



חשתמשי אקס ליבריס - ישראל  
Ex Libris Users Group - Israel

**Annual Meeting with Ex Libris  
Management 11.4.2024**



## Members of Meli SC 2024

**Dr. Lynne Porat, Chair** (University of Haifa)

**Dorit Leshem** (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**Moran Lavi** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Naomi Galor** (Reichman University)

**Naomi Abraham** (Bar-Ilan University)

**Irit Kloner-Margalit** (Tel Aviv University)

**Amy Dinnerstein** (College of Management)

**Nina Keren-David** (Ex Libris Liaison)



## Israeli Representatives on IGeLU groups

Nir Zinger (University of Haifa) - **Primo PWG Enhancement Coordinator, Next Discovery Experience User Experience Focus Group, Primo BO to VE Feature Alignment Project, Aha Implementation Task Force, CDI Advisory Group**

Ahava Cohen (National Library) ; Sharon Shapira-Glaubach (University of Haifa) - **Alma Authority Focus Group**

Maya Amichal (Weizmann Institute) - **Deputy Coordinator, Analytics CoP and Member of the IGeLU Conference Planning Committee**

Ariel Lock (National Library) - **Analytics CoP**

Ruhama Amouyal (Bar-Ilan University), Dr. Aviva Levin-Belousov (University of Haifa), Dafna Mizrahi-Melcer, Esther Guggenheim, Ahava Cohen (National Library of Israel), Naomi Galor (Reichman University), Daphna Frimerman-Kolka, Sivan Kedar, Rona Terenblit (Tel Aviv University) - **Alma UX Focus Group**

Amy Dinnerstein (College of Management) - **Leganto Focus Group**

Lynne Porat (University of Haifa) - **RapidILL PWG (Eluna and IGeLU)**



## Meli@10 Webinars July 2023-March 2024

**New ULI** - Ariel Lock & Elhanan Adler (National Library)

**Next generation discovery tools** - Yisrael Kuchar & Chani Yehuda (Ex Libris)

**New content as a catalyst for growth** - Tamar Ganor (Ex Libris)

**Strategic update** - Ex Libris Senior Management

**2023 Activities of Meli Steering Committee, Alma, Primo & ER PWGs** - Lynne Porat

(University of Haifa), Dafna Mizrahi-Melcer (Hebrew University), Michal Lahav (Tel Aviv University), Nir Zinger, (University of Haifa) Sarit Sambol-Szasz (Bar-Ilan University)

**Activation of electronic resources in CDI** - Merav Kishon (Ben-Gurion University) & David Hanegbi (Ex Libris)

**Alma Roadmap** - Lili Daie (Ex Libris)

Future sessions: **“Haggadot” Project, ISO-ILL and Fulfillment New UX**

**Total 778 participants so far!**



## Key Meli Achievements 2023

### Community:

- Many new subscribers to Meli Listservs
- Many volunteers for PWGs
- 80-120 participants at every Meli@10 session
- Growing professional value of Meli



## Key Meli Achievements 2023 cont.

### War Initiatives:

- Guidelines for changing Fulfillment configuration - initiated by Meli, carried out by EXL
- Free RapidILL for Israeli colleges - initiated by Meli, carried out by Lynne and EXL



## Key Meli Achievements 2023

### Other initiatives:

- ISO-ILL in all Israeli libraries - initiated by Limor Cohen, Director of Ruppin Academic Center and Lynne Porat, Chair Meli SC & ILL Forum. Involves assisting libraries with configuration (especially Locate Profiles), extensive testing and sending of institutional and Meli cases



## Key Meli Achievements 2023 cont.

### Cooperation with Ex Libris:

- **Support:** Meetings with Omri Singer and Zvi Vogel resulting in Improved workflow for Meli cases on new platform
- **Melingo:** Testing and implementation of Melingo in CDI by Primo PWG in cooperation with Ahuva Mazuz and Mordehai Goren, and with the support of Nili Natan and Guy Ben-Porat





## Giving Back to the Community

Meli IGeLU Conference **First-Timer's Grant** - new in 2023!  
Meli IGeLU Conference **Presenter's Grant**



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## Alma Product Working Group

**Erez Shabo - Alma Product Owner**



**Dafna Mizrahi-Melcer - Chair**

**List of members**



## Alma Achievements 2023

- Hebrew Interface - many bugs were corrected (still needs some work)
- Hebrew Menu - fuzzy keywords search (testing stage)



## Alma - Outstanding Issues

- Cataloging Hebrew (LTR, directional characters)
- Request raised in PWG: Melingo in Alma

# Content

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## Electronic Resources Product Working Group

**Idan Sofer - Senior  
Director of Operations**

**David Hanegbi - Content  
Operations Manager**



**List of memebers**

**Sarit Sambol-Szasz - Chair**

**Neta Strelski-Waisman**

**Michal Lahav - Liaison**



## Content Achievements 2023

- Excellent ongoing collaboration and efficient problem solving
- MALMAD CZ collections
- NLI Collections – אוצר החוכמה
- CDI New collections – מרכז המחקר והמידע של הכנסת, לשון הבית
- Improvements of metadata in existing collections



## Content - Outstanding Issues

- Electronic Inventory:
  - AutoHoldings – CZ and publisher feeds still not calibrated
  - Existing CZ activations require perpetual monitoring and repairing of baseline inventory
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- Maximizing the full metadata potential of University & National Library Collections in CZ & CDI:
  - Non-preferred terms (רמיזות) from Authority Enrichment
  - IHP: Missing Support for multiple full text links (in record)
  - Portfolio Public Note containing Volume \ Issue

# Primo

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## Primo Product Working Group

**Nili Natan & Sima Bloch - Product Managers**

**Yisrael Kuchar - Senior Director of Product Management, Discovery Solutions**



**Michal Lahav & Nir Zinger - Chairs**

**List of members**





## Primo Achievements 2023

1. Support of Melingo for Hebrew records in CDI -  
Thank you Guy Ben Porat, Ahuva Mazuz!
2. Improvement of UI Labels in Arabic



## Primo - Outstanding Issues

1. Missing Multilingual support for NLI authorities in **Primo VE**
  - a. Lack of Authority Enrichment for local indexes - loss of NLI multilingual capabilities
  - b. Authority metadata cannot be edited by NR

**Multilingual Basecamp Project** & Israeli Team ready! Waiting for ExL collaboration



## Primo - Outstanding Issues cont.

### 2. Primo - UX in mobile devices

- Design & responsiveness can be improved, especially Advanced Search in Hebrew interface



## Looking Ahead - AI & Hebrew

How are Hebrew, RTL and Israeli CDI content being integrated into the upcoming AI releases?

- Language models supported in NDE?
- Hebrew interface designed & tested?
- Full-text indexing of Israeli providers' content?