

Working Group on Access to Music Archives – AMA-WG

Report to the General Assembly of IAML

The general aim of the AMA project is the registration of music archives, but now the work is concentrating on listing institutions with music archival holdings, updating the data from the already published RISM-C to create a new online directory of music libraries. This year the AMA-WG ends its three year term as a Working Group. The balance of the work done during the three years can be expressed as:

- Discussion with the RISM Central Office in Frankfurt resulting in adoption of the fields related to the Directory of institutions already used in RISM.
- A reference manual for national working groups.
- A proposal that updating work should continue. The level of updating will vary depending on the activity of groups in various countries.
- A proposal to broaden the initial idea of limiting updating to European countries. The two most recent published volumes of the Directory of RISM open up further possibilities. Increased collaboration with Latin American countries would be an example.

The future of the AMA-WG in the new organizational model of IAML – Project Group or Study Group – was considered at meetings in Rome. It was agreed that a Study Group would be more appropriate than a Project group. At the congress in Riga the Working Group will approve initial Terms of Reference and ask the General Assembly to approve a Study Group on Music Archives.

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