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Submitted by Mari Itoh – President

National board members

- President – Mari ITOH [伊藤 真理] – Aichi Shukutoku University, Nagoya
- Vice-President, Regular meeting organiser – Shin'ya KATO [加藤信哉] – Trustee of Intellectual Resource Initiative
- Secretary General – Haruyo MIYAZAKI-KUMA [宮崎 晴代] – Musashino Academia Musicae, Tokyo
- Treasurer, Regular meeting organiser – Yumemi NOGAWA – Toho Gakuen School of Music Library

Members at large:

- Regular meeting organiser – Katsumi TAJIMA [田島 克美] – Executive director of Toccata Corporation, Tokyo
- Webmaster of Japanese branch website – Kentaro YANAGISAWA [柳澤 健太郎]
- Editor of Japanese branch newsletter – Tetsuro KUDO [工藤 哲朗]

Board meetings held during the year

All meetings were held online in 2022:

- January 31
- March 16
- June 9
- November 10
- December 29

Annual branch meetings

2022 annual branch meeting was held online on the 11th of June, having 20 members attended with 19 letters of attorney.

We reported the activities during the 2022 fiscal year, and discussed the 2023 meeting and publication plan, in addition to election report for 2023-2025 period.

Branch membership figures

- Individual members 39
- Institutional members 19

Membership is almost the same as the previous year.

Branch activities

We held the 71st and 72nd regular meetings. Both meetings were received highly favourable.

The 71st meeting on Thematic catalog project of Franz Benda by Nobuaki Tanaka, doctoral candidate of the University of Music Wuerzburg, Germany.

There were 36 attendees with 28 viewing of its recordings.

The 72nd meeting was on Present and future of music museums in Japan by Yuta Inoue, Assistant professor of Hirosaki Gakuin University, Aomori. It was held with Music Library Association of Japan, and there were 44 attendees with 78 viewing of its recordings.

Branch projects

We submitted the bibliographic data of our branch newsletter to the BIBLIS PLUS (Japanese only), which is bibliographic index in library and information science.

Branch publications

Nos. 72 to 74 of newsletter were published.

Branch website

<https://www.iaml.jp/>

We are ready to open members only web page to secure in-house information.

Link to Branch annual report

Annual report (in Japanese) is published in the 77th issue of the newsletter.

Social media activity

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

Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

Travel fund for Prague congress for first attendee. No applicant in 2022.

Advocacy and recruitment

Created and distributed branch pamphlets to library related communities.

Set up liaisons with RILM, RISM, RIPM, RIdIM, Music Library Association of Japan and Musicological Society of Japan.

National copyright issues

With the 2021 amendment to the Copyright Act coming into effect in 2022, the National Diet Library started a service to transmit digitised out-of-print or hard-to-find materials for limited to registered users residing in Japan.

Additional comments

Due to the spread of Covid-19, we used an online meeting system for all branch meetings and board meetings in 2022 to keep our efforts active. Using the online system increased flexibility in holding meetings and contributed to cost savings. On the other hand, it eliminated opportunities for face-to-face interaction among members, making informal communication a little difficult.

Election held for the term of 2023-2025:

- President – HIGUCHI, Ryuichi [樋口 隆一] – Professor Emeritus of Meiji Gakuin University
- Vice President – KATO, Shinya [加藤 信哉] – Director of Information Resources Initiatives, Specified Nonprofit Corporations
- Secretary General – KANO, Mari [加納 マリ] – Japanese music researcher, member of RILM National Committee of Japan
- Treasurer – NOGAWA, Yumemi [野川 夢美] – Senior librarian, Toho Gakuen School of Music Library

Members at large:

- TANAKA, Nobuaki 田中 伸明 – Doctoral candidate of the University of Music Wuerzburg
- TORIUMI, Keiji 鳥海 恵司 – Executive director, Toccata Corporation
- YAMAMOTO, Muneyoshi 山本 宗由 – Nagakute Cultural Center