



EIFL General Assembly 2025
Yerevan, Armenia

30 September - 2 October 2025
National Library of Armenia

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MONDAY September 29

PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE AT Ani Plaza Hotel

19:00	DINNER Ani Plaza Hotel Restaurant: Ani Address: 19 Sayat-Nova Ave https://anihotel.com/
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Day 1 – TUESDAY, 30 September

MEET IN THE LOBBY OF ANI PLAZA HOTEL AT 9:00 TO WALK TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ARMENIA
(about 20 minutes walk)

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
9:30-9:45	Welcome - Anna Chulyan, Director, National Library of Armenia; President, Digital Library Association of Armenia - Emilija Banionytė, Chair, EIFL Management Board	Tamanyan Hall 1st floor
9:45-11:00	EIFL Rima Kupryte, Director, EIFL EIFL programme updates EIFL Open Access (EIFL-OA) Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA Programme Manager EIFL Copyright and Libraries (EIFL-IP) Teresa Hackett, EIFL-IP Programme Manager EIFL Negotiations and Licensing (EIFL-Licensing)	

	Britt-Marie Wideberg, EIFL Licensing Programme Manager ● Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) Ramune Petuchovaite, EIFL-PLIP Manager	
11:00 - 11:30	NETWORKING BREAK	Foyer, 2nd floor
11:30- 12:15	Open access and open science in Armenia This session will present open access journals, repositories and open science policies in Armenia. Speakers include: ● Rafayel Hrayr Barkhudaryan, Vice-Rector for Scientific Affairs, Yerevan State University ● Anna Chulyan, Director, National Library of Armenia	Tamanyan Hall 1st floor
12:15 - 13:30	GROUP PHOTO BEFORE LUNCH LUNCH	Foyer, 2nd floor
13:30 - 14:30	Open science and research assessment reform in practice This session will provide examples of two successful implementations of open science and research assessment reforms in France and the Netherlands. It will feature Sorbonne University that discontinued institutional subscriptions to both the Web of Science and Clarivate's bibliometric tools, choosing instead to redirect its efforts towards open, free and participative tools, in particular OpenAlex, and its work on open science infrastructures. The session will also feature incentives at Utrecht University to promote open science, highlighting how recognitions and rewards have been integrated into the institutional open science programme, how the TRIPLE model for assessment criteria has been embedded in human resource management, why the Journal Impact Factor has been abandoned in hiring and promotion decisions, and why and how Utrecht University has decided to move away from university rankings. Speakers include: ● Anne-Catherine Fritzinger, Deputy General Director for Public Engagement and Knowledge Dissemination, Senior Advisor for Open Science – President's Office, Sorbonne University, France ● Jeroen Bosman, Open Science Advisor and Faculty Liaison, Utrecht University Library, The Netherlands. ● Sharing of experiences from EIFL partner countries	Tamanyan Hall 1st floor
14:30 – 14:40	Introduction to Speed-dating (participants from EIFL countries ONLY)	
14:40 – 15:00	NETWORKING BREAK Get coffee and find tables	Foyer, 2nd floor

15:00 – 16:30	Coffee will be available during the Speed-dating Speed-dating I	Presidential Hall, 2nd floor
19.00. Dinner It will take 2 minutes to get from the hotel	DINNER: Ararat Tavern Address: 15 Sayat-Nova str. Yerevan https://www.facebook.com/pandokararat	

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 1 October

MEET IN THE LOBBY OF ANI PLAZA HOTEL AT 9:00 TO WALK TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ARMENIA

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
9:30-11:30	Knowledge Sharing. Consortia (participants from EIFL countries ONLY) This session will allow each country consortium to showcase achievements since the last GA. It also provides an opportunity to share lessons learnt or to seek advice on any challenges your consortium may be facing.	
	Group 1. Armenia, China, Fiji, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Nepal, Palestine, Uzbekistan	Conference Hall, 2nd floor
	Group 2. Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Small Hall, 1st floor
	Group 3. Albania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia, Ukraine	Art Hall, 3rd floor
11:30-12:00	NETWORKING BREAK	Foyer, 2nd floor
12:00-12:30	Rights retention and secondary publication rights: two sides of the same coin This session will present new EIFL resources on rights retention and secondary publication rights (SPR), powerful tools to boost the achievement of open access to research. It will present EIFL's new model provision on SPR in copyright law, and it will feature an example from Slovenia that recently adopted SPR in national law. Speakers: Teresa Hackett, EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager	Tamanyan Hall 1st floor
12:30 - 13:00	Diamond open access publishing - how to showcase value and sustainability, and which tools and resources are available	

	This session will present lessons learnt and success stories from Nepal, Serbia and Tanzania. Panelists will share national and institutional approaches to showcasing quality and providing support for Diamond open access publishing: • Milica Ševkušić, EIFL Open Access Programme, Project Coordinator • Tatjana Timotijevic, Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition (KoBSON) and National Library of Serbia • Sagar Raj Subedi, Tribhuvan University Central Library, Nepal • Paul Samwel Muneja, University of Dar es Salaam Library, Tanzania	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	Foyer, 2nd floor
14:00 - 14:40	Ensuring interoperability by using affordable Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) This session will discuss strategies for implementing PIDs at consortia and institutional levels (DOI, ORCID and ROR). The panelists include: • Iryna Kuchma, EIFL Open Access Programme Manager • Girma Aweke Denkeyehu, Consortium of Ethiopian Academic and Research Libraries (CEARL) and Addis Ababa University Libraries • Nyarai Patience Chibanda, Zimbabwe University Libraries Consortium (ZULC) • Arnold Mwanzu Mmbwanga, Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium (KLISC) • Milica Ševkušić, EIFL Open Access Programme, Project Coordinator	Tamanyan Hall 1st floor
14:40 - 15:25	UNCONFERENCE On topics of interest identified during the General Assembly	
15:25 – 15:40	NETWORKING BREAK Get coffee and find tables	Foyer, 2nd floor
15:40 – 16:30	Coffee will be available during the Speed-dating. Speed-dating II	Presidential Hall 2nd floor
16:30 - 17:20	Guided tour of the Museum of Printing (National Library of Armenia)	
	FREE EVENING	

Day 3 – THURSDAY, 2 October

MEET IN THE LOBBY OF ANI PLAZA HOTEL AT 9:00 TO WALK TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ARMENIA

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
9:30 – 10:30	Knowledge Sharing. Demonstrating Consortial Value (participants from EIFL countries ONLY) This session will provide an opportunity to discuss how to demonstrate and communicate the value of the consortium and its services to members, including successes and challenges. Moderator: Emilija Banionyte, Chair, EIFL Management Board	Tamanyan Hall 1st floor
10:30 – 11:00	NETWORKING BREAK	Foyer, 2nd floor
11:00 – 12:00	Knowledge Sharing. Licensing e-resources and research support tools (participants from EIFL countries ONLY) This session will provide an opportunity to discuss consortia negotiations with publishers and vendors. Moderators: Britt-Marie Wideberg and Milica Ševkušić, EIFL	Tamanyan Hall 1st floor
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH	Foyer, 2nd floor
Meet in the Lobby of the Hotel at 14.00. The buses depart at 14:15	Cultural Programme Experience Armenia's rich history through visits to the Monastery of Geghard (13th-14th century AD) with its remarkable rock-cut churches and tombs, and the Garni Temple (1st century AD), the only pagan temple in Armenia.	
Dinner starts at 18:00 Buses will be back at Hotel at 21:30	DINNER at a restaurant in Garni	

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