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During 2012, the board consisted of Birgitta Sparre (chair), Mathias Boström (vice chair), Kerstin Carpvik (secretary), Agnetha Wihlstrand (treasurer), and Annika Simms, Margaretha Holdar-Davidsson, Ann-Christine Olsson, and Kia Hedell. The board met four times during this period. The association has 81 individual members, 44 institutional members and 14 senior/students.

This year we had two conferences in addition to the annual general meeting. In September, Pia Shekhter hosted a conference for conservatory librarians in Göteborg at the Academy of Music and Drama.

We had two wonderful days in November in the south of Sweden at Folklivsarkivet med Skånes musiksamlingar, Lund University. Here we had a conference together with our colleagues in Nätverket för musikarkiv (The Network for Music Archives).

In April we held our Annual General meeting followed by a celebration of the Swedish branch’s 60th anniversary. This celebration took place in Stockholm at the Music- and Theater Museum. The national branches from Norway, Finland and Denmark were invited to the conference and also attended. We also had the pleasure of having Anthony Gordon from UK, Jutta Lambrecht from Germany, and Ruth Brok from The Netherlands as our guests. Two wonderful days were filled with reports from all branches and sessions about the future of the library. The theme of our anniversary was Music Libraries and Music Archives Today and in the Future.

Our journal, Musikbiblioteksnytt, has continued to improve in very positive ways, with many interesting articles and photos from conferences, events and various libraries.

During the year we have been able to cooperate with the Nätverket för musikarkiv and some of their members have joined the Swedish IAML branch. Our aim is to incorporate the network into IAML (Sweden)’s activities following our joint meeting in November.

The Swedish IAML branch isn’t growing, but we work hard on strategies on how to find more librarians who want to join us.

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