

## Network Group Update

### Actions required:

- Taking note of the reports of the three network groups
- The EC is asked to decide on the name change of the EDI network group

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, EDI is new. All groups have sent their reports for the EC meeting on time.

### 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*

#### *Report January-July 2023*

The group's online meetings have resumed, and work has begun on the 2023 action plan, including a series of three webinars in the spring. Each webinar will have attracted around 20 participants, mainly from Europe:

- #1, *Automatic Classification of Thesis*, National Library of Switzerland  
21 participants out of 33 registered
- #2, *Language identification in multilingual corpus with OCR errors*, National Library of Luxembourg  
21 participants out of 36 registered
- #3, *Image classification and retrieval with CLIP models*, National Library of France, National Library of Norway, University of Oxford  
15 participants out of 29 registered

Video recording of the webinars was uploaded on the CENL network group page at <https://www.cenl.org/networkgroups/ai-in-libraries-network-group/>. Presentations are also online.

The introduction of a remote technical collaboration program between members was unsuccessful, as most members proved to be too busy with their professional activities to commit themselves either as hosts or participants.

#### *Upcoming activity*

- Preparation of a joint event with ai4lam, at the 2023 ai4lam conference (Vancouver, CA), during the pre-conference day (November 14)
- Scheduling of a new series of 3 webinars (October-November)

## 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*

*Report March - August 2023*

*See Report attached to this paper.*

## 3. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Network Group

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

*Report March - August 2023*

- To date, we have had two committee meetings, 7 March and 13 June 2023, and we meet virtually, each quarter. Our next quarterly meeting is 19 September. We have expanded our Committee membership to eight people, to now include [J.Cromarty@nls.uk](mailto:J.Cromarty@nls.uk) and [lolasanaia123@gmail.com](mailto:lolasanaia123@gmail.com). Lola works at the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia, and Jackie works at the National Library of Scotland. We are awaiting replies from three others whom we contacted, who'd also expressed interest in joining, at the June CENL Director's meeting in Paris
- We plan to hold an onsite meeting with our Committee at the National Library of North Macedonia 24 and 25 October 2023. We are finalising the Agenda currently, and hope to have a flyer ready for circulation to CENL by early September. Again, if our CENL Sponsor could kindly make contact with us, we'd be very grateful to have their advice and input on the programme.
- We surveyed our Committee members in April/May as to the status of EDI in their Libraries. I attach a copy. We are re-running that now with our new members. The responses will help determine our programme of work for the next couple of years. Already the committee network has been actively pooling advice and experience around developing EDI policies in local National Libraries.
- We have been working on our group Terms of Reference, and this is ready for review and advice by/from our CENL sponsor. I attach our current draft. We would really like to link in with our Sponsor for their input on this document, and support. One thing we will be requesting from CENL Directors is a change of name to our title: Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. [...] And lastly, the CENL Groups Terms of Reference (PDF on longer on website), under Accountability, says: *Should a group member holding the position of Chair wish to transfer his role to another group member, this will have to be confirmed by the Executive Committee in writing.* Could we please have "his" changed to "their".

*Addition by Secretariat*

During the WLIC in Rotterdam, the Secretary met with the group's chair and introduced her also to Karin Grönvall, the sponsor of the group. The change to the Terms of reference has been made.

Does the EC agree in the group's proposal to change the name from "Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Network Group" into "Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Network Group"?