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Greece / Ελλάδα National Report 2020

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Board meetings held during the year

Six board meetings took place from June 2019 until July 2020. All board members were present over Skype.

Annual branch meetings

The annual meeting was scheduled to take place on May 16th during the 4th Conference of the Branch. Under the new circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference has been postponed for spring of 2021.

Branch membership figures

The Greek Branch has 9 individual and 7 institutional members (July 2020). The number is expected to increase.

Branch activities

Conference: The fourth annual conference of the Greek Branch of IAML was scheduled to take place on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May in Athens on the premises of General State Archives in Athens. Unfortunately, it was cancelled due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Included in the conference's program were about 25 interesting papers and announcements, a workshop on music archival practices and a keynote speech/workshop by Mr. Pio Pelizzari, Vice President of IASA. The national board members decided to postpone the 4th Conference for spring of 2021.

Branch projects

Working Group Access to Music Archives

(Coordinators: S. Merakos, A. Bazmadelis)

The purpose and goal of this group is to create an inventory of libraries, archives and institutions that host music material in their collections. During the period 2018-2019 a questionnaire was sent to about 700 Libraries. The data from their responses were collected and processed. Currently the data for the music collections in Greek Libraries, are about to be available in an online database, in a form of a google map, and is being circulated through the Branch's website. The team is currently continuing its work by

creating another questionnaire targeting, this time, all types of archival agencies with music material in their collections.

Branch educational activity

Working group, Education Group

(Coordinators: Ilias Kyriazis, Dr Arsinoi Ioannidou, Prof. Irmgard Lerch Kalavrytinou).

The Education Group of the Greek Branch of IAML continued its work last year by providing input and advice on music librarianship issues that concern the Greek community of music librarians and archivists. The Group issued three newsletters with information on current trends in the field, as well as a report on the international conference that took place in Kraków. Its last achievement has been an introductory guide to music librarianship, its principles and its areas of action. The guide is available on the Branch's website and has been distributed and disseminated to a broader audience of librarians and archivists in Greece.

Branch website

The official webpage is active and contains all types of information regarding the Branch's activities and the respective working groups. However, due to the nonexistent professional status of music librarianship in Greece, the Board members have decided to add some advocacy content to the website in order to promote awareness about our field. Our advocacy efforts were officially endorsed by Ms. Anna Pensaert, Vice President of IAML and Chair of the Advocacy Committee in 2019.

Social media activity

The Facebook (Group) page has 400 members

RILM and RISM contributions

Members of the Greek branch are also members of the Greek RILM and RISM Committees. The Greek RISM Office (Dr Arsinoi Ioannidou, Dr Maria Aslanidi and Aris Bazmadelis) has undertaken a pilot project to work on the update of RISM Series C directory of music holding institutions, in collaboration with the RISM Zentralredaktion in Frankfurt. The Project Group will work with the Zentralredaktion to customize Muscat, so that the stated objectives can be achieved.

A complete list of the new MARC 21 fields for institutional authority records will be gathered. The Team will work on a trial/test level to optimize data display of authority records for Greek institutions. The Team will use information collected by the Greek Working Group "Access to Music Archives" and the "Directory of Music Libraries" by N. Ratliff. The pilot project is working under the auspices of the Archives and Music Documentation Centres Section.

Collaborations with other agencies

The Board of the Branch started discussions for closer cooperation with the Union of Greek Librarians and the Cooperative Scheme of Greek Academic Music Libraries. The collaboration will develop on issues related to the professional rights of the library industry and the processing and description of musical material in Greek Libraries.