

CNI Membership Meetings

Support for active participation in Membership Meetings of the Coalition of Networked Information (CNI)



1. Objective

The development of a coordinated system of information infrastructures demands, among other things, attentive observation of international developments and a clear alignment with international standards so that these can be utilised or adopted for the creation or expansion of infrastructures located in Germany. In the same way, it is important to disseminate innovative developments from Germany internationally and encourage their broad adoption. The strategic sharing of experience with partners abroad is an efficient way of achieving these aims and therefore working towards providing researchers with the best possible technologies and services for web-based research.

The Coalition of Networked Information (CNI) is a US association of academic libraries, information facilities and data centres, which promotes the active sharing of information and experience in the area of digital information infrastructures. The work of CNI focuses on the use of e-research technologies for science communication, research data management, the interoperability of repositories and the use of mobile applications in teaching and research. The meetings organised by CNI are essential to the sharing of experience.

As a member of CNI, the DFG supports this experience-sharing between German and US information infrastructure projects by covering travel expenses for active participation in CNI meetings. Projects currently in receipt of funding in the Scientific Library Services and Information Systems programme can submit a proposal for funding to attend a CNI Membership Meeting.

2. Proposals

2.1. Eligibility Requirements

Proposals can only be submitted for current projects which are receiving funding in a LIS programme at the time of the relevant CNI meeting; this applies to funding in:

http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/infrastructure/lis/funding_opportunities/index.html

2.2. Requirements for application and funding conditions

Participation in the CNI meeting must serve either to deepen existing contacts or to stimulate new collaborations with US projects, institutions or organisations that relate to issues in information infrastructure.

In accordance with federal laws on travel expenses, the DFG can cover the travel expenses for a maximum of two participants per project.

2.2.1 Requirements for participation in a meeting

At the time when the proposal is submitted, the project must already have delivered concrete results which will be reported at the CNI meeting.

Presentations must illustrate innovative approaches to information infrastructure, address new solutions to known problems or present new products or services. In terms of content, proposals for presentations should relate to the current CNI Program Plan and the key areas identified therein. Currently, key areas include developing and managing networked digital resources; standards and infrastructures that support research; services based on institutional repositories; and long-term digital archiving.

More details about CNI Program Plans and the presentation format are available at:

<https://www.cni.org/>

<https://www.cni.org/events/membership-meetings>

The DFG will draw up a shortlist of projects for which it can cover travel expenses. However, the final decision on participation in the meeting will be made by CNI. Applicants will be notified by the DFG in good time as to whether they will be able to attend.

A detailed report must be submitted to the DFG no more than two months after the meeting, presenting the most important discussion topics and proposed collaborations. The report should also explain how and by what date key insights from the CNI meeting are to be disseminated to the German infrastructure community.

2.3 Structure and deadlines

2.3.1 Structure of the proposal

The proposal should be three to five pages long and must be written in English to allow CNI to select the presenters. Please structure your proposal using the following points:

- Name of the DFG-funded project, business reference
- Brief profile of the project
- Status of project work
- Reasons for wishing to attend the CNI Membership Meeting, including your own ideas as to why and to what extent the US infrastructure community would be interested in the results you intend to present
- Brief outline of the experience, insights, technologies, organisational forms etc. resulting from the project which are to be presented at the meeting
- Initial thoughts as to how the general content and specific discussion of the project following the CNI meeting can be communicated to the German infrastructure community
- Name of presenter

2.3.2 Submission deadlines

Proposals must be received at the DFG's Head Office **by 15 August** (for the CNI Fall Meeting in December) or **by 15 December** (for the CNI Spring Meeting in the following April). Please send your proposal as an e-mail attachment to petra.stoetzel@dfg.de.

3. Information

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