

## Japan / 日本

*Submitted by Shin'ya Kato – Vice President*

### National board members

- 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
- Regular meeting organiser – TORIUMI, Keiji [鳥海 恵司] – Executive director, Toccata Corporation
- Webmaster of Japanese branch website – YAMAMOTO, Muneyoshi [山本 宗由] – Nagakute Cultural
- Editor of Japanese branch newsletter – [田中 伸明] – TANAKA, Nobuaki – Assistant Professor, Kitasato University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### Board meetings held during the year

All meetings were held online in 2024:

- April 13
- May 21
- December 21

### Annual branch meetings

2024 annual branch meeting held online on the 1st of June, having 14 members attended with 25 letters of attorney.

We reported the activities during the 2023 fiscal year and discussed the 2024 meeting and publication plan.

### Branch membership figures

- Individual members 43
- Institutional members 15

### Branch activities

On June 1st, 2024, we held the 75th regular meeting, where Mariko Takano (Institute for Assistance of Academic Libraries) presented Library Catalogues at a Turning Point (1) Around NACSIS-CAT at the National Institute of Informatics. There were 28 attendees, with 77 viewing of its recordings.

## **Branch publications**

Issues 78 and 79 of the newsletters have been published and will be available online for branch members. They will remain under a one-year embargo before being accessible to the public from the branch website.

## **Branch website**

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

## **Link to Branch annual report**

The annual report (in Japanese) appears in the 79th issue of the [newsletter](#).

## **Social media activity**

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

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

Travel fund for Stellenbosch Congress for first attendee. No applicant in 2024.

## **RILM and RISM contributions**

Members of the Japan Branch: Mari Itoh, Mizuho Kodama, and Haruyo Miyazaki are members of the RILM National Committee of Japan and continuously contribute to RILM's bibliographic database.

## **Additional comments**

In 2024, we used an online meeting system for all branch and board meetings to address cost constraints and increase participation of members in remote areas. The online system increased the flexibility of meeting holding. However, it eliminated opportunities for face-to-face interaction among members, making informal communication a little difficult.

Currently, the board members' cost-saving efforts allow the branch to operate without financial deficit. Still, the recent yen depreciation against the euro has increased the total sum of payments sent to headquarters from membership dues, putting pressure on the branch's budget.