

CENL Annual General Meeting 2024

Actions required:

- Information of the EC on the status of the current planning for the AGM
- The EC is asked to discuss the possible themes for the AGM and to agree whether the conference should have one broad theme or several themes.

The Annual General Meeting will take place 16 – 18 June 2024 at the National Library of Poland in Warsaw.

The Secretary and the Deputy Director of the National Library of Poland had a short meeting in Rotterdam to discuss the first steps.

Before Corona, it was customary for the CENL Chair and the Secretary to visit the future host. It has not yet been decided whether it will be possible for them to travel to Warsaw in due time.

It was agreed with the host that a decent hotel would have to be found by the end of the year. Registration for the AGM should begin in January 2024.

The EC is asked to discuss the possible themes for the conference. Shall it be one topic like this year, e.g. Artificial Intelligence in National Libraries? It could also be Legal Deposit (with special emphasis on digital legal deposit) as the Chair proposed in Paris. The two topics could also be discussed together. Or have the EC members other ideas?

The Deputy Director of the National Library of Poland confirmed that they are fully prepared and very excited to host the AGM. She proposed three topics for discussion at the AGM for which they have already keynote speakers in mind:

- 1) How the increase of the average human lifespan affects national libraries?
- 2) National libraries as the nationwide networks coordinators
- 3) Building of the libraries’ platform in the post-war Ukraine (including a discussion on helping Ukraine).

Draft schedule:

31 December 2023	The hotel is fixed and pre-booked
January 2024	Registration opens
April 2024	AGM draft papers are presented at the EC meeting for review
	Invitation letter from the Director of the host institution sent to members who need an invitation letter for visa purposes
24 May 2024	Send papers and information to CENL members at least 3 weeks in advance. Proxy forms also sent.
16 – 18 Jun 2024	AGM in Warsaw