LITERARY ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS PLATFORM

JOINT STATEMENT OF COOPERATION, EXCHANGE AND DIALOGUE

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Literary archives and museums preserve, research and make accessible an essential part of our shared cultural memory. Despite differences in their histories, missions and institutional contexts, they face many common challenges – from the changing nature of literary collections and digitisation to questions of research, public engagement, education and the role of literary heritage in contemporary society. Recognising the value of international exchange and professional cooperation, representatives of literary archives and museums meeting in Prague on 19–21 October 2026 establish ***LAMP – Literary Archives & Museums Platform*** *as an international platform for cooperation, exchange and dialogue.*

LAMP Principles

The LAMP is an international, open and ***collaborative professional platform*** *connecting institutions working with literary heritage, literary collections and literary memory.*

The LAMP is a a dynamic space for professional ***cooperation, exchange and mutual support****.*

The LAMP recognises that meaningful international cooperation depends on ***continued personal contact, openness to different perspectives and a willingness to share*** *both achievements and challenges.*

The LAMP expresses a ***shared intention to cooperate****; it does not create legally binding obligations for the participating, but is intended to provide a basis for future projects and forms of cooperation.*

LAMP Aims

To connect *literary archives, museums and related institutions across countries and cultural contexts, and to facilitate regular professional exchange.*

To share *knowledge, experience, expertise and examples of practice, including in the fields of collecting and preservation, research, exhibitions, digitisation, education and public engagement.*

To support *bilateral and multilateral cooperation and to encourage the development of joint projects, professional exchanges, research initiatives, exhibitions, publications and other activities of mutual interest.*

To discuss *common challenges and emerging questions concerning literary heritage and the future of literary museums and archives, while respecting the diversity and independence of participating institutions.*

To strengthen *the visibility and recognition of literary archives and museums as important cultural, research and memory institutions.*

To contribute *an active international professional voice to discussions about literary heritage and the role of literary museums and archives in contemporary society.*

To foster *collaboration in digital humanities, research data infrastructures, and culturally responsible artificial intelligence, ensuring that literary heritage remains accessible, searchable, reusable, and meaningful in the digital age.*

LAMP Commitments

*LAMP is conceived as an **open, collaborative and evolving platform**. It is based on mutual respect, professional independence, voluntary participation and a willingness to share knowledge and support one another. Its activities and forms of cooperation will develop in response to the needs and initiatives of its participating institutions.*

*By signing this statement, we express our **shared intention to maintain and develop LAMP as a platform for long-term professional cooperation**. We will seek opportunities to meet, communicate, exchange experience and develop initiatives of common interest, both bilaterally and collectively.*

*We recognise that the strength of such a platform lies not only in the institutions it connects, but also in the **personal relationships, trust and professional solidarity** that make meaningful international cooperation possible.*

*We recognise that the future of literary archives and museums increasingly depends on **sustainable digital infrastructures**, research data services, and responsible applications of artificial intelligence. We therefore encourage cooperation in the **development of shared standards, digital tools, data infrastructures**, and **methodologies** that support both scholarly research and public access to literary heritage.*

We therefore commit ourselves to continuing the dialogue begun in Prague and to working together towards a more connected, visible and collaborative international community of literary archives and museums.

Prague, 20 October 2026

LIST OF THE LAMP PLATFORM FOUNDING INSTITUTIONS:

- **Archives et Musée de la littérature** (AML), Brussels, Belgium
- **Deutsches Literaturarchiv** (DLA), Marbach, Germany
- **Eesti Kirjandusmuuseum** / Estonian Literary Museum, Tartu, Estonia
- **Latvijas Nacionālais rakstniecības un mūzikas muzejs** / Latvian National Museum of Literature and Music, Riga, Latvia
- **Literaturmuseum der Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek**, Wien, Austria
- **Maironio lietuvių literatūros muziejus** / Maironis Lithuanian Literature Museum (MLLM), Kaunas, Lithuania
- **Museum of Literature and Art of Armenia**, Yerevan, Armenia
- **Muzeum Literatury** / Muzeum of Literature, Warsaw, Poland
- **National Museum of Taiwan Literature**, Tainan, Taiwan
- **Památník národního písemnictví – Muzeum literatury** / Museum of Czech Literature, Prague, Czech Republic
- **Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seura** / Finnish Literature Society, Helsinki, Finland
- **Vilnius UNESCO City of Literature**, Vilnius, Lithuania