



2017-2018 National Report Greek Branch of IAML

Committee members

The Greek IAML Branch Board that was elected in 2016 is comprised of:

President: Alexandros Charkiolakis, Director, The Friends of Music Society, Athens

Vice President: Stephanie Merakos, Head of Library, Music Library of Greece, The Friends of Music Society, Athens

Secretary: Vera Kriezi, Head of Cataloging and Technical Services, Music Library of Greece, The Friends of Music Society

Treasurer: Aristides Bazmadelis, Music Librarian, School of Music Studies of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Member: Christina Theodorica, Librarian and Information Specialist, Library of the Technological Educational Institute of Epirus.

Board meetings

Three board meetings took place from June 2017 until May 2018. They were attended by all board members either in person or over skype.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting took place on April 28th during the 2nd Conference of the Branch. All members of the Board were present, along with 17 members out of 26.

Membership

The Greek Branch has 13 individual and 13 institutional members. One institutional and two individual members have not renewed – however there are 2 institutional and 1 individual new members.

Conference

The second conference of The Greek Branch of IAML took place on the 27th and 28th of April at the Athens Conservatory. There were 30 presentations, two round tables a) on "Intellectual Property Rights in Music Libraries and Archives" and b) on "Digital humanities: is music part of them". The subjects of the conference were Music Libraries and Information services, Research in Music Archives, Music collections Management and Music information technology.

It was a great privilege for the Greek Branch to welcome to its conference the President of IAML Mr Stanisław Hrabia who gave the keynote speech with the title "Seize the Opportunities: Music Librarians in Today's World of Information". His speech and his presence were a great inspiration for the more than 100 attendees of the Conference.

Future goals: The organization of training seminars is a key objective of the Greek Branch and a need for the members and cultural organizations. Proposals were made for 2 thematic categories: Music Collections Management and Audiovisual Material Management. During the General Assembly the members proposed the creation of a Working Group to help organize the Seminars.

Recent Publications in Music

A list of recent publications in Greece was forwarded to Joseph Hafner.

RILM-RISM

Several members of the Greek branch are also members of the Greek RILM and RISM Committees so there was an introduction to RILM session during the Conference as well as a presentation of RISM.

Social media activities / webpage-facebook

The [Facebook \(Group\) page](#) has 347 members and the [official webpage](#) is active and contains all types of information regarding the Branch and its activities and working groups.

Working groups

Access to Music Archives: (Coordinators S. Merakos, A. Bazmadelis): The outmost important goal of this group is to make a catalogue of the libraries and archives that hold music collections, therefore a questionnaire was sent to Libraries and Archives to record their collections. The team worked to prepare a test questionnaire (compatible with the RISM C Series) so that the data will easily migrate to the general list. After contacting and arranging various details with MUSCAT, the Questionnaire Editing Team composed the questionnaire that was sent to 2,000 libraries and archives. Replies are expected by July 2018.

Information and Music Creativity (Coordinator: Charilaos Lavranos): The Working Group aims to develop actions to support the link between information and creativity in the field of music, and particularly to highlight the activities of music libraries regarding the promotion of musical information and its connection to cultural life and music creativity. The Working Group, has announced a Special Edition of the HeJMEC (Hellenic Journal of Music, Education and Culture). The issue is titled: "Libraries of Music and Creativity: Modern Trends and Perspectives of Association with the Cultural and Tourism Industry" – "Music Libraries and Creativity: Trends and Perspectives Meeting Cultural and Tourism Industry". The purpose of this publication is to be a basic reference source for highlighting the relationship between search and retrieval of music information (information behavior) and musical creativity within the contemporary information environment as expressed through the Music Libraries and Music Services information.

Management of Music Library Issues (Coordinators: Vera Kriezi, Maria Aslanidis): This Working Group has taken the initiative to bring together all those involved in the establishment of standards and good practices for the management of music libraries, in order to strengthen cooperation and to resolve professional issues. The purpose of the members of this Task Force is to record and codify the experience in management of music collections in order to continue the effort to solve library issues that we are facing. In this group participate librarians from the National Library of Greece, the Co-operative Scheme of Music Academic Libraries, the NTUA Library and the Music Library of Greece "Lilian Voudouri"

Future Conference

The Aristotle University Library's Aristotle University Library (Aris Bazmadelis) will organize the next conference of the Greek Branch.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

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