

# CENL

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# CENL AGM 2025

15 - 17 JUNE 2025

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# CULTURAL PROGRAMME

**SUNDAY**  
**15 June**

**12.30 - 14.30**

**REGISTRATION AND LUNCH**  
**PREVIEW OF THE EXHIBITION AT NLS**



**National Library of Scotland**



**14.30 - 16.00**

**WALKING TOUR THROUGH THE CITY**

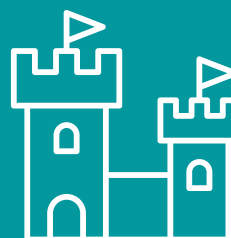


**16.00 - 18.30**

**TIME AT YOUR DISPOSAL**

**19.00 - 21.00**

**RECEPTION**  
**Edinburgh Castle**





# AGM PROGRAMME

## AGM Session 1 - 09.00 - 10.00 Business Meeting

**Location: Edinburgh Futures Institute**

08.50 - 09.00 **Words of welcome from Edinburgh Futures Institute**  
with Caroline Parkinson

09.00 - 09.10 **Words of welcome from Chair & Host**  
with Frank Scholze & Amina Shah FRSE FRSA

09.10 - 09.15 **Approval of the minutes of the 38th CENL AGM 2024**  
with Frank Scholze  
**VOTE**



09.15 - 09.20 **Matters arising from Minutes**

09.20 - 09.35 **CENL Annual Report**  
with Frank Scholze

09.35 - 09.50 **Treasurer's Report including:**  
- Finance Report for 2024/2025  
- CENL Budget 2026  
with Karin Grönvall  
**VOTE**



09.50 - 09.55 **CENL Action Plan and Communications**  
with Susanne Oehlschläger

09.55 - 10.00 **Any other business**

AGM Session 2 - 10.00 - 10.45  
Artificial Intelligence meets Cultural Heritage

10.00 - 10.45 Key note:  
**Upholding Library Values in a Tech Industry World**  
**Prof. Melissa Terras, MBE FREng**

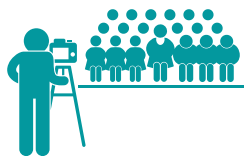
Followed by conversation and by Q & A



10.45 - 11.45 **Speed Dating including Coffee**



11.45 - 12.00 **Group photo**



12.00 - 13.00 **Lunch break**



13.00 - 13.45 Key note:  
**AI in the National Library: Thinking Fast and Slow**  
**Prof. Paul Gooding**

Followed by conversation and by Q & A

13.45 - 14.15 **Coffee Break**



**14.15 - 16.45 AI in Action: Voices from National Libraries**

- AI4GLAM
- Estonia
- Netherlands
- France
- Armenia
- Norway
- Türkiye
- Ukraine
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Luxembourg
- Lithuania
- Serbia

**16.45 - 17.00 Closing remarks**  
with Frank Scholze

**17.00 - 18.30 Break**

**Break!**

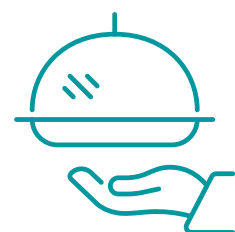
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**18.30 - 19.00 Drinks reception**

**19.00 - 22.00 Gala Dinner**  
**followed by traditional Scottish ceilidh dancing**

Location: **National Library of Scotland**

Dress code: Smart Casual





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**AGM Session 3 - 09.00 – 14.00**

**Location: Edinburgh Futures Institute**

**09.00 - 10.30 AI Unleashed: Shaping the Future of (National) Libraries**

**Report of the AI in Libraries Network Group**

Jean-Philippe Moreux

**Belgium:** Tan Lu: Recognizing Front Pages of Digitized Newspapers

**Finland:** Mona Lehtinen: AI at the National Library of Finland, e.g. Annif

**Slovenia:** Jana Kolar: Reviving the past with AI

**Discussion in break-out groups**

10.30 - 11:00 Results from break-out groups and

11.00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 12:15 **Burning the Books, then and now: from Clay tablets to the world of AI**

**Richard Ovenden, OBE MA FRSA FSA FRHistS FRS**

Followed by conversation and by Q & A

12.15 - 12.45 **Update on the situation in Ukraine**

Lyubov A. Dubrovina, Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine

Followed by conversation and by Q & A

12.45-13.00 **Presentation by the 2026 host**

Claude Conter, National Library of Luxembourg

13.00-13.15 **Closing remarks, Farewell**  
with Frank Scholze

13.15-14.00 **Lunch**



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