

Candidacy for the IGeLU Steering Committee 2026

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Over the past 15 years within the network coordination team at the **National Library of Luxembourg (BnL)**, I have built extensive hands-on experience in cataloging standards, library system administration, and library network-wide support. Beginning as a librarian focused on maintaining data quality for the national union catalog, I rapidly translated my deep knowledge of cataloging rules and library management systems to a library network trainer and acted as a bridge between the library team and the IT team of the national library.

In this role, I have guided the 93 libraires of the national library network **bibnet.lu** (specialized libraries, public libraries, school libraires and the university library of Luxembourg) through complex workflows, authored comprehensive technical documentation, and provided operational support.

My long-standing experience of bridging technical infrastructure and practical library operations has established me as an information specialist across the entire network of Luxembourgish libraries.

Since 2018, I have served as Head of the Metadata Department at the National Library of Luxembourg (BnL), directing cataloging strategy and metadata operations for the nationwide **bibnet.lu** network. These experiences allowed to build a strong network of relations with European partner libraries.

Key competences accomplishments include:

- **National RDA Implementation:** successful network-wide transition to *Resource Description and Access* (RDA) standards, establishing modernized cataloging frameworks across all participating libraries.
- **Network-Wide System Migration:** Played a key role in driving the large-scale migration from Aleph to Ex Libris Alma for the entire 93-member consortium, managing institutional alignment, system configuration, training and operational continuity.
- **Digital Access & Asset Modeling:** Modeled and implemented structured access frameworks for digital objects directly within the library catalog, enabling seamless discovery and retrieval of digitized heritage collections.

Since 2014, I have brought community-building experience to Luxembourg's national "Library Network Conference" as a core member of the organizing team. My

engagement with the international Ex Libris community began at my first IGeLU conference in 2017, where I was deeply inspired by the collaborative spirit and mutual support. Drawing on over a decade of experience and a strong dedication to international cooperation, I am eager to contribute my expertise to supporting future IGeLU conferences.