



A&I discovery focus group

Purpose

Encourage A&I database providers to collaborate with Ex Libris by submitting A&I metadata to Ex Libris for inclusion the Summon and Primo discovery indices. Help Ex Libris develop technological tools to overcome possible lack of A&I databases in specific domains.

Background

Despite continuous efforts of the library community and discovery vendors, including the work of the NISO ODI committee, the content available through discovery systems is still missing a number of A&I databases. In some disciplines, the lack of the A&I content is regarded as an incompleteness of the discovery solution, even though the full-text materials are available for discovery through alternative channels.

Understanding the importance of both discovery systems and A&I databases to the various players and scenarios in the academic ecosystem, the aim of the suggested focus group is to explore ways in which libraries can better serve their patrons through maximizing the value of these complementary approaches.

The work of the focus group should be aligned with the work done by the NISO ODI committee.

Focus Group Objectives

1. Analyze the real significance of missing A&I content to the discovery process, as opposed to the perceived impact, and publish recommendations addressing library and faculty perceptions.
2. Help extending the A&I content available through the Ex Libris Summon and Primo discovery systems through the following:
 - a. Find ways to collaborate with A&I providers and persuade them to enable their data



- i. Identify, quantify and maximize the benefits of discovery for A&I providers, and identify and eliminate the pain points
 - ii. Define tools that would possibly help A&I providers invest in such collaboration
 - b. Map areas in which the missing A&I content has a greater impact
3. Work on recommendations for best practices and complementing tools to overcome the lack of A&I in specific domains where A&I providers are unable to provide their A&I metadata for indexing in Primo and Summon. Focus on current and future functionality based on big data analysis, such as exploration tools and resource recommenders.

Composition

We expect the focus group to include 10-15 members. The group will be international in composition and will include representatives of Primo and Summon libraries.

Members of the focus group should have deep understanding of scholarly content.

Timeline

We anticipate a kickoff web conference in July/August, 2017. The group will then meet, via web conferencing, on approximately a monthly basis until August 2018. Face-to-face meetings will be scheduled to coincide with the IGeLU. In person meetings will be scheduled with attendees of the IGeLU meeting in September 2017 and the ELUNA meeting in May, 2018.

Deliverables

1. Recommendations addressing library and faculty perceptions regarding the contribution of A&I content to discovery systems, and the impact of the lack of such content in specific disciplines.
2. Map of areas in which the missing A&I content has a greater impact
3. A compelling case to persuade A&I providers to participate in discovery.



4. Definition of tools that would help A&I vendors benefit from the inclusion of their content in discovery systems
5. Recommendations for best practices and complementing tools to overcome the lack of A&I in specific domains.