

Dear CENL Members,

We hope this message finds you and your families and staff very well.

This message is to inform you that the CENL Executive Committee met last week to discuss the 2021 AGM, and at the meeting it was decided to hold a **physical conference** at the National Library of Belgium in Brussels. The dates have remained the same as previously announced: Sunday 28 November for the Cultural Programme, Monday 29 – Tuesday 30 November for the Annual General Meeting.

The committee discussed security and travel in detail and concluded that, based on current restrictions, all CENL members should be permitted to enter Belgium in case they have been vaccinated or tested (unless they are travelling from a very high-risk region). Please see the attached FAQs for more information. Sara Lammens, the Director of the National Library of Belgium, and her team are looking forward to welcoming CENL directors into their buildings and are confident that they can deliver a safe conference for all. There will be no plans to hold a hybrid conference in parallel. As ever, should travel and other factors in relation to the pandemic change towards the end of November, these arrangements may have to change at short notice.

Some members may not have factored a physical meeting into their plans this year, so CENL will be offering a larger number of CENL members financial assistance to attend the meeting in Brussels. Separate emails will be sent to all CENL members who qualify for this assistance. If you haven't heard from the CENL Secretariat by the end of this week and wish to discuss travel support with us then please do get in touch by contacting [cenl@bl.uk](mailto:cenl@bl.uk).

Please can you fill in [this registration form](#) no later than **15 October**, telling us whether you are planning to attend or whether you will not attend in person. It is important that all CENL members complete this registration, so that the CENL Secretariat can fully plan the conference and support its members.

The CENL Secretariat and the team at the National Library of Belgium will be on hand to assist all members with their arrangements, including advice on testing and paperwork. The usual information about hotels will be sent to you in the coming days.

We hope that this came as positive news for you, and that you will be able to join us in Brussels at the end of November. Should in the meantime you have any concerns you would like to discuss with us, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes,

Marcie Hopkins  
CENL Secretary

## CENL - Annual General Meeting 2021



**28 - 30 November 2021**

In person at the  
Royal Library of Belgium, Brussels

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