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A few facts: As of 31 December 2008, the Dansk Musikbiblioteks Forening (DMBF) had approximately 160 members. Over the last years the number of members has decreased - but has now stabilized, to go forward again - at least we hope!

Our 3 major areas of work this year have been:

- The **battle against the 4-month waiting period** for library circulation of compact discs is still an important aspect on our agenda. Recently, after a positive meeting with the *International Federation of the Phonographic Industry* (IFPI), we agreed on a common strategy on the matter. Therefore, it is our opinion that we can start being slightly optimistic concerning the end of the waiting period. Hopefully this year will see an end to this battle.
- We have intensified our efforts to improve the **basic education** in the library school and to develop **continuing education** programs for music librarians. We have set up an education committee and we have started a dialog with the Royal School of Library and Information Science. This is an important focus area for us. This fall we will hold a three-day conference: with the overall theme: *A Mix of Two Worlds*. The Public Library of Vejle County will host the conference.
- **Website** During summer/fall of 2009 the Dansk Musikbiblioteks Forening website, www.DMBF.nu, will undergo a larger reorganization and modernization; this will include the "music list" - an email-list, which continues to be the most significant focal point of the professional music library debate in Denmark. In the first months of 2009, we have been conducting tests of the new blog software which will replace the technology behind the music list. Our website will change from a traditional web system, to an open source CMS system called Joomla.

We have continued the collaboration with the Norwegian branch of IAML. In November 2008, the Norwegian Music Library Association and the DMBF held a common board meeting in Oslo. It was a very positive meeting and the topics were, among others, mutual exchange of information, a discussion of a possible Nordic conference in the future, and collaboration on education / continuing education, for example, in the form of a joint wiki of educational resources.

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