

Hungary/Magyarország National Report 2020

Submitted by Julianna Gócza, President

National Board members

The Board of the Hungarian national branch consists of three members:

- Julianna Gócza – ALBM Magyar Nemzeti Csoport – President
- Dr Balázs Mikusi – Országos Széchényi Könyvtár, Budapest – Secretary
- Andrea Sárközi – Országos Idegennyelvű Könyvtár, Budapest – Treasurer

Board meetings held during the year

In the past year the board met twice (on 18 October 2019 and 29 January 2020) to discuss the following main issues: participation at the congress in Prague; further education for music librarians; calculations and applications related to our RILM and RISM work; elections.

Annual branch meetings

The COVID-19 pandemic has restructured both our personal and professional lives. Due to the restrictions we were unable to hold the events planned for the first half of 2020. The general assembly had to be postponed as well, and it is now scheduled for the beginning of September. The mandate of the current leadership expires this year, hence elections are also included in the 2020 agenda.

On 18 October 2019 at the invitation of the Somogyi Károly Városi és Megyei Könyvtár the Hungarian National Branch made a visit to Szeged. For the programmes the members of the Zenei Könyvtárosok Szervezete of the Magyar Könyvtáros Egyesület were also invited. This event provided an opportunity for a report about the IAML congress in Kraków. The experiences and professional observations were interpreted by Klára Somogyi, Balázs Mikusi and Marianna Zsoldos. Marianna also introduced her well-received presentation in Kraków to the participants. This was followed by a walk to the central library and to the Emlékkönyvtár. After lunch we had a look at the Stefánia Fiókkönyvtár. A little visit to the National Theatre of Szeged – behind the scenes – served as a closing event of the day.

Branch activities

We participated in the 51st assembly of the Magyar Könyvtárosok Egyesülete in Székesfehérvár, where the Zenei Könyvtárosok Szervezete gave a special programme on 4 July 2019. The first point on the agenda was the introduction of the music and IT department of the Vörösmarty Mihály Könyvtár. This was followed by a book introduction: the section leader, Katalin Bándoli talked to Balázs Mikusi about his new book *A pók és a méh – Haydn és Mozart tanulmányok*. In the afternoon, led by museum librarian Briala Mária, we had a look at the Végh János musical collection in the Szent István Király Múzeum.

At the Krakow congress Hungary was represented by a delegation of five:

- Mária Csanda representing the Liszt Ferenc Zeneművészeti Egyetem Könyvtára
- Gulyásné Somogyi Klára, head of the Liszt Ferenc Zeneművészeti Egyetem Könyvtára
- Julianna Gócza, (President of IAML Hungary)
- Dr Balázs Mikusi, head of the Országos Széchényi Könyvtár Zeneműtára (and Secretary of our national branch)
- Marianna Zsoldos, head of the Music Collection of the Bródy Sándor Megyei és Városi Könyvtár.

Marianna Zsoldos had a successful presentation introducing the musical videogame club of her library, by the title MusiX-box Club music/rhythm video games in a public library.

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 realize 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 realized in the Országos Idegennyelvű Könyvtár. We can say in general that our member institutions are very open to assisting projects by hosting them.

Our branch is a member of the Magyar Zenei Tanács (Hungarian Music Council), which helps us stay in touch with diverse fields of music life in Hungary and receive up-to-date information.

Branch membership figures

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 2019 we managed to keep all our members.

Recent Publications in Music

The Bölcsészettudományi Központ Zenetudományi Intézet Könyvtára prepared the 2019 national list for IAML's Recent Publications.

Branch educational activity

Under the name Zenei könyvtári ismeretek (Skills for Music Librarians), our 120-hour education programme modules have been enjoyed by a total of 97 students. They are: county and city librarians, colleagues of archives and music school teachers. Module III – entitled Cataloguing, Information Service – New Technologies in Music Libraries (Zenei könyvtári ismeretek III. Feltárás, tájékoztatás - új technológiák a zenei könyvtárakban) – accreditation expired at the end of 2019, thus between 11 and 28 November another programme was held, which another 10 colleagues took part in.

The start of the second module of our further educational programme with new topics called A zeneirodalom csúcspontjai könyvtáros szemmel (The Peaks of Music Literature Through the Librarian's Eye) was awarded accreditation in 2018. The Könyvtári Intézet received permission to offer this course. The programme's venue in April 2019 was the Országos Idegennyelvű Könyvtár securing the necessary audio and visual technology. It was a great success, 16 students took and finished the course. The next course would have taken place this May. Hopefully, students will only have to wait until November 2020 for the next opportunity.

RILM and RISM contributions

Our participation in RILM (Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale) and RISM (Répertoire International des Sources Musicales) work is sponsored by the Nemzeti Kulturális Alap (National Cultural Fund Hungary). The co-ordination and professional oversight is done by the AIBM Magyar Nemzeti Csoport. Our organisation turns in a new application each year and commissions outside professionals to complete the tasks.

RILM

Since 2011 we have continuously been providing the Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale (RILM) with data about music-related publications appearing in Hungary. The selection of the relevant Hungarian RILM material and the validation and recording of the necessary data in the iBis2 database handling system are done by Hajnalka Hanvay. She writes the Hungarian abstracts, and passes them on for translation. In 2019 385 bibliographical records and a total of 539 abstracts were sent to the international database from Hungary.

RISM

In 2017 we succeeded in getting support to contribute the Répertoire International des Sources Musicales (RISM) as well. Unfortunately, in 2018 due to the lack of tenders we were unable to get support. In 2019

there was not enough financial background for further sponsorship, and as a result in the last 2 years we have not given data to the RISM database.

Social media activities

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

Branch website

Up-to-date information about our activity can be found at [our new website](#). Last year we abandoned our old website, but the transfer of all materials from there is still in progress.

Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

Our work is supported by the [Nemzeti Kulturális Alap](#). This allows us to participate in international conferences and to contribute to the RILM and RISM databases.