

Membership Applications of Odesa National Scientific Library and National Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Ukraine

Actions required:

- EC is asked to discuss the possible membership of Ukrainian national libraries and to agree on how to proceed.

On 9 August 2023 the secretariat received an application for a free CENL membership of Odesa National Scientific Library (see att. 1). On 25 August 2023 a second application of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Ukraine (see att. 2) followed.

At present, the Foundation Conference of European National Librarians has 46 members in 45 European countries. The membership is open to the directors of national libraries of the Member States of the Council of Europe and in Vatican City, and acknowledged as such by the Board of Directors (Article 1 and 5 of the Statutes). The statutes also say in article 5 that the directors “are required to pay the foundation the contributions referred to in article 4” which means mainly the membership fees.

This means in principle that a director of any national library of one of the member states of the Council of Europe and in Vatican City can be a member of CENL. The Board of Directors has to agree on any new member.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, the Board of Directors has twice decided to waive the membership fee of the Director of the Vernadskij National Library of Ukraine because of her extraordinary situation.

The EC is asked to discuss if it would like to propose new members to the Board of Directors given the fact that this would mean to have three representatives of Ukraine and that these members ask for a waiver of their membership fees.

Von: [natasha.dyba](#)
An: [CENL](#)
Betreff: CENL membership
Datum: Mittwoch, 9. August 2023 10:40:47

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of Odesa National Scientific Library Director Iryna Biriukova.

Odesa National Scientific Library is one of the leading libraries in Ukraine, founded in 1829, a cultural and scientific-informational center at the national level, which promotes the development of librarianship, research, preservation, and popularization of rare books and manuscripts, conducts various international activities. The library has a universal collection of more than five million documents in different languages, including books and periodicals.

Aiming to strengthen and expand cultural connections between Ukraine and Europe, to establish partnerships with European libraries organizations, we were wondering if there is any way to get an honorary free CENL membership for our Library taking into consideration the situation in Ukraine which is far from getting better for the libraries. This membership could be considered a gesture of support from all of Europe for the people in Ukraine.

In case, this request is inappropriate please provide steps on how to do it on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

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"Do unto others as they would have you do unto them."

Von: [Ирина Бородай](#)
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Dear Colleagues!

The National Scientific Agricultural Library of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine would like to join the network of European National Librarians, as the program of our activities corresponds to the main direction and goals of CENL.

We will be grateful if you consider this issue and let us know about your decision.

You can find the cover letter in the attachment.

We also undertake to provide all documents required for membership.

Sincerely,
Prof. I. Borodai

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**To the Board of the directors and members
of the Conference of European National Librarians (CENL)
Secretariat**

We express our respect and appeal to you with a great request.

The National Scientific Agricultural Library of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine (NSAL NAAS) is one of the ten largest specialized libraries in the world and is a special institution of national importance that performs the functions of a scientific research and methodical center of the agricultural industry for the preservation, creation and use of information resources, as well as, legally approved by the branch depository. It is a performer of special fundamental and applied research works, which are being carried out by 9 doctors and 21 candidates of sciences.

The library has unique funds, represented by 1.1 million sectoral publications in 35 languages from 59 countries, including two collections of rare and valuable agricultural publications published in the 19th century and entered into the State Register of Scientific Objects, which constitute national property.

In the structure of the library, since 2001, the only Institute of the History of Agrarian Science, Education and Technology has been functioning in the post-Soviet space, which carries out and coordinates in Ukraine complex historical and scientific research on the origin, formation, and development of domestic agricultural research with a wide personalized content in the context evolution of world industry thought. The library works on the formation of the sectoral (agricultural) national bibliography through the creation of 13 biobibliographic series: "Academicians of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine"; "Bio-bibliography of agricultural scientists of Ukraine", "Agrarian science of Ukraine in persons, documents, bibliography", etc.

At the library, there is a post-graduate course, a doctoral course on the training of highly qualified specialists for the agricultural industry in the specialty 07.00.07 – History of Science and Technology. There is a Specialized Academic Council, on which 158 candidate and doctoral theses, as well as a doctor of philosophy, have been defended since the beginning of its work in 2001. Every year since 2002, the institution has held training courses for librarians of scientific agricultural libraries of the methodologically subordinate network, as well as related scientific institutions. More than 900 specialists have already raised their professional level.

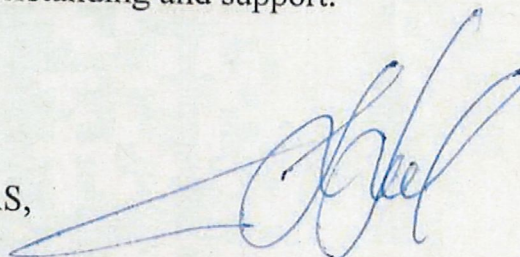
NSAL NAAS prepares and publishes scientific publications of national importance, in particular the only reference journal in Ukraine "Agro-Industrial

Complex of Ukraine", electronic scientific and professional collection "History of Science and Biography Study", "Bulletin NSAL NAAS", which contains recommendations for improving information and library services for specialists of the agrarian industry, official, scientific and methodical materials to help library specialists in the agrarian branch. The library closely cooperates with research institutions, library institutions, and embassies of many countries of the world accredited in Ukraine.

Given that the activities of CENL are focused on the exchange and promotion of specific offers of assistance to Ukrainian colleagues, as well as on the preservation of Ukrainian cultural heritage in physical and digital form, which is extremely important to us today, therefore we appeal to you with a great request to do us a great honor, accepting the National Scientific Agricultural Library of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine as a member of the world-renowned creative association – CENL. We, Ukrainians, are currently going through difficult times of trials and we need the friendly support of our colleagues. The long-term experience of your activities shows that European national libraries, which are the world's leading institutions of memory, play an extremely important role in the intellectual, educational, cultural, social and economic development of the continent, the countries and communities, they serve and are an effective means for development cultural and scientific understanding.

We count on your understanding and support.

Best regards
Director of the NSAL NAAS,
Academician of the NAAS



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