

Public Libraries Section Post Congress Report 2019

At the Kraków Congress, the Public Libraries Section held one program session: Face the challenge and experiment with music in public libraries.

Sebastian Wilke from Qatar National Library presented: "Practices and challenges of providing access to music instruments and recording equipment in public libraries: results of an international survey". Sebastian Wilke presented and discussed a very vibrant topic for public libraries where for the last couple of years public libraries report an increasing number of ways of providing access to a range of musical instruments and music recording equipment to their users. Our colleague Marianna Zsoldos from Bródy Sándor Public Library in Eger illustrated her innovative library work in "MusiX-box Club: music/rhythm video games in a public library". A new officer for the Section was elected in Kraków – the Public Libraries Section's new Secretary is Sebastian Wilke from Qatar National Library.

In addition to the programme session and to the election, the Section held an open working meeting for public librarians. We discussed the goals the Section approved last year for 2019. The first goal was to promote public music libraries and public music librarianship through the use of social media. The second goal was to update the Public Libraries Section page on the IAML website. We established that during the last two years, the Section Facebook group had only received occasional posts and discussion. We addressed issues we found relevant to this situation and exchanged ideas of how to encourage engagement of music public librarians throughout the year. The focus was also on planning the program for the IAML 2020 congress. The IAML 2020 congress in Prague is going to be the biggest public library event in the Czech Republic so it should be reflected in the next year's program. We would like to address issues relevant to our daily work and learn from each other about how to advocate the value of music in public libraries.

Serving the Section 2018 - 2020:

- Chair: Blanka Ellederová (Czech republic)
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