

Greece / Ελλάδα National Report 2019

National board members

- 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 held during the year

3 board meetings took place from June 2018 until April 2019. They were attended by all board members either in person or over skype.

Annual branch meetings

The annual meeting will take place on May 11th during the 3rd Conference of the Branch.

Branch membership figures

The Greek Branch has 7 individual and 11 institutional members. The number has decreased.

Branch activities

Conference: The third conference of The Greek Branch of IAML will take place on the 10th and 11th of May in Thessaloniki. It is hosted by the Library of The Music Department of the School of Fine Arts of the Aristotle University. During the conference there is also going to be a common session with the Association of Greek Librarians and the Department of Library Studies and Information Systems of Thessaloniki.

The program includes 20 presentations, a workshop on music cataloguing and one keynote speech by Prof. Manolis Garoufallou from the Department of Library Studies and Information Systems of Thessaloniki. Topics of the conference are Music Libraries and Information services, Research in Music Archives. Music collections Management and Music information technology.

Branch projects

Working Group Access to Music Archives: (Coordinators S. Merakos, A. Bazmadelis): The most important goal of this group is to make a catalogue of the libraries and archives that hold music collections. A questionnaire was sent in April of 2018 to about 700 libraries. A total of 124 replies were received. At this point the team has managed to get in touch with the libraries that failed to answer and further data is expected by the end of May. Furthermore the team is also editing the received data in order to set up a database.

Branch publications

Working group Information and Music Creativity (Coordinator: Charilaos Lavranos): A Special Edition of the [HeJMEC \(Hellenic Journal of Music, Education, and Culture\)](#), titled: "Music Libraries and Creativity: Trends and Perspective Synergies with the Cultural Industry", has been published in the context of "Information and Musical Creativity" Working Group's actions. This special issue will serve as a useful ground for designing and developing tools enabling information search and retrieval and, therefore, for disseminating and maintaining knowledge and culture. This issue includes original research, case studies, as well as theoretical/review papers, emphasizing on information and its relation to creativity, and highlighting current trends and perspectives in the field of music libraries and music information services.

Branch website

The official [webpage](#) is active and contains all types of information regarding the Branch and its activities and working groups.

Social media activity

The [Facebook \(Group\) page](#) has 350 members

Branch educational activity

Working group, Education Group (Coordinators: Ilias Kyriazis, Aris Bazmadelis): The Education Group of the Greek Branch of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centers (IAML) was founded in October 2018. Its goal has been to provide seminars and other educational opportunities to existing personnel in music libraries/archives, as well as a broader audience interested in working within the field of music librarianship, stewardship, and documentation. In this context, the group has introduced a series of newsletters focusing on music librarianship issues, where music bibliography topics and current developments in related technologies or services are being presented. Moreover, the Group is giving its first seminar on music cataloging and the use of the ReasonableGraph platform during the 3rd Congress of Greek Music Libraries and Archives, to take place in Thessaloniki on May 10-11th, 2019. Current members of the Group are: Arsinoi Ioannidou, Ilias Kyriazis, Irmgard Lerch-Kalavrytinou, Aris Bazmadelis.

RILM and RISM contributions

Several members of the Greek branch are also members of the Greek RILM and RISM Committees.

Stephanie Merakos



