

Sweden / Sverige

Submitted by Gunnel Jönsson – President

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Board meetings held during the year

The Board held five meetings, all on Zoom, during the year: in September and November 2020, January, March and June 2021.

Annual branch meetings

We had two General Assemblies during the year: 27th August 2020, when Gunnel Jönsson was elected President and 18th of March 2021. Two presentations were made after the meeting 2021: Mattias Lundberg, Professor at Department of Musicology, Uppsala gave a talk about the library and its librarians of the Royal Academy during 250 years. A long standing member of the association, Östen Hedin, talked about his 40 years at the National Library, Stockholm and about his other achievements within his fields of interest.

Branch membership figures

- Total numbers in March 2021: 98 (August 2020: 103)
- Individual: 54
- Institutional: 33
- Retired: 9 and Students: 2

There has been a downward trend in all categories over the past few years.

Deaths of notable members

Karin Oscarsson passed away in 2020, at the age of 79. In 1970 she started as music librarian at the Folkliga musikskolan Ingesund (now Ingesund Music School) and she worked there until 1999. Pia Shekhter relied upon her as a mentor when she started her career in Gothenburg. Even after Karin retired in 2008 she worked in projects at different music libraries in Gothenburg and Stockholm. Due to illness she moved from her beloved Arvika to her family in Östersund in 2017. Karin was a long-standing member of the Swedish IAML Branch and also served on the Board as Treasurer for many years. Her last term was in 2007/2008 and she was very much engaged in the IAML congress in Gothenburg 2006.

Branch activities

In April Pia Shekhter and Gunnel Jönsson attended a workshop for Finnish librarians organized by the public libraries in Vaasa and Tampere and the Finnish IAML branch. Our presentation held the title: "Music libraries in Sweden. Is a national strategy possible? Or do we need more international cooperation?" We gave an overview of the Swedish IAML branch as well as IAML itself.

Branch publications

The membership journal of the Swedish IAML Branch, *Musikbiblioteksnytt*, is published quarterly in printed form and online, openly accessible on the [website](#) of the Branch and with a link from the IAML website. The editors are Gunnel Jönsson and Tobias Danielsson.

Branch website

<https://smbf.nu>

Link to Branch annual report

https://smbf.nu/dok/arsmote_210318.pdf

Social media activity

Our Facebook page has 66 followers.

Discussion list: Musikbiblioteksforum; 118 subscribers. The National Library of Sweden hosts the list.

RILM and RISM contributions

The members of the RISM working group in Sweden are Kia Hedell, Uppsala University Library and Marina Demina, Music and Theatre Library of Sweden. The Swedish RILM working group consists of Kerstin Carpvik, Ann-Christin Olsson from The Music and Theatre Library of Sweden, and Lena Nettelbladt from Stockholm University of the Arts. Selection is based on new acquisitions to the Music and Theatre Library. Most of the books have been reviewed in the Swedish Journal of Music Research.

Recent Publications in Music

Pia Shekhter has contributed with an article in the new publication "[Objekt och samling - Om det unika i Göteborgs universitetsbibliotek](#)" (Object and collection - About the unique in Gothenburg University Library). The article is about the GoArt collection. The organ in focus.