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The Czech National Branch of IAML has 24 institutional members from the Czech and Moravian region, of whose 12 important libraries and documentary centres are also international members.

Colleagues from other libraries and music departments and also colleagues from the associated institutions regularly participate on the events administered or co-administered by the Czech National Branch.

Last plenary meeting of the Czech Branch, which took place on 21 to 22 October 2009, also included two vocational seminars and was hosted by the Municipal Library in Krnov. This moderate town is situated in the region of North Moravia and it takes pride in the important tradition of organ production. One of the related events in the two-day programme was an excursion to the Rieger-Kloss Varhany, s.r.o., factory, specializing in the construction, fabrication, and reconstruction of organs since 1873. We heard expert commentary during the excursion in the factory, followed by a small organ concert.

During the meeting, the IAML members provided information and evaluation past year, which were supplemented also by short reports of invited guests from Slovakia. Members of some Department Commissions discussed their plans, aims, and issues, most interesting have been the contributions by members of the Commission for Cataloguing (on the project of the corporate authorities, etc.) and by members of the Commission for Public Libraries (the motion for the initiation of the changes in the present licensing agreements on the providing of the audio-visual materials in the Czech Music Libraries and on the 2006 Amendment of the Authors' Act, which has a negative effect on the providing of the printed materials to users). Jana Navrátilová, chairwoman of the Czech National Branch, reported on the proceedings of the international IAML Conference in Amsterdam. Zuzana Petrášková from the National Library of Czech Republic has acquainted the participants with the proceedings and nature of the tasks performed within the international projects RISM, RILM, RIPM, and RIDIM, in which also many Czech Institutions participate, led by the National Library. In the final part of the meeting, the motion to organise a seminar on the discussion on the present strategies in the public services of the music libraries was sounded. During the meeting the participants also seized the opportunity learn about the activities of the Municipal Library in Krnov and its Music Department as well as with the music life in this region and its important music monuments.

The next meeting of music librarians in 2010 took place in Brno. Our colleagues from the Music Department of the Jiří Mahen's Library arranged the educational seminar named *Music That Distorts the Borders of the Styles and Forms* at the beginning of May. The important music



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scientists, musicologists, and composers took part in this seminar with their lectures. The programme was animated by the evening performance of the Jewish band, which introduced to the listeners to the almost-vanished tradition of Jewish music and culture of Brno. Information on various activities, including information on the beginnings of a project of shared cataloguing of sheet music between the National Library, the Moravian Library in Brno, and the Research Library in Olomouc, were presented by the Czech Branch members. Zoja Seyková from the Bohuslav Martinů Institute spoke on the continuing international project *Martinů Revisited* and participants also discussed the possibilities of using The Musica Subject Gateway (MUS), which provides integrated access to information resources in the fields of music and musicology.

In the present we are preparing the programme for the autumn meeting of the Czech National Branch of IAML which will take place in Prague, where we have planned a lecture and discussion with Dr. Mекlešová from the Ministry of Culture on the possibilities of the changes in the legislative conditions and license proceedings with the impact on the providing of the music documents in the Czech Republic. The meeting will be hosted at the newly-reconstructed and -opened Library of the Section of the History of Music of the Institute of Ethnology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. The organisation of the meeting is being prepared in the collaboration with other institutions as National Library, Municipal Library of Prague, and the Bohuslav Martinů Institute. The programme of this upcoming event will include also information on the international IAML Conference in Moscow.

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