

Network Group Update

Actions required:

- Discussion and Agreement on updated Terms of Reference
- Agreement on network group sponsors on the EC

In 2020, the CENL Network Groups were launched for the first time. Their purpose is to enable knowledge exchange, network-building and professional support in relation to a chosen topic of interest. Three Network Groups started their work then: Artificial Intelligence in Libraries, Books and Audiences, and Copyright. Their three-year term ended on 31 December 2022.

Applications to set up network groups for the next term were open from 6 October to 1 December 2022. By the deadline, 5 applications had been received, covering the following topics:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) (application for second term)
2. Books and Audiences (BANG) (application for second term)
3. Climate Change
4. Copyright (application for second term)
5. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
6. Reading History and Reading Habits

At the EC Meeting on 23 January 2023, the EC agreed on 3 network groups for the term 2023 – 2025:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
2. Books and Audiences (BANG)
3. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

AI and BANG continue their work with the following line-up:

1. Artificial Intelligence Network Group

- *Chair: Jean-Philippe Moreux, Bibliothèque nationale de France*
- *Treasurer: Svein Arne Bryggfeld, National Library of Norway*
- *Secretary: Svein Arne Bryggfeld, National Library of Norway*

2. Books and Audiences Network Group

- *Chair: Vanessa Braekeveld, Royal Library of Belgium*
- *Treasurer: Ineta Vaivode, National Library of Latvia*
- *Secretary: Ineta Vaivode, National Library of Latvia*

3. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Network Group

EDI has elected the following persons and counts the below libraries among its members:

- *Chair: Elizabeth Kirwan, National Library of Ireland*
- *Treasurer: Lauren Turner, British Library*
- *Secretary: Lauren Turner, British Library*

Members:

- British Library
- National Library of Ireland
- National and University Library in Zagreb
- Bibliothèque nationale de France
- National and University Library “St Clement of Ohrid”
- National Library of Serbia
- Royal Library of the Netherlands

On 7 February 2023, the Secretariat thanked all applicants for their submissions and informed them whether their application had been successful or not.

Reports of the Network Groups

Books and Audiences Network Group

Webinar (for 2020 – 2022 term)

The Books and Audiences Network Group (BANG) hosted a webinar on "Book Exhibitions and Wellbeing - How can they relate?" on 14 February 2023.

The webinar was originally announced for Autumn 2022. After some of the speakers fell ill, the webinar was rescheduled in agreement with the CENL Secretariat and took place in February 2023.

The resulting videos can be found at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@booksandaudiencesnetworkgr7012/videos>

Terms of Reference for CENL Network Groups

The Terms of Reference of the CENL Network Groups have been updated. The revised version (**Paper 05a**) is available for discussion and approval.

Network Group Sponsors

Up to now, each Network Group has had a sponsor within the EC. The sponsor provides guidance and represents the interests of the group within the EC.

Last term Sara Lammens was the contact person for BANG and Hans Petschar has taken over this role for AI.

For the new term It needs to be decided whether Sara Lammens and Hans Petschar will continue as sponsors for both groups or whether new sponsors should be appointed. A sponsor is also needed for the new EDI network group.