

# 2018 ANZREG Chair's Report to INUG

August 2018

ANZREG has had quite an eventful year in 2018.

We held our 2018 ANZREG Conference in Adelaide this year, co-hosted by the University of Adelaide and University of South Australia. We had 136 registrations, including Developer Day and Best Practice Day events and drew attendees from as far afield as Malaysia.

We are continuing to schedule the ANZREG Conference in the same week as Ex Libris hosts the Ex Libris APAC Directors meetings, in order to have Ex Libris senior staff available to attend the ANZREG Conference. This year Bar Veinstein, Oren Beit-Arie and Nir Sherwinter attended and delivered presentations, with Bar outlining the Ex Libris company overview and Oren focusing on Esploro development.

During the conference, the ANZREG Committee was able to schedule a meeting with Bar, Nir and Ziv BenZvi to discuss:

- engagement with a wider APAC user group,
- ANZREG's role within the worldwide forum, and
- setting up an ongoing dialogue about regional issues and Ex Libris' plans in the APAC region.

At the end of the meeting, the Ex Libris team agreed to participate in annual strategy meetings with the ANZREG Committee, during ANZREG Conference.

The conference program was also very successful, covering topics including:

- Analysing of SUSHI and COUNTER Usage Reports
- Proactive security breach management and generating rich eResource metrics
- Managing Primo with limited resources
- The future of authorities and identifiers in national and international data sources
- eReserve, Alma-D and Leganto: Working together and
- Managing Resource Sharing Partners in Alma

Masud Khokhar, from Lancaster University (now University Librarian at York University), presented an inspirational Keynote presentation on "Academic Libraries in a Digital, Global World" and then stayed a further two weeks in Australia to present on "Digital Strategy, Research Infrastructures and Student Experience" at the University of NSW, University of Queensland and Monash University. We had 110 physical attendees at these sessions, with an additional 50 participants attending the Monash University session via zoom.

The committee ran a post conference survey, which provided interesting feedback. The data highlighted attendee's interest in finding out what other libraries are doing, and networking with other libraries to workshop issues common to many organisation.

The most popular sessions had a practical focus, discussing emerging issues, rather than evaluating past events.

All the conference session were streamed live, and the survey told us this is highly valued by remote participants.

Suggestions for future conference included breakout sessions, time for post-presentation discussions, workshops to formulate back-end solutions, and a first-timer event

Other 2017 – 2018 ANZREG activities includes hosting a series of webinars, covering topics

- Primo: Analysing zero search results to improve the user experience (also presented at IGeLU 2016)
- Reduce workflow wastes by leveraging Alma Mobile App (also presented at ELUNA 2017)
- Assets galore: Managing and preserving digital assets with Rosetta and Alma-D (also presented at ELUNA 2017)

- Setting up an Alma OAI publishing profile for Rapid
- IGeLU 2017 conference highlights

Recordings of past ANZREG Conference and webinars are available at the ANZREG website at <http://anzreg.org/meetings/index.php>

Looking forward to the IGeLU conference, Sue Harmer, as the Leganto Working Group Coordinator, and in partnership with Gal Darom from Ex Libris, led a very successful ANZREG community consultation to discuss the preferred development model for Leganto digitisation workflows. Gal will refer to this exercise and its findings in the IGeLU Ex Libris Leganto product report

Finally, the committee has also focused on some administrative issues this year, including:

- Increase committee membership from six to eight members, with elections held in April 2018 and new committee members appointed in May 2018
- Redeveloped the committee bylaws and wrote committee guidelines, which includes specific roles for all committee members:
  - ◆ Chair
  - ◆ Deputy Chair/Chair Elect
  - ◆ Program coordinator
  - ◆ Financial officer
  - ◆ Communications
  - ◆ Web manager
  - ◆ Product Development Advocate
  - ◆ Conference organiser
- Set up a process to contact every new Australian and New Zealand institution who buys Ex Libris software, inviting them to join the ANZREG and IGeLU user groups, including publicising the IGeLU first year free membership initiative.
- Legally incorporated ANZREG as a limited company
- We're currently working with Mark Dehmlow from the IGeLU committee, to migrate the ANZREG site to the IGeLU server, which we hope to finish by the end of 2018