

Dear CENL Members,

After a prolonged period of monitoring the Covid-19 situation in Europe closely, and with the occurrence of new rises in cases and numbers in many countries, the CENL Executive Committee have taken the difficult decision to cancel the physical CENL Annual General Meeting in October in Brussels. When we postponed the conference to October earlier in the year we had hoped that the worst of this pandemic would be behind us, and that all European countries would return to a sense of normality. However, this is far from being the case, and under these difficult circumstances it is the most sensible and safe way to proceed. I would like to thank Sara Lammens and her team at the National Library of Belgium for all the hard work and dedication they have shown over the past year in preparing a fantastic 3-day programme for us in Brussels, it is very much appreciated and we hope that we can all meet there at a later date in the future, when it is safe to do so.

As a community we are strongest when we come together, and we do need and want to come together this year to discuss important business matters as well as talk about the many experiences we are all so eager to share. We will therefore run a 2020 CENL online conference on **Monday, 19th October 2020, from 09.00 GMT to 15.00 GMT** and would like to warmly invite you to take part. Please [register here](#) and full joining instructions will be sent to you in advance of the meeting. Please note that as a CENL member we will require your participation to undertake voting on a number of business matters, and should you not be able to join us online we would need to know in order to facilitate an alternative way of voting.

I look forward to meeting many of you virtually in October, and sincerely hope that you all stay safe in the meantime.

With warmest regards,

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CENL Chair on behalf of the CENL Executive Committee