

France

Submitted by Isabelle Gauchet Doris – President

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Other members :

- Agathe Courtin – Orchestre national des Pays de la Loire, Angers / Nantes
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Board meetings held during the year

- 6 September 2024
- 18 October 2024
- 5 February 2025
- 4 April 2025
- 14 May 2025
- 23 May 2025
- 13 June 2025

Annual branch meetings

8 July 2024 : Conservatoire de Paris, Hector Berlioz Library

General Assembly of the French branch

Presentation by Nicolas Frize of the association "Les Musiques de la Boulangère": a structure for musical creation, production, training and distribution. Focus on the activity of digitisation of sound documents that he has developed in conjunction with the prison system.

Afternoon tour of the Hector Berlioz Library

17 attendees ; 8 proxies ; total number of voters: 25 (10 persons + 15 institutions)

2025 : The annual meeting of the IAML French Branch will be held on Friday 5 September 2025 at the Conservatoire de Boulogne-Billancourt.

Branch membership figures

Membership for 2024 :

- 23 institutional memberships ; 15 individual memberships + 1 honorary membership
- A total of 39 memberships (stability)

Membership for 2025 (in progress) :

- 16 institutional memberships ; 9 individual memberships + 1 honorary membership
- A total of 26 memberships.

Deaths of notable members

Christian Massault, 1 June 2025

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Christian Massault on June 1, 2025.

A loyal attendee of the French branch professional meetings and IAML international congresses for many years, Christian continued to support our association after his retirement and right up to the present day.

His commitment, generosity and energy have left an indelible mark on the colleagues who had the chance to meet him. His death affects the entire community of music librarians.

The French branch of IAML joins his family in mourning. We will not forget Christian.

Branch constitutional matters

New membership fee voted at the General Assembly 2024

- For 2025: €83 institution membership / €39 personal membership
- For 2026: €90 institution membership / €40 personal membership

Branch activities

- 8 July 2024: At the end of the General Assembly, Nicolas Frize presented Les Musiques de la Boulangère, and more specifically the Studio du Temps that he created at the Saint-Maur central prison (near Châteauroux), to digitise sound archives. An extraordinary project designed for prisoners, and a fascinating human and professional experience that has been going on for 34 years and whose survival is unfortunately under threat.
- 12 July 2024: "Echos de Stellenbosch" A look back at the 2024 Congress in Stellenbosch (online session open to everyone)
- 7 October 2024: Workshop on the conservation of scores and sheet music (collaboration with the Bibliothèque nationale de France) - full workshop (15 attendees)
- 2 April 2025: Visiting the Studio du Temps at Saint-Maur (audio digitisation activity in a prison facility)
- 19 June 2025: Visiting the collections of French National Radio (Radio France)
- Coming soon: Professional days of the French branch, 20 and 21 October 2025, Strasbourg

Branch publications

Newsletters online: 8 letters were sent (via mailchimp)

Branch website

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

New website project: ongoing search for a website designer

Social media activity

- Success of the AIBM France discussion list: exchanges and dissemination of information between music libraries, archives and documentation centres (99 subscribers)

- Facebook: 90 followers
- Twitter/X is not used anymore by the French branch (just as IAML's decision).

Branch educational activity

- Workshop on the conservation of scores / sheet music - 7 October 2024
- Project of workshop on the conservation of audio recordings (January 26)

Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

- Award of a grant for the Stellenbosch 2024 congress: Pascal Leray
- Award of two grants for the Salzburg 2025 congress: Marco Lo Cascio and Bastien Blanchon

Advocacy and recruitment

Participation in lobbying Unesco for an 'International Day of Music Libraries and Archives'

National copyright issues

Ongoing project: a charter of good practice between orchestras and music publishers, governing the rental of orchestral scores, is currently being drawn up.

A short presentation of this issue (context and approach) will be given during the working session of the Broadcasting and Orchestra Libraries Section in Salzburg.

RILM and RISM contributions

RISM: 240 records for Niccolò Jommelli



Collections of French National Radio (Radio France)



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