

## **Outreach Committee Report 2020**

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After last year's meeting at IAML in Krakow, the committee planned to focus on three areas:

- Developing a proposal for the committee's involvement in managing IAML's outreach funds
- Increasing the visibility of the committee, which should significantly aid its mission
- Using the three letter templates developed in the previous year to reach out to parts of the world where music libraries, archives, and documentation centres exist but are not connected with IAML, to try to establish contacts and to better understand the local situation and needs

However, the advent of COVID-19 shifted our focus. Given that two of the three areas within our remit are impractical in light of the pandemic (donating library materials, which is likely not appropriate when so many libraries are closed; and providing financial support to assist people to attend the IAML congress, which is not relevant this year), we have focused on the third area: "Giving advice and assistance, or suggesting sources of advice and assistance, on professional matters." In this vein, we have done the following:

- Met on 5 May 2020 via Zoom to discuss what steps we can take
- Compiled a list of useful resources and information for members, and distributed it to IAML-L. The list included links to resources made freely available during this time and to resources about library practices during the pandemic.
- Worked with the Advocacy on its COVID-19 survey, contributing the questions about the need for professional assistance, advice, and outreach during COVID-19. Since the survey results came back, the committee has contacted every person or institution that requested professional assistance or advice; that offered professional assistance or advice; contact by an R project representative; or contact by an Outreach Committee member.