

Dear CENL members,

as we approach the end of 2024, I am delighted to share details about our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held in Edinburgh from **15 to 17 June 2025**, with a cultural programme on Sunday 15 June 2025.

Our host will be our colleague Amina Shah and the National Library of Scotland (NLS). This year's meeting promises to be particularly special, as the NLS celebrates its **100th anniversary**. We will have the opportunity to reflect on a century of achievements while looking ahead to the future. Fittingly, the planned theme for the AGM is both contemporary and forward-looking: **The Transformative Power of Artificial Intelligence for and through National Libraries**. This topic offers a wealth of perspectives and is highly relevant to our shared mission as national libraries. We look forward to thought-provoking discussions on how AI is shaping our institutions and how we, in turn, can leverage AI to better serve our communities.

Our AGM will not only give us the opportunity to meet and discuss our work but also to experience the rich cultural and natural heritage of this remarkable destination. However, please be aware that accommodation in Edinburgh can be costly. For this reason, NLS colleagues have compiled information on a number of hotels within walking distance of the venue. The list can be found [here](#) in the Members area of the CENL website. We strongly recommend booking your accommodation as early as possible to secure reasonable rates.

We can also announce that the registration for our AGM 2025 is open now. Please go to <https://forms.gle/EEHykpJwusdT8rX9> and register at your earliest convenience.

We will provide more details about the agenda and travel recommendations in due time. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out for further updates.

Should you have any immediate questions or require assistance, do not hesitate to contact the secretariat at cenl@dnb.de.

We look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh for what promises to be an engaging and inspiring AGM.

For now, my best wishes for the holidays and a very Happy New year!

With warm regards,



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CENL Chair on behalf of the CENL Executive Committee

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