Subject: Re: ELUNA debriefing and a reminder about travel reimbursements
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I'm not sure if my notes will be too helpful on the sessions I attended.
When I mentioned getting together I was more interested in throwing
ideas back and forth about what new things we could do or things we saw
that interested us. Let me try and give both.

Randoms Thoughts:

- Could we use a wiki for creating online training materials, perhaps
allowing users to comment or edit the entries with tips/tricks to help
eachother.

- Once we are using the metalib xserver, InsideND could benefit from
having a quicksearch in it somewhere.

- Can we create a one stop shop for users that don't use the library
website or are not interested in using it because of it's size. A small
page that pulls everything together. Much like
http://www.lib.umn.edu/undergrad/.

- Should we join Facebook or Myspace to reach users there. Already
played around with this; http://www.myspace.com/notredamelibraries.
Ideas welcome. Over 2,000 people on myspace identifying themselves as
current notre dame students.

- Quicksearch training sessions. We haven't done much to promote
quicksearch and explain it's pros and cons to users since we first
implemented. Should we come back to that?

- Redo the findtext menu. giver it a more plain, google like feel so it
is easier to navigate and understand.

- How does Google Scholar currently rank as a source in our statistics.
Is it already beating our other top sources?

- ACM Proceedings. I still think our way of managing the ieee
proceedings is better than the new way sfx is going to do it. Should we
take another look at ACM and try to work on that and stay one step ahead
of sfx?

- Catalog search statistics from the Z69 table (poster session). Are we
collecting catalog search stats, should we?

- There are too many quicksearch subjects. We need to downsize the list
especially for infrequent library users.

- Metalib results display. Should FindText button be in the first
column? One of the sessions mentioned users not seeing the sfx link in
metalib results. How can that be? Isn't it obvious to the eye? Maybe Not.

- Windows Academic Live. Should this be added to the Google Scholar
presentation?

- Windows Academic Live. They plan to work on an api. Google already has
one. How can we make use of it?

- Who are the programmers creating GS and Academic Live. How can
libraries create one as well? Google has a lot of computer power. Why
not use 1% of processing power of all computers connected to university
networks?

Okay, now for the stuff I can't remember very well. The actual sessions.

Shibboleth - Authentication and Single Sign On at USMAI
    I didn't get much out of this one. They covered pretty well how the process looks and works for the user but it was short on details of HOW they actually put this in production.

Beginner's SQL Reporting Workshop
    This had a lot of detail. Mandy requested the documentation available which included some rather long instructions and practice examples on how to get this working. The presenter covered all the steps from accessing the aleph tables, writing the sql script and making running the script from the aleph gui. There may be something here for the ISDA statistics group to investigate. Perhaps there are some reports that group could help with that we don't yet have?

SFX Product Feature
    SFX is finally going to handle the IEEE Proceedings but as I've already mentioned above not as well as us. SFX Changes will be incorporated into pivotal so requests for changes can be tracked. Related issns will be better identified when they are title changes. Many more non-issn objects will be added to fill in the gaps in aggregator coverage. Lexis Nexis has already been done. That's about all I can remember. I spent the rest of the session trying to decide if Nettie was wearing the same thing as last year.

Metalib Product Feature
    All I can think of for this one was clustering and how Karen said ExLibris couldn't say if clustering would be an added cost because they hadn't thought of a subscription model for that yet...Darn! It's going to be another add on.

Preparing Users for Federated Search
    Watch for these people in the future. You can't understand what they are saying. I think it was about metalib but I'm not sure. There focus groups included people in the library program and not the average user so I would question the value of their study...but who am I too say. They are likely to write a book about it.

SFX and Windows Live Academic Search
    This looks like a great product. Right now they are starting with computer science and engineering resources. They are targeting one publisher at a time (beginning with the publishers on the crossref list so the resulst have DOIs) and they know exactly which titles they index. It seems the quality of the content in this search service is going to be much better than google scholar. The presenter also offered to setup a listserv and add everyone that has already registered their openurl server so we can send feedback on the product, something we can't do with GS. He also said they do not plan to add advertisements to the academic tab for the Windows Live site. Overall I was surprised by how accepting the crowd was of having microsoft enter the market on this type of search after the grief caused by GS. It seems they want to have a better working relationship with libraries and with exlibris than does GS. The FindText links in Academic Live also work very well and are on every citation.

Pascal V. Calarco wrote:

> *That sounds fine. One of us can aggregate all of the Aleph*
> *comments/notes for whatever open forum we have. Phil, could I ask you*
> *to take responsibility for that? Thx!*
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> *I attended all of the Digitool sessions, the Shared System IG, and the*
> *Aleph and Digitool Product Working Groups, so I will take*
> *responsibility on writing those up.*
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> *If everyone who attended could write up a short summary paragraph for*

each of the sessions they attended, and send this out to all of the group, we may be able to do the planning for this virtually.

We ideally should also have one or two folks responsible for putting together information for each of the product areas. Here is a suggestion:

Aleph -- Phil & Kate
Digitool -- Pascal & Tom
Metalib -- Mark & Ben
SFX -- Ben & Mark
Verde -- Carole & Joe

Feel free to change this up as you see fit.

  - pascal

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