

Authority Control Group Status Update - October 2016

Summary to date:

- Group began late November 2015
- [See group charge](#) including
 - Explore functionality
 - Working with Ex Libris to improve functionality
 - Develop workflows and support model
- First report in March 2016 - [Phase 1 pdf link](#)
- Second report in September 2016 - [Phase 1b pdf link](#)
- While the group hasn't worked with Ex Libris in a robust capacity yet, the group has filed a number of Salesforce cases related to authority control functionality

Move forward with COE work?

Why are we discussing this?

- Both the Alliance and Ex Libris are currently reviewing all [Center of Excellence work](#) to develop recommendations as to whether initiatives should continue, be discontinued, or look for other venues for that work (ex: one potential is a consortial SIG or other group with membership from outside the Alliance).

Background:

- The Authority Control was added to the COE list around December 2013 during the Cohort 2 migration, the NZ was implemented around this time
- Ex Libris has already moved forward in developing some functionality (ex: authority control task list)

Thoughts:

- So far, issues with authority control are not unique to the NZ (besides the NZ scope and size, ie not specifically consortial)
- Based on messages on Alma-L, other institutions are noting many of the same issues the group as identified
- Even if all issues fixed, we still use the WorldCat master records, so still not sure what we do with the authority control tools

Recommendations for next steps for Authority Control Group:

- Keep apprised of Ex Libris development and improvements related to authority control
- Continue to submit Salesforce cases for questions related to functionality
- Submit NERS enhancements when appropriate
- Consider involvement in efforts with other institutions or potential consortial SIG through ELUNA?
- Training? Are there people who could put together some guidance or training for doing authority work outside Alma? (survey for basic authority control training? Rate interest or point towards other resources already out there - LC, OCLC webinars, etc.)
- Discussion of Authority Control policy? (like the Bib record policies?)