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CENL AGM 2025

15 - 17 JUNE 2025

National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh

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CULTURAL PROGRAMME

12.30 - 14.30

REGISTRATION AND LUNCH
TOUR OF THE NLS
PREVIEW OF THE EXHIBITION

National Library of Scotland

14.30 - 16.00

WALKING TOUR THOUGH 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**

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 Terrass, 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**

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

17.00 - 18.30   **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

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

Discussion in break-out groups, e.g.:
1. **Smart Collections:** AI for Discovery, Metadata & Search
2. **Beyond Automation:** AI & the Human Experience
3. **Trust the Machine?** Ethics, Bias & AI Governance
4. **Future Visions:** AI, Innovation & the Next-Gen Library

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
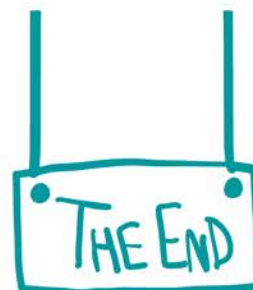
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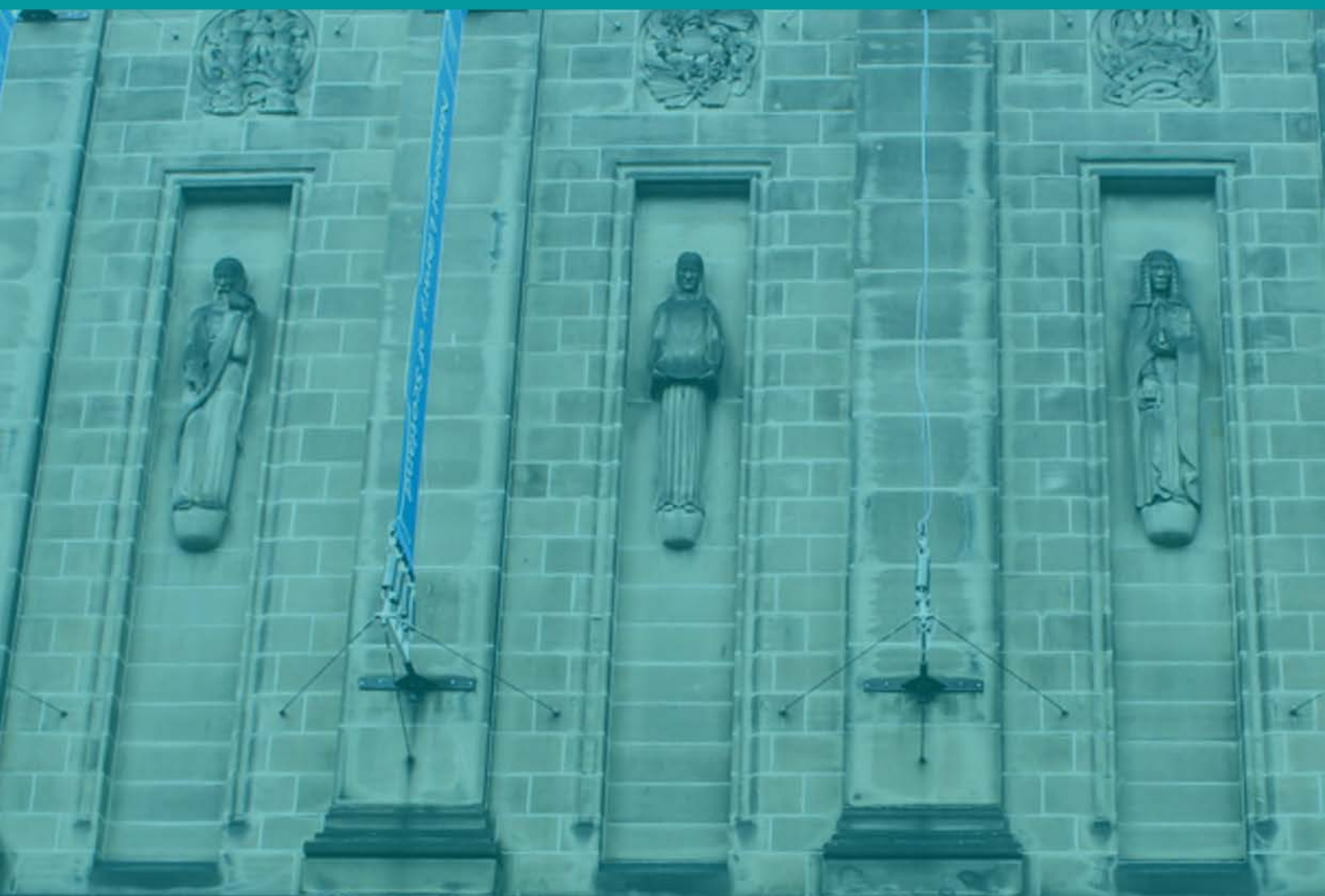12.45-13.00   **Presentation by the 2026 host**
Claude Conter, National Library of Luxembourg

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

13.15-14.00   **Lunch**

THE END

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