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The Croatian National Branch of IAML (Hrvatska udruga muzičkih knjižnica, arhiva i dokumentacijskih centara) received a status of National Branch in IAML in 2005.

We have a membership of 17, with 10 individual members, and 7 institutional members, who are also members of IAML.

An article about us has been printed in the journal of the Croatian Association of Music Theorists, *Theoria*.

We held annual general assembly, and two meetings.

We continue to update our web site ([www.humkad.hr](http://www.humkad.hr)).

Contact with Croatian State Archive for donation of old choir scores started in 2005 and resulted in a big donation in 2006 for distribution to various choirs and other music schools and associations.

We also tried to improve our relationship with other music archives - church and broadcasting, and we continue to do so this year. Our goal is that in the future they become members of IAML (Croatia) and we will be able to include them in our future projects.

We are trying to support the sheet music market by fostering better connections between music publishers and dealers and encouraging them to open shops specialized for sheet music. But it's not easy. In last 60 years we have two big political changes - from a capitalist society to communist and then back again. During the change from capitalism to communism, all the private publishers/dealers were banned from private business, and in this last change we suffered from the reverse: bad privatization in which our greatest music publisher and dealer from the period 1945-1991 was been destroyed. So, it is not easy for new publisher/dealer to start from the beginning, and musical scores (in contrast with musical instruments) does not seem to them as good business to start with.

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