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## EIFL 2019 General Assembly Speakers' Bios

### Dr. Chingiz Shamshiev

#### **Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer at American University of Central Asia**



Dr. Chingiz Shamshiev is Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer at American University of Central Asia, where he manages university operations, relations with the state and municipal organizations; research activities, and fundraising. He holds a degree of Docteur en Sciences Économiques and a master degree in Business and Administration from University of Grenoble.

Dr. Shamshiev has published numerous articles and working papers, worked in international research projects, and spoke at academic and scientific workshops, conferences and round tables.

### Arnold Hirshon

#### **Associate Provost and University Librarian, Case Western Reserve University, USA, Chair, EIFL Management**



Arnold Hirshon has been the Associate Provost and University Librarian at Case Western Reserve University since 2010. During his tenure he has undertaken a large renovation of the library, including greatly expanding the digital scholarship center, and built an organizational culture of experimentation, design thinking, and assessment. Previously he was Chief Strategist and Executive Consultant for LYRASIS, and for ten years he was Executive Director of NELINET, a library consortium that provided consulting, digital services, and open source software support services.

Prior to NELINET, Arnold served as Vice Provost for Information Resources (Chief Information Officer) at Lehigh University, where he was responsible for university computing and libraries. Previously, he was University Librarian at Wright State University, Associate Director of Libraries at Virginia Commonwealth University, and in library administrative posts at Duke University and Wayne State University.

A highly experienced international consultant on issues of organizational, strategic and business planning, facility redesign, operations management and assessment, and technology integration. Arnold has been a consultant for EIFL since 2000 and joined EIFL Management Board in 2012. Arnold has an extensive scholarly record that includes many

monographs, including the LYRASIS Library Strategic Planning Toolkit (co-author: Stephen Spohn), and is the author of numerous articles about strategic management, technology and library leadership, information service integration, assessment and optimization of operations, and non-profit management.

## Dr. Jyldyz Bekbalaeva

### Director of the Library at American University of Central Asia



Jyldyz Bekbalaeva is Director of the Library at American University of Central Asia, where she manages library services and resources. Prior to joining the University in 2015, Jyldyz worked as the Information Specialist at the U.S. Embassy in Bishkek, where she managed countrywide library assistance programs. Jyldyz is actively involved with the activities of the Library and Information Consortium of Kyrgyzstan. She holds an MSLIS from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. in Linguistics from Kyrgyz National University. Jyldyz served as a Fulbright Scholar at Georgetown University in 2017-2018. Since 2018 she serves on EIFL Management Board.

## Rima Kupryte

### EIFL Director



Rima Kupryte is the Director of EIFL. Rima oversees the implementation of EIFL's overall organisational strategy and operations. Rima has been managing EIFL since its inception. Under Rima's leadership, EIFL has grown into a thriving international organisation working in more than 60 developing and transition economy countries.

Rima's deep knowledge of library infrastructure and international development has led to the strategic expansion of EIFL's key programmes which help people to access and use information for education, learning, research and sustainable community development. Rima joined EIFL from the Open Society Institute - Budapest (currently known as the Open Society Foundations), where she managed the Network Library Programme, supporting library development in approximately 35 countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Africa.

In 2008, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) awarded Rima the IFLA Medal, one of the highest professional accolades, for her contributions to international librarianship.

## Iryna Kuchma

### EIFL Open Access Programme Manager

Iryna Kuchma is the Open Access Programme Manager for EIFL (EIFL-OA). Her responsibilities include the development, delivery and evaluation of a range of open access related activities. Achievements of EIFL-OA since Iryna joined in 2008 include establishment of more than 1,100 open access repositories and more than 4,000 open access journals in



EIFL partner countries, opening up a wealth of new knowledge and research to the world. The programme also supported development of 149 open access policies in EIFL partner countries.

Before joining EIFL, Iryna worked as an Information Programme Manager at the International Renaissance Foundation (part of Soros Foundations network) in Ukraine and also coordinated the Arts and Culture Programme there. In 2013, Iryna received the Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) for Development Annual Award, in recognition of her 'efforts in the furtherance of open access to scholarly publications in the developing and emerging countries'. Iryna is a member of Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) Advisory Board, DSpace Community Advisory Team (DCAT) and the NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations) Board of Directors.

## Teresa Hackett

### EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager



Teresa Hackett is the EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme (EIFL-IP) Manager. Since the launch of EIFL-IP in 2005, Teresa has successfully overseen the development and delivery of a unique, specialist service for libraries in developing and transition countries.

Prior to joining EIFL, Teresa held a number of policy, advocacy and technical positions. From 2000-2003, she was Director of the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA); before that she provided support to the European Commission library research programme, and was part of the team that established electronic information centres at the British Council in Germany. In 2015, Teresa was awarded a Flash Grant as an agent of social change by the Shuttleworth Foundation for her work on copyright. In 2018, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) awarded Teresa the IFLA Medal in recognition of her distinguished contribution to IFLA and international librarianship, particularly in the field of copyright and for her commitment to enabling equal access to information.

## Romy Beard

### EIFL Licensing Programme Manager



Romy Beard is the Manager of the EIFL Licensing Programme. Romy negotiates with publishers to secure affordable access to commercial e-resources and technology products, as well as waived and reduced article processing charges for open access

publishing on behalf of EIFL partner countries. She also works with library consortia to encourage subscriptions and usage.

Romy joined EIFL in 2014, bringing experience in academic online publishing that spanned nine years. From 2005, Romy worked with Oxford University Press as a Sales Representative in their Online Products department, liaising with libraries and library consortia across Europe. Romy moved to ebrary in 2008 as Regional Sales Manager for Europe where she worked with resellers and consortia, including EIFL. From 2011 - 2014, Romy worked in the ebrary business unit at ProQuest as Publisher Relations Manager, signing agreements for e-book distribution with new publishing partners and advising existing publishers on their digital strategy and the different business models on offer to libraries. She is a member of UKSG and is on the UKSG Outreach & Engagement Committee.

## Ramune Petuchovaite

### EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme Manager



Ramune Petuchovaite is the EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) Manager for EIFL. Her responsibilities include the development, delivery and evaluation of a range of activities that support piloting of innovative public library services that contribute to community development. In addition, Ramune has contributed to development of a framework for public librarians' capacity building, and manages a EIFL's capacity building initiatives for public librarians in Africa.

Before she joined EIFL in 2012, Ramune served as Chief Specialist at the Division of Information Society Development of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania, where she was responsible for coordinating implementation of the state-funded library renovation and modernization programme. During her term at the Ministry, Ramune worked on a US\$36 million national 'Libraries for Innovation' project, co-funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which improved public access to computer and internet services in over 1,300 public libraries. Ramune has also lectured library and information students on library management, project management and other subjects at the Faculty of Communication, Vilnius University.

## Julia Barrett

### Head of Research Services, Library, University College Dublin (UCD)



Julia Barrett has worked in a range of roles across library services in Ireland.

In 2012 Julia was appointed to the position of Research Services Manager, of University College Dublin's Library's Research Services Unit and Head of Research Services in 2016. The Research Services Unit is responsible for developing and delivering specialist and innovative services to researchers - including the development of geospatial and mapping services; open science services (including Research Repository

UCD; research data management and scholarly communications); and the UCD Digital Library – which comprises digitised cultural heritage collections.

## Chris Morrison

### Copyright, Software Licensing and IS Policy Manager at the University of Kent.



Chris Morrison is the Copyright, Software Licensing and IS Policy Manager at the University of Kent, responsible for copyright policy, licences, training and advice. He was previously the Copyright Assurance Manager at the British Library and before that worked for music collecting society PRS for Music. He is a member of the Universities UK Copyright Negotiation and Advisory Committee on whose behalf he also attends the Copyright Education Awareness Group (CEAG). He is co-author of the second edition of *Copyright and E-Learning: a guide for practitioners* which was published in July 2016, and is also the originator of *Copyright the Card Game*. Chris recently completed a masters in copyright law at King's College London and his dissertation explored the understanding and interpretation of Section 32 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 'Illustration for Instruction' by UK universities.

Chris tweet as @UKCopyrightLit and maintain the Copyright Literacy website:  
<https://copyrightliteracy.org>.

## Dr Jane Secker

### Senior Lecturer in Educational Development at City, University of London.



Dr Jane Secker is Senior Lecturer in Educational Development at City, University of London which she teaches on the MA in Academic Practice. She was Copyright and Digital Literacy Advisor at London School of Economics and Political Science for over 15 years where she advised staff about copyright issues and the online environment. She is Chair of the CILIP Information Literacy Group and a member of the Universities UK Copyright Negotiation and Advisory Committee which negotiates with the Copyright Licensing Agency on the higher education licence. She is also a member of the Copyright Advisory Panel which is a governance group of the UK's Intellectual Property Office. She is co-author of *Copyright and E-learning: a guide for practitioners* published by Facet in 2016. Jane is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. She has a PhD from the Aberystwyth University and has worked on numerous research projects funded by the British Library, JISC and the University of London.

Jane tweet as @UKCopyrightLit and maintain the Copyright Literacy website:  
<https://copyrightliteracy.org>.

**Partner Development, the Open Access 2020 Initiative, Max Planck Digital Library**



Colleen leads outreach and engagement in the Open Access 2020 Initiative, coordinated by the Max Planck Digital Library on behalf of research and academic organizations worldwide. Passionate about the exciting changes underway in scholarly communication, she leads activities that help stakeholders implement strategies to shift their investments away from paywalls toward a fair and sustainable open access publishing paradigm. Previously European Director for Strategic Partnerships at JSTOR and the digital preservation service, Portico, she has over 20 years' experience across all areas of the academic information sector. She is a frequent speaker at international conferences, serves as an elected member of the UKSG Main Committee, and is part of the LIBER Open Access Working Group. Colleen has a background in the humanities and lives near Florence, Italy.