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The Czech National Branch has now 23 full members, and of these, 11 are international. The board has 5 members from various music libraries and institutions: the president of the branch is Jana Navrátilová (Municipal Library of Prague), the honorary president is Zuzana Petráškova (National Library in Prague), the vice president is Miroslava Horejskova (Music Departement of Jiri Mahen Library in Brno), the secretary is Zoja Seyčkova (Bohuslav Martinu Institute) and the treasurer is Jana Blažíkova (National Library in Prague).

The general meeting and seminar of the Czech National Branch took place in October 2006 in the Municipal Library in the Hradec Králové. In the presence of more than forty deputies of the Czech and Moravian music libraries, Dr. Vít Richter, the president of the Association of Library and Information Professionals of the Czech Republic, brought forward a detailed report about the Czech Copyright Law and its impact on access of sound and printed documents in music libraries.

Several Czech and Moravian libraries found partnership for common purchase of electronic databases for our users, the first one of them will be Grove Music On-line in seven various places in the Czech Republic. We are going to continue in this activity next year.

As usual, the Music Department of Jiri Mahen Library in Brno organized in May 2007 the seventh seminar from the cycle of lectures on musical history, this one dedicated the history of music theatre. It was entitled From Monteverdi to Lloyd-Webber or from Opera to Musical.

The next meeting and seminar of the Czech National Branch will be in November 2007 in the recently reconstructed building of the Municipal library in Ostrava.

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