

Sherif EBSCO Enhancement Group

21 November 2025

Meeting Theme: EBSCO User Interface

Meeting: 14:00-16:00 (BST)

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Minute-taker: Nadine Edwards

ATTENDEES

Kath Halfpenny (University of Liverpool), Allison Carroll (University of East Anglia), Peter Reid (Bath Spa University), Sarah Robins (Liverpool John Moore's University), Fiona Paterson (City St George's University), Geraldine O'Beirn (Queen's University Belfast), Helen Buchanan (Imperial College London), Nadine Edwards (University of Greenwich), Nicola King (Teeside University), Susan Craig (University of Sunderland).

EBSCO: Steve Giannoni, Betheny Pelletier, Emma Waecker, Chris Atkinson, Bonnie Leavitt and Heather White, Anthony DiZazzo.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Emma Hollinshead (Aston University)
Beverley Delaney (Open University)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Kath's last meeting as chair. Thanks to Kath for the work she has done as chair and thanks to Richard Crookes for working with Kath to promote the EBSCO sessions.

Cara Darroch replacing Bev Delaney from the (Open University). Thanks to Bev for her commitment to the group over the years. Welcome to Cara Darroch

Geraldine O'Beirn will start as Chair in January 2026

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

EBSCOhost classic UI originally extended until the end of 2025 but now will be extended until June 2026.

Nicola King from University of Teeside noted that they migrated from classic UI in summer 2025 with the librarians updating their support materials for the EBSCOhost health interface. They would have waited until next summer if they had known there would be an extension until mid-2026.

Bonnie Leavitt (EBSCO) 300 customers still on classic, especially in the NHS. Current functionality doesn't allow nursing and medical libraries to do full systematic reviews.

Susan Craig (Sunderland) migrating 9th December 2025. It appears their sandbox for testing was made live in error. Which created lots of problems, Sunderland would like a contact at EBSCO to assist with tidying up their profiles and restoring access to classic.

EBSCO UPDATES

Item 4

User Interface Updates for SHERIF / Heather White

Enhanced PICOT search.

There is a new field code for searching title and abstracts simultaneously. This has been a long-standing enhancement request. TI + AB Searching – Title and Abstract XB will change to Title or Abstract XB.

Each database will be rebuilt to reflect the change by early 2026 and will display the updated XB field code label.

Advanced Search page enhancements

The search boxes dynamically resize so you can always see the full length of the query.

You can add up to 12 search rows and then if you've added any extra you can delete them. You can remove them back down to the default of three.

APA Thesaurus subject browse. If you have an APA database then you will have the APA Thesaurus, the psychological index terms show up in this drop-down menu, and you can select that and then you can type into that search box there and we call this first page the subject browse page.

APA Deep Explode for narrow terms (NTs).

To explode terms automatically configure in EBSCO Experience Manager (EEM).

Advanced Search page

2 versions of the results page – Standard and Advanced.

Available now for EBSCOhost and coming to EDS in early 2026.

EBSCO recommend setting the default landing page to advanced. It displays three or more advanced search boxes, a feature requested by NHS and medical libraries.

There are improvements to the combined with and or combined with or. These are clear buttons as opposed to a small icon and the results have additional metadata.

The S numbers for search history displays all searches, so no need to click to show more searches. They will just all display including hit counts, databases, the actions menu and everything is synchronised under recent activity.

Bulk Actions Toolbar is now sticky.

Users will be able to designate multiple email recipients for search and journal alerts.

The custom date range added to the Quick Filter will allow you to enter a starting year, and then it will just be smart enough to assume that you mean from today date, and you can specify pre or post today's date.

Coming soon is the ability to edit and combine searches via the edit search button.

What's coming next?

Remove character limit for saved search queries Dec/Jan 2025-26.

EDS Advanced Search results page Jan/Feb.

Jan – Jul 2026 developments timeline subject to change.

Linked data enhancements / Bonnie Leavitt

Citation Discovery – ability to add a link resolver to the results to be added in the future.

References – EBSCO Scholarly Graph.

Retractions – released a couple of weeks ago.

Retractions indicator.

People Pages – unique author pages.

Links to their organisation, Orcid ID, cited by etc.

MOSAIC / Betheny Pelletier

Betheny gave a demo of Mosaic which is coming to the UK soon.

Mosaic provides up to date pricing, real-time pricing and availability, price locked in at time of order. It contains over 3 million titles for purchase.

Includes multi-language support – 900,000 non-English titles for sale. Supports diacritics easily

Additional accessibility information

Maximum fulfilment of ebooks is 1 hour but normally access is within minutes

Access to MARC record and access URL is also within minutes, received earlier than waiting for the invoice

Quick fulfilment for firm order ebooks

API ordering and EDI with ILS – Alma, WMS (OCLC) – SirsiDynix not mentioned though

Ebooks available in 170 languages

Translated UI in 18 languages

Multicurrency – supports invoicing in 17 currencies

Interoperability – Alma, Folio, WMS (OCLC)

Mosaic live in UK by July 2026

EBSCO have shared their Mosaic specification with all ILS suppliers including SirsiDynix Symphony

EBSCO can already work with all the library management systems for EDI Invoicing. Automated ordering is somewhat dependent on the capabilities of the library management systems to support full EDI.

Looking at roadmap for providing print books

<https://about.ebsco.com/products/mosaic>

<https://about.ebsco.com/roadmaps/book-ordering-platforms/released>

EBSCO eBooks User experience / Emma Waecker

Emma gave an overview of accessibility focused ebook updates. The aim was to comply with the European Accessibility Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act for in the US customers. Changes include:

- A new EPUB ebooks filter with reflowable text.
- Accessibility information by section for each title.
- An automated accessibility check.
- Text to speech audio reader which has been used over 150,000 since launch at the end of June 2025.

- New DRM solution for ebooks - LCP DRM a lightweight DRM reader, part of the Radium ecosystem for books. Thorium Reader
<https://www.edrlab.org/software/thorium-reader/>

A useful feature to point students to is the accessible content support form. Users can request an alternate format be delivered to them directly if they have accessibility needs, via the link in the ebook. They can choose between a couple of different formats and then that file will be emailed to them. It usually just takes a couple of days,

Finally, future suggestions for agenda topics include deficiencies in the supply chain, the affordability of etextbooks. Authentication, particularly users having to provide personal information to get access to resources, more DRM free options and the challenges of managing licensing documentation.

Business Searching Interface / Anthony DiZazzo

The new BSI interface has been well received. More training videos and product resources will be released into 2026.

Coming in May 2026 are new Company Pages and Industry Pages which replace Company Information.

EBSCO are looking for and will respond to enhancement requests for BSI.

