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In the year since the Amsterdam conference, the Russian IAML Branch, which is also a part of the Russian Libraries Association, has been working in two main directions: in Russia and outside Russia. A number of Russian libraries have been busy with digitizing their unique collections. The librarians worked hard on the film about Russian music libraries and archives that was shown at the Plenary Session. The materials for the film were collected from all over the country, and the work was very interesting for the librarians.

Now the libraries are busy with several projects, one of them is a concert center of the Russian State Library aiming at the performance of rarely-performed compositions.

In Moscow, our really good news is the project of a new building for the Taneyev Research Music Library of the Moscow Conservatory.

The Russian IAML branch has been traditionally worked on the international bibliographical projects RILM, RIPM, and RISM, but the preparation for the Moscow conference took the majority of our time this year. We not only faced the usual difficulties of the national branches preparing for the conferences but also took on additional duties, such as meeting the participants at the airport, providing simultaneous translation for some sessions, and making the participants’ stay in Moscow as comfortable as possible.

Because of the heavy traffic problems it was decided to hold all the major events of the Congress at the Russian Academy of Public Administration (RAPA).

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