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The IAML Russian Branch is also the Department of Music Libraries of the Russian Library Association. The IAML Russian Branch this year contains six registered members. Meanwhile, dozens of libraries are members of the Russian Library Association. In recent years, there has been a lessening of the number of members of the Association, which at the same time does the work in IAML.

In March 2014, the IAML Russian Branch held its XV International Scientific Conference on “Russian music archives abroad. Foreign music archives in Russia” at the S. I. Taneyev Research Music Library of Moscow Conservatory of P.I. Tchaikovsky.

During the conference, one day was devoted to a workshop session on the “Preparation of music manuscripts for publication”, in which, Dr. Thomas Aigner (President of IAML Austrian Branch; the Vienna City Library, Music Department) and Tobias Gebauer (Bärenreiter) participated as speakers, along with the other members at the meeting. The workshop session aroused great interest among specialists.

Among other programs held during the last year included:

• “Petersburg Readings” at the Scientific Music Library of the St. Petersburg Conservatory of N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov, dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the conservatory;
• Exhibitions and conferences at the Russian State Library in connection with the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the specialized departments of music publications and audio recordings of the RSL;
• Intensive correspondence with Russian and foreign colleagues.
• Numerous consultations with Russian colleagues, including the annual All-Russian seminar meeting (March 2014, RSL);
• Consultations with members of the IAML Russian Branch;
• The annual congress of Russian Library Association in May on the theme “Libraries in the Year of Culture”. The congress was attended by music libraries which have submitted a number of reports.

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