, problems with publishing to ULI (Israel Union List)).
- Israeli / Hebrew and general issues with the CZ (e.g. lack of transparency when collection update is "stuck", MALMAD's<sup>1</sup> collections displayed as "linking level: Journal" while actual access is at "Linking level: Article", titles from Israeli suppliers do not get updated).

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<sup>1</sup>Inter-University Center for Digital Information Services, acts as a consortium for the acquisition, licensing, and management of digital information services to Israel's universities and colleges.



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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.

Since last report, MELI organized the following activities:

- Normalization Rules in Alma – 5/9/2018, webinar
- From Melingo to Alma – Challenges and Solutions for Hebrew in Primo and Alma – 8/10/2018, conference held at Hebrew University, Rehovot campus
- Inter-Library Loan in Alma – 24/10/2018, webinar
- Working with Serials and Series in Alma – 12/12/2018, webinar
- MELI's Annual Conference – 19/12/2018, held at Tel-Aviv university
- Workflows in Alma-D – 22/1/2019, webinar
- Primo VE – 3/4/2019, conference held at the Technion –Israel Institute of Technology
- Community Zone – 21/5/2019, conference held at Tel-Aviv university
- Quite! We are innovating – 17/7/2019, held at Ben-Gurion University

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

Following the annual meeting and with cooperation with Exlibris management:

- We have finalized all necessary procedures to configure dedicated users in the sales force portal for the national working groups: Primo PWG, Alma-PWG and Electric Resource–PWG. This enables us to convey issues pertaining to a few institutions in one very efficient (for both EXL and the customers) SF case.
- During the month of September, MELI member libraries will host eight of EXL support personnel for a one week library training, following last year's very successful pilot. The aim is to educate the support staff as to the library roles, the use of various library management systems, various challenges of the library and librarians, the library's ecosystem etc'

### **Involvement in IGeLU**

- 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 one person of the member institutions who will present at the conference. This year MELI decided to award the stipend to:
  - Guy Shahaf, Technion–Israel Institute of Technology, who will present "Libraries' New Generation Printing Solution".

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Additional presentations by MELI members are:

- Dror Berger, Tel-Aviv University will present "The Rainbow Spectrum of Acquisition Synchronization".
- Boaz Dotan, Haifa University will present "Sailing to Uncharted Territory - Digitool to Alma Digital Migration".

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