

## France

*Submitted by Isabelle Gauchet Doris – President*

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### Board meetings held during the year

- 24 June 2022
- 13 October 2022
- 6 April 2023
- 12 June 2023
- 7 July 2023

### Annual branch meetings

The annual meeting of the IAML French branch was held on 7 July 2023 at the Bibliothèque nationale de France in Paris. It was attended by 23 members.

The meeting was followed by an afternoon tour of the renovated areas of BnF's Richelieu site.

### Branch membership figures

Membership for 2022:

19 institutional memberships ; 14 individual memberships

A total of 33 memberships.

A slight decrease on the previous year, due to unpaid / deferred payments.

### Branch constitutional matters

Ratification of the new address of the AIBM headquarters

The AIBM's head office is now at 58 rue de Richelieu, 75002 Paris.

### **Branch activities**

Organisation of a thematic round table: exchanges on cataloguing practices for sheet music

On 7 July 2022, a first half-day round table was organised by videoconference.

23 participants joined the round table, mainly from France, but also two colleagues from Switzerland and Belgium (Conservatoire de Genève and Conservatoire royal de Bruxelles).

Topics covered:

- Uniform musical titles and 604 field
- Research fields
- 606 / 608 fields (evolution of RAMEAU)
- Retrieval of records
- Instrumental and vocal description

### **Branch projects**

A day of themed workshops is currently being prepared by the French branch. It will take place on 17 November 2023 at the Cité de la musique – Philharmonie de Paris.

### **Branch website**

<http://www.aibm-france.fr/>

Website redesign project in progress

### **Social media activity**

Success of the AIBM France discussion list: exchanges and dissemination of information between music libraries, archives and documentation centres.

Launched in February 2021, the AIBM France list has now 90 subscribers, including 20 new subscribers since the beginning of 2023.

### **Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards**

For the IAML 2022 Congress in Prague, the IAML French branch proposed a grant scheme to enable colleagues who could not be funded by their institution to take part in the annual congress. This scheme benefited a colleague from the BnF, Music Department. Her report on the congress has enriched the IAML French branch website with numerous reports on sessions and library visits.

### **Advocacy and recruitment**

Creation of an "Orchestra Libraries" group within the IAML French branch

This project enables orchestra librarians to join an already existing associative framework. It should encourage new members to join the French branch.

On 22 June 2023, a visio was organised and welcomed Sabina Benelli, who presented the Broadcasting and Orchestra Libraries section of IAML.

### **Additional comments**

A new logo for the French branch has been approved by the Board. It is a specific version of the IAML logo for AIBM France.

