

## SPECIAL EVENTS OF 2025

In June 2025 directors of national libraries from around the world elected Tomasz Makowski, Director-General of the National Library of Poland, Chair of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) – the first time a Pole has been appointed to the position.

The role of the CDNL, an independent association with over 100 members, is to facilitate cooperation, exchange and discussion of topics relevant to national libraries.

The CDNL Chair for 2023–2025 was Marie-Louise Ayres, Director of the National Library of Australia, and the Vice Chairs were Leslie Weir (Director of the National Library and Archives of Canada, President-elect of IFLA) and, from 2024, Tomasz Makowski.

Before Marie-Louise Ayres, the position was held by directors from the national libraries of the Netherlands, Finland, Switzerland, South Africa, New Zealand, Denmark and Brazil.

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In May 2025 Julia Konopka-Żołnierczuk, deputy director of the National Library of Poland, was elected to the board of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). It is worth noting that with 727 electoral votes she came second among 16 candidates.

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In May 2025 Dr. Jędrzej Leśniewski was re-elected to the IFLA Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage. His first tenure expired in 2025 after two years, and the current one will last until 2027. In ACCH he is responsible for supporting scientific communication and long-term activities for the protection of cultural heritage. He is the former member of the National Library of Poland Board.