

Norway / Norge

Submitted by Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen – Chair

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Board meetings held during the year

12 board meetings, of which only one has been physical: The 18th of November 2021.

Teams meetings: 11.01, 08.02, 08.03, 09.04, 12.04., 10.05, 21.06, 13.09, 11.10, 08.11, 06.12.

Annual branch meetings

The annual meeting was held digitally on 12th of April 2021 with 24 eligible participants.

The 2nd member meeting on Thursday 18th of November at the National Library, as a combination of digital and physical meeting. Fourteen people participated physically and eleven digitally.

Branch membership figures

The association has 63 members as of 31.12.2021:

- 26 individual persons,
- 6 student/retired members,
- 31 institutions

Number of institutions is stable, but personal members slowly decreasing.

Branch activities

The year has been heavily influenced by the corona situation, which has also turned many plans upside down this year. Planned events have generally had to be postponed once or several times, so most of it has been carried out later than desired.

The annual meeting was held digitally on 12 April 2021 with 24 eligible participants. The annual meeting did not lead to changes in the composition of the board of directors.

The association has held one member meeting during the period. It was held on Thursday 18 November at the National Library as a combination of digital and physical meeting. Fourteen people participated physically and eleven digitally. The theme of the meeting was the Music Library and the future. Several introductions, including Cathrine Undhjem (head of the Documentation Centre for Music at Viken County Library), Knut Tore Abrahamsen (librarian at Tønsberg and Færder Library), Helen Sakrihei (head of the Depot Library at the National Library) and Erle Flage Vimme (student in library and information science at

OsloMet) highlighted related topics, especially with regard to the use of the collections, collection development and future securing of discarded material.

Part two of the RDA Workshop for cataloging of sheet music material was conducted on Friday 22 October with Johan Jørgensen, Otlu Alsvik and Geir Kavli from the Norwegian Academy of Music as leaders. The theme was cataloguing music prints and was conducted as a conversation between the trainers, a format that worked very well. The entire course was recorded and shared with the participants afterwards. The course had 13 participants. The intention is to follow up with more courses.

The Norwegian Sound Archives Conference was supposed to be held in October 2020, but as so much else had to be postponed, initially until April 2021. Unfortunately, it was not possible to conduct the conference in 2021 either, and it was further postponed until spring 2022.

In 2021, the Association has received a clarification with the National Library of Norway on technical operation, hosting and maintenance of a National music subject term dictionary, where an editorial committee for IAML Norway shall be responsible for maintaining the content. Work on refreshing the lists before republishing was due to start in November 2021, but had to be postponed due to illness and corona restrictions. The collaboration will resume in 2022.

NMBF continues to work in order to preserve music's central place in the libraries, with the goal that no more libraries get rid of sheet music, music books and record collections. It can have a major negative impact on music life in the country if access to free and legal music resources disappears.

Branch projects

- Workshops in RDA cataloging
- National Music Subject Terms' Dictionary ("Emneord for musikkdokumenter")

Branch website

<https://www.musikkbibliotek.no>

<https://www.lydarkiv.no>

Social media activity

<https://www.facebook.com/musikkbibliotekforeningen/>

Branch educational activity

One workshop in RDA cataloging of printed sheet music held.

Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

Olav Nilsen received a scholarship of NOK. 2,500 to attend the members' meeting in November.

Additional comments

Representation: Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen meets as deputy for the distribution committee of the Norwegian Music Council.

Until July 2021, Tone also served as secretary of the Broadcasting and Orchestra Libraries Section of the International Association for Music Libraries and Archives.

