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Hungary, report 2007

The Hungarian National Branch held three plenary sessions, one general assembly and six board meetings that discussed the following topics:

- briefing on the Göteborg conference (based on reports)
- organizational issues: new staff members, English translation of the statutes
- the website, report on public benefits
- the works done under the aegis of the Hungarian Music Council
- the state of the R projects
- our outreach activity

The most important events in detail:

New members

Two supporting members joined the staff of the Hungarian organization and Dr. János Kárpáti has been elected honorary member.

Statutes

The statutes have been translated to English and sent to the secretary general.

Website

We have made a deal with the Music Librarians Section of the Association of Hungarian Librarians so we can publish the IAML Hungarian National branch (AIBM Magyar Nemzeti Csoport) materials on their website (www.mkezksz.ini.hu). We have published our 2006 report on public benefits already on this website.

R-Projects

Due to the 2006 governmental elections and the reorganization of the ministries, we have made less progress on the R-Projects than we would have loved to.

The HNB contacted the board of the Hungarian Musicological Society to foster the conversation that we have already started with the responsible members of the ministry. We are preparing an extended negotiation by autumn with the participation of the management of all organizations and institutes that can be involved in the reorganization of our international music information service.

Outreach



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We have been continuing collecting music materials for our outreach activities. The donated materials comprise documents originating from various sources: home and abroad, musicians and users, libraries and publishing houses. This collection has been distributed first among our IAML members then sorted and dispatched to neighbouring countries. Last year's most significant donation was received from the UK and Irish Branch (approximately 300 CDs, originating from the BBC). This donation enriched the collection of 6 libraries: Metropolitan Ervin Szabó library, University and National Library University of Debrecen, Somogyi Library of SZEGED, II. Rákóczi Ferenc County Library (Miskolc), Csorba Győző County Library (Pécs), National Library of Foreign Literature.

The most significant donation was given by the Central Library of the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music. A great number of pieces of printed music – approximately 1500 items – was sent to Babes-Bólyai University in Transylvania. Due to this donation, they were able to begin the accreditation of the music faculty of the Teacher's Training College.

Music events

The musical world celebrates two anniversaries of note in 2006 and 2007: the 125th anniversaries of the birth of Béla Bartók and Zoltán Kodály. In their honor, concerts, exhibitions, performances, academic conferences and other events are being held in Hungary.

One of these events is a musical competition for high school students organized by the Hungarian Music Council with the cooperation of several partners. The goal was to familiarize the students with the music and art of Béla Bartók and Zoltán Kodály. The Bartók competition has been closed with great success, students of 65 schools participated from 6 countries , while the Kodály competition is actually at the first round.

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