



Forum of Commissions and Professional Branches, 7 July 2016, Rome

Chair: Stanisław Hrabia

Secretary: Pia Shekhter

Participants:

Commissions:

Audio-Visual Materials: Inger Johanne Christiansen (substituting Andrew Justice)

Bibliography: Rupert Ridgewell

Cataloguing: Joseph Hafner

Service and Training: Jane Gottlieb

Professional Branches:

Archives and Music Documentation Centres: Marie Cornaz

Broadcasting and Orchestra Libraries: Nienke de Boer

Libraries in Music Teaching Institutions: *Absent*

Public Libraries: Carolyn Dow

Research Libraries: Thomas Leibnitz

Board members:

Roger Flury, Past President

Jane Gottlieb, Vice President Elect

Stanisław Hrabia, Vice President; President Elect

Thomas Kalk, Treasurer

Balázs Mikusi, Vice President Elect

Rupert Ridgewell, Vice President, Programme Officer Elect

Pia Shekhter, Secretary General

Other attendees:

Richard Chesser: Chair of the Constitution Committee

Zane Grosa: Representative of the Local Organizing Committee 2017, Riga

John Roberts, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Organizational Structure (Level 2)

Barbara Wiermann, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Organizational Structure (Level 2)

Stanisław Hrabia welcomed everybody to the meeting and regretted the fact that no representative of the Local Organizing Committee was present. He continued by summarizing the work during the year. It had been unusually complicated to compose the programme due to several things, not least the exceptional amount of cancellations that had led to incomplete sessions and one session cancelled altogether. The programme was posted on the website on 31 January and had been updated 30 times. 123 paper proposals had been submitted, which was more than the congress in New York that had 115 proposals

although it was a joint congress with IMS. 117 papers were accepted. There were 16 poster proposals and 14 were accepted.

The members of the Forum were concerned about the many cancellations and discussed how to prevent this from happening in the future. The letter of acceptance should include a request that we expect a confirmation before a certain date. Speakers who have not registered after the deadline of the Early Bird rate has passed should be contacted individually. The letter of acceptance should also inform the speakers that they are expected to speak for no longer than twenty five minutes and to send a short CV to the chair of the session.

The Forum agreed that the congress had been successful and had run smoothly overall. One big problem had been that the rooms had not been available until ten minutes before the sessions started. Another drawback was that only a few spots within the venue were equipped with wifi. The new "Hot Topics Session" had worked well and will be continued next year.

Stanisław introduced the new Programme Officer: Rupert Ridgewell, British Library.

Zane Grosa, Representative of the Local Organizing Committee, presented the plans for next year's congress in Riga that would take place on 18-23 June. The plans were well underway and a website with recommended accommodation was already in place. One concern was that Friday 23 would be Midsummer, which meant that the Farewell dinner would have to take place on Thursday evening. Zane had already talked to Stanisław and Pia about this and the suggested solution was to have a simple reception in the style of a midsummer celebration for everybody on Thursday evening, included in the congress fee. The members of the Forum thought that this could be an interesting way of making the farewell dinner more "democratic". There had been complaints among the members that the dinners had become too expensive and as a result excluded many attendees. The members of the Forum discussed whether we could even go so far as to shorten the congress by one day. Another recurring complaint among IAML members had been that the congresses were too long. We came to the conclusion that this would be an occasion to try this concept. The Opening Session could then be scheduled on Sunday right before the Opening Reception and we could start the Wednesday excursions later [Secretary General's comment: this was later decided by the Board]. There could be limited opportunities for planning by the Chairs a second session depending on the amount and quality of proposals, and available time slots. The Latvian colleagues hoped that the Minister of Culture would be the Keynote Speaker. They wished to have a Baltic/Nordic focus. Zane mentioned several ideas about alternative Wednesday afternoon excursions.

The Chair of the Constitution Committee, Richard Chesser, was invited to talk to the members of the Forum about the charge for all Chairs to draft Terms of reference for their respective Commissions and Branches. A template had been distributed. Richard had asked for short drafts (3-5 sentences) before the congress week was over. The final proposals should be sent to the Committee as soon as possible. The Board will look at them at the mid-year Board meeting in February next year.

There will be election of Chairs in 2017. The new Chairs will be invited to the Forum in Riga. Stanisław finished the meeting by establishing deadlines for the coming year.

We decided that the announcement of submissions should not only be posted on IAML-L, but also be sent out to all members on 10 September. The deadline for submissions would be 1 November.