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In 2010 the Estonian Music Library Association (EMLA, Estonian branch of IAML) had 15 members: 12 institutional and 3 individuals. The board members: Kaie Viigipuu-Kreintaal (President, Tallinn Central Library), Heidi Heinmaa (Secretary, Estonian National Library), Avo Kartul (Tartu University Library), Ene Roost (Pärnu Central Library), Meery Salu (Tartu City Library), Ilvi Rauna (Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre Library) and Viive Valper (Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir). EMLA is an institution that is a member of both Estonian Music Council and the Estonian Music Information Centre.

In 2010, the activity to find a solution for free home lending of videorecordings continued. Estonian Copyright Law only enables libraries to lend out videorecordings when every library makes an agreement with every producer and pays them a fee. In June, an application was sent to the Minister of Culture suggesting a change in the Copyright Law so that the owners of neighbouring rights are not able to prevent library lending but they still maintain the right to a lending fee. This application was from EMLA together with all central libraries and The Association of Estonian Librarians.

There had been interest in the national media about this issue but The Ministry found the subject embarrassing so that there was no real discussion between the interested groups. We were recommended to seek other solutions. We had discussed this before but producers and distributors seem disinterested and have not responded.

Other activities: there were two bigger events during the year. The Annual Meeting and Study Day took place in May at the Tallinn Central Library. We listened to a lecture about popular music in cultural and social context. In the Annual Meeting the statute was changed and board members and a president were elected.

Several librarians from Estonian music libraries participated the working groups of the Consortium of Estonian Libraries Network preparing updates for MARC-cataloguing rules. In October we organized a seminar to introduce these updates. Questions and problems connected with subject indexing and uniform titles were also discussed.

IAML’s Annual Conference in Moscow was attended by 4 people from Estonia. Heidi Heinmaa from National Library gave a presentation on "The Heritage of Peeter Jürgenson in the Music Collection of the National Library of Estonia".

In 2011, the Estonian branch of IAML celebrates their 20th anniversary. There are plans to organize jubilee conference in the autumn and we also continue to deal with copyright issues.

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