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The Board of the branch consists of three members:

- Julianna Gócza (AIBM Magyar Nemzeti Csoport), president
- Dr Balázs Mikusi (Országos Széchényi Könyvtár, Budapest), secretary
- Andrea Sárközi (Országos Idegennyelvű Könyvtár, Budapest), treasurer

Board meetings

The Board met twice in the past year (on 12 December 2018 and 25 March 2019), and discussed the following main issues:

- participation at the congress in Kraków;
- further education for music librarians;
- calculations and applications related to our RILM and RISM work.

The annual branch meetings

On 12 December 2018 we held a joint meeting with another professional group of Hungarian music librarians, the Zenei Könyvtárosok Szervezete of the Magyar Könyvtárosok Egyesülete. The programme started with a report on the Leipzig IAML congress. Klára Somogyi (head of the music library at the Liszt Ferenc Zeneművészeti Egyetem) shared with us many useful and interesting details while also providing numerous illustrations. This was followed by reports on recent RILM and RISM activity in Hungary as presented by Hajnalka Hanvay, Julianna Gócza and Balázs Mikusi. In conclusion Marianna Zsoldos gave a richly illustrated presentation about the December conference of the Austrian Musicological Society.

In the afternoon Dr Márton Borzsák (MÜPA) told us about diverse copyright problems related to the use of printed music. In conclusion two colleagues from Debrecen gave intriguing presentations about their home town: Gyöngyszemek Debrecen zenei életéből ("Pearls from the Musical Life of Debrecen" by Ildikó Stébel) and A Jazzbarátok Köre ("The Friends of Jazz Club" by Grégász Miklós). The programme was hosted by the music collection of the Fővárosi Szabó Ervin Könyvtár.

In recent years it has become a kind of tradition that our annual general assembly forms part of a larger-scale professional meeting, and such was the case this year as well. The assembly was held on 25 March 2019 in the music library of the Magyar Tudományos Akadémia Bölcsészettudományi Kutatóközpont Zenetudományi Intézet. In the morning Katalin Bándoli, IAML representative of the music collection of the Fővárosi Szabó Ervin Könyvtár and also President of the Zenei Könyvtárosok Szervezete of the Magyar Könyvtárosok Egyesülete, gave a report about the last four years of their organisation. This was followed by the regular elections of that organisation, and at the end most members stayed on to participate (whether as members or as guests) in the General Assembly of the AIBM Magyar Nemzeti Csoport.

The afternoon was dedicated to the memory of one of Hungary's great composers under the title Boldog születésnapot, Bartók Béla! ("Happy Birthday, Béla Bartók!"). László Vikárius, Head of the Budapest Bartók Archives shared with us first-hand information about the Béla Bartók Complete Critical Edition which is run under his direction. The entire day was attended by around 30 colleagues.

Activities

At the Leipzig congress Hungary was represented by a delegation of four: Mária Benyovszky, head of the Zenetudományi Intézet Könyvtára, Mária Csanda representing the Liszt Ferenc Zeneművészeti Egyetem

Könyvtára, Gulyásné Somogyi Klára, head of the Liszt Ferenc Zeneművészeti Egyetem Könyvtára, Dr Balázs Mikusi, head of the Országos Széchényi Könyvtár Zeneműtára (also IAML vice-president and secretary of the Hungarian national branch).

Our branch seeks to establish contacts and cooperate with other musical institutions and library organizations. Cooperation with the Zenei Könyvtárosok Szervezete of the Magyar Könyvtárosok Egyesülete is ongoing and has resulted in an increasing number of joint programmes. In order to realise our educational plans we have also established good relations with the educational department of the Könyvtári Intézet, which proved particularly useful this year, when designing our new educational module, which could eventually be realised in the Országos Idegennyelvű Könyvtár. Our member institutions are very open to assisting our projects by hosting them.

We are also an active member of the Hungarian Music Council, an affiliation that allows us to get in touch with numerous professional organizations, and these connections result in invitations to professional events that help us obtain a better-informed overview of Hungarian musical culture.

Numbers of members

HNB consists of 17 members. On the national level: 10 institutions, 4 individuals and 3 honorary members; on the international level: 10 institutions and 1 individual.

Membership trends – gains and losses

In 2018 we managed to keep all our members but failed to inspire new members to join our national branch.

Contributions to Recent Publications in Music

As usual, the MTA BTK Zenetudományi Intézet Könyvtára prepared the 2018 national list for IAML's Recent Publications in Music.

Education

In the past year 68 students completed the various modules of our 120-hour educational programme entitled Zenei könyvtári ismeretek ("Skills for Music Librarians"). These students are colleagues working in city and county libraries or archives, as well as teachers working in music schools.

Given that the accreditation status of modules I ("Basic Skills for Music Librarians") and II ("Basic Skills in Music") have already expired, we have worked out the new syllabus for module 2 under the title "The Peaks of Music Literature Through the Librarian's Eye". The Könyvtári Intézet received permission from the relevant Committee for Accreditation to offer this course as well. The course was held for the first time in April 2019, and the feedback received from the students was very positive with respect to both the music chosen and the quality of the teaching.

The 60-hour Module III entitled "Cataloguing, Information Service – New Technologies in Music Libraries" also proved highly successful in 2018, and so we shall offer it again in October 2019.

National activity in relation to RILM and RISM

Our contributions to the RILM and RISM databases would not be possible without the support of the National Cultural Fund. The work is coordinated and overseen by our national branch, the AIBM Magyar Nemzeti Csoport. We submit a separate application for both projects each year, and commission specialists to undertake the cataloguing work.

RILM

Since 2011 we have been able to enter information regarding Hungarian publications into the international RILM database. The selection of relevant material and its detailed description in the iBis2 system is undertaken by Hajnalka Hanvay. She also prepares the abstracts in Hungarian, which are then translated into English for the database.

RISM

Our work for RISM was first supported by the National Cultural Fund in 2017. The support received allowed for the creation of 1800 RISM IDs. In 2018 the Fund unfortunately did not make possible the submission of individual applications, therefore our work had to be suspended.

In April 2019 we were allowed to submit funding applications for both our RILM and RISM projects – hopefully we shall receive the support needed for the continuation of our work.

Social Media

Several of our member libraries not only maintain institutional websites and write blogs, but are also present on social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter etc.).

Branch website

We abandoned our [old website](#) which at time of writing remains live. The [new website](#) has been live since December 2018 with up-to-date information. The transfer of all materials from the old website is still in progress.

Grants, support

Our work is supported by the National Cultural Fund (www.nka.hu). This allows us to participate in international conferences and to contribute to the RILM and RISM databases.

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