

ai4lam Community Call

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Attending (Name, Affiliation, Email) (20)

- Emmanuelle Bermès (BnF)
- Florence Clavaud (Archives nationales de France, florence.clavaud@culture.gouv.fr)
- Javier de la Rosa (National Library of Norway)
- Neil Fitzgerald (BL)
- Céline Leclaire (BnF)
- Steve Meyer (UW-Madison)
- Ellen Van Keer (meemoo)
- Claudia Engel (stanford)
- Brian McBride (University of Utah)
- Michael Hucka (California Institute of Technology Library)
- Tom Cramer (Stanford)
- Abigail Potter (Library of Congress)
- Kim Kennedy (Northeastern University Library)
- Meghan Ferriter (Library of Congress)
- Nicole Coleman (Stanford)
- Lucie Termignon (BnF)
- Mike Taylor (NAU)
- Ilias Kyriazis (Coding da Vinci / National Library of Germany)
- Maud Ehrmann (EPFL, Switzerland)

Regrets

- Svein Arne Brygfeld

Agenda Topics

- Announcements
 - ai4lam YouTube channel: - will be populated with all lightning talks from previous Community Calls in due course:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsPRzQwwdY1gQK2BJMhNTGA>
 - French speaking Chapter upcoming meeting
 - 14th of June 1st meeting 3 pm (Paris time) - an email will be sent
 - Satellite Meeting at the International Conference on Libraries:
<https://www.nuigalway.ie/ifla/>
 - Galway, Ireland.
 - 21-22 July 2022
 - AI4LAM will be presented there
- Open Calls
- Presentations on May17: **AI/data strategy - how to make the organisational case**
 - The BnF AI roadmap
 - Emmanuelle Bermès, BnF
 - <https://www.bnf.fr/en/feuille-de-route-ia>
 - Fitting it In: An organizational view of AI and ML in LAMs
 - Abigail Potter
 - CENL Survey [postponed]
 - Svein Arne Bryggfeld

General comments:

secretariat@ai4lam.org

Notes & Questions:

Questions for Emmanuelle Bermès

Javier asks about BnF AI Roadmap vision on machine learning and AI model life-cycle and their integration in the library.

Emmanuelle makes the point with an example, explaining how they evolved from previous experiments using OCR up to the point of internalizing the whole pipeline. She highlights that it may be a matter of the maturity of both software and skills.

Meghn Ferriter asked “Emmanuelle, I'm interested to learn more about how leadership and supervisors were convinced to let staff increase their literacies and enhance their skills.”

Emmanuelle: “ai4lam was instrumental! library leaders can be convinced when you can demonstrate that you're working state of the art and that the concerns you raise are faced by similar institutions at the international level, and also in the private sector. Regarding the

need for a general awareness for the staff, we used the example of elementsofai.org who had a goal to train 1 out of 100 citizens in Finland”

Questions for Abigail Potter

Emmanuelle asks about experience with vendors. Abigail explains that big vendors were attracted in their last call in 2018 trying to sell the whole AI package.

Stephen asks about the nature of university partnerships. Abigail says that CS students wanted to work on real world problems. Meghan says “also In our Computing Cultural Heritage in the Cloud project, we’ve worked with faculty computational researchers - but we see the need to connect with the university libraries and other staff”