

## 38th Annual General Meeting, Edinburgh, 15 – 17 June 2025

Program outline for CENL AGM 2025

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### Artificial Intelligence meets Cultural Heritage: The Transformative Power of AI for and through National Libraries

When?	What?	Who?	Where?
<b>15 June 2025, Sunday</b>	<b>Cultural programme</b>		
12:30 – 14:30	Registration and lunch Tour of the NLS Preview of the exhibition	All delegates	National Library of Scotland
14:30 – 16:00	Walking tour though the city	All delegates	
16:00 – 18:30	Time at your disposal	All delegates	
19:00 – 21:00	Reception and dinner	All delegates	Edinburgh Castle
<b>Venue: <a href="#">Edinburgh Futures Institute</a></b>			
<b>16 June 2025, Monday</b>	<b>Session 1, Business meeting</b>		
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome from Chair and Host	<b>Frank Scholze</b> <b>Amina Shah, FRSE FRSA</b>	
9:10 – 9:15	Approval of the minutes of Warsaw AGM  VOTE	<b>Frank Scholze</b>	
9:15 – 9:20	Matters arising from minutes	<b>Frank Scholze</b>	
9:20 – 9:35	CENL annual report	<b>Frank Scholze</b>	
9:35 – 9:50	Treasurer's report including 2026 budget  VOTE	Treasurer: <b>Karin Grönvall</b>	
9:50 – 9:55	CENL Action Plan and Communications	Secretary: <b>Susanne Oehlschläger</b>	
9:55 – 10:00	Any other business	<b>Frank Scholze</b>	

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	Session 2: Conference		
10:00 – 10:45	Key Note: <b>Upholding Library Values in a Tech Industry World</b> Followed by conversation with Chair or EC member and by Q&A	<b>Prof. Melissa Terrass</b> <b>MBE FREng</b>	
10:45 – 11:45	<b>Speed Dating including Coffee</b>	All delegates	
11:45 – 12:00	Group photo	All delegates	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	All delegates	
13:00 – 13:45	Key Note: <b>AI in the National Library: Thinking Fast and Slow</b> Followed by conversation with Chair or EC member and by Q&A	<b>Prof. Paul Gooding</b>	
13:45 – 14:15	Coffee Break	All delegates	
14:15 – 16:45	<b>AI in action: Voices from National Libraries (Details see attachment)</b>  AI4GLAM  Estonia Netherlands France Armenia Norway Türkiye Ukraine Belgium Bulgaria Luxembourg Lithuania Serbia	<b>Ines Vodopivec</b>  CENL members/delegates on site and via Zoom	
16:45 – 17:00	Closing remarks day 1	<b>Frank Scholze</b>	
17:00-19:00 (or 18:00)	Time at your disposal	All delegates	
19:00-22:00 (or 18:00 – 21:00)	Gala Dinner	All delegates	National Library of Scotland Reading room

<b>17 June 2025, Tuesday</b>			
9:00 – 10:30	<b>AI Unleashed: Shaping the Future of (National) Libraries</b>  <b>Report of the AI in Libraries Network Group</b>  Break-out Groups, e.g.:  1. <b>Smart Collections:</b> AI for Discovery, Metadata & Search 2. <b>Beyond Automation:</b> AI & the Human Experience 3. <b>Trust the Machine?</b> Ethics, Bias & AI Governance 4. <b>Future Visions:</b> AI, Innovation & the Next-Gen Library	<b>Jean-Philippe Moreux</b>  All delegates, groups chaired by EC members, e.g. 1. <b>Tomas Foltyn</b> 2. <b>Sara Lammens</b> 3. <b>Karin Grönvall</b> 4. <b>Ivanka Stricevic</b>	
10:30 – 11:00	Results from Break-out Groups and conclusions	All delegates	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	All delegates	
11:30 – 12:15	<b>Burning the books, then and now: from Clay tablets to the world of AI</b>  Incl. Q&A	<b>Richard Ovenden OBE MA FRSA FSA FRHistS FRS</b>	
12:15 – 12:45	Update on the <b>Situation in Ukraine</b>  Incl. Q&A	<b>Lyubov A. Dubrovina</b>	Video message confirmed
12:45 – 13:00	Presentation by the 2026 host (National Library of Luxembourg)	<b>Claude D. Conter</b> Date: 14 - 16 June 2026	
13:00 – 13:15	Closing remarks, Farewell	<b>Frank Scholze</b>	
13:15	Lunch	All delegates	

Business meeting	Topic related
Socializing	Other

## Attachment:

### Responses to the call for contributions and allocation in the programme

13 (+1) responses; each with 9-10 min. presentation and 1.5 - 2.5 min. Q&A, 2nd presentation Belgium (Tan Lu) possibly as a contribution to a break-out group

Strategical/Ethical			
AI4GLAM	<b>Ines Vodopivec</b>	Potential for international AI cooperation in GLAM institutions	On site
Estonia	<b>Martin Öövel</b>	Ensuring linguistic and cultural diversity: AI – ally or enemy?	On site
Netherlands	<b>Wilma van Wezenbeck</b>	Responsible AI in the National Library's Strategy	On site
France	<b>Gilles Pécout</b>	AI in Libraries: An Ethical Approach	On site
Cooperation			
Armenia	<b>Dr Anna Chulyan</b>	NLA Partnership with private entities to leverage AI technologies	On site
Norway	<b>Trond Myklebust</b>	The National Library of Norway as a Provider of Large Language Models	On site
Türkiye	?	Leading Role of the NLT in the Age of AI / AI-Based Smart Library Project	
Ukraine	<b>Yurii Kovtaniuk</b>	How AI is being integrated into VNLU library services and research processes	Zoom
Use cases			
Belgium	<b>Hannes Lowagie</b>	AI-integration in Legal Deposit workflows	
Bulgaria	?	Collaborative AI - NLB and INSAIT	
Luxembourg	<b>Carlo Blum</b>	Autocat : Your AI Cataloging-Assistant	On site
Lithuania	<b>Renata Sadunišvili</b>	<i>User Experience and Personalization: LIBIS (title?)</i>	
Serbia	<b>Tamara Butigan Vučaj</b>	LibAlfy: Unlocking Serbian Written Heritage with AI	On site
Belgium	<b>Tan Lu</b>	Recognizing Front Pages of Digitized Newspapers: Using Deep Learning and XAI	contribution to a break-out group?