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The Czech National IAML Branch has 24 institutional members from the Bohemia and Moravia regions, of which 12 significant libraries and documentation centres are also international members.

Colleagues from other libraries and music departments, as well as colleagues from the associated institutions, regularly participate in the events administered or co-administered by the Czech National Branch.

The most recent plenary session of the Czech National Branch took place on 19 October 2011 at the National Library, Prague. The participants elected a new committee of the Czech National IAML Branch, headed by the chairwoman Zoja Seyčková, from the Bohuslav Martinů Institute in Prague. Information on the international projects RISM, RILM, RIPM and RIDIM, in which many Czech institutions also participate, led by the National Library, was provided. Also presented was the new form of the website: www.nkp.cz/iaml/.

The Commission for Public Libraries informed those present that it had prepared written records for the licence negotiations within the so-called extended collective administration, which aims to resolve the matters pertaining to copying of sheet music for study purposes in Czech music libraries in favour of their users (the amendment to the Copyright Act is currently being discussed in the Czech Republic). The plenary session also included a seminar on the theme Success, Experience and Future Outlook in the Area of Digitisation of Sheet Music and Sound Documents.

On 17 and 18 May 2012, music librarians had a meeting in Brno, where the J. Mahen Library held a seminar on the theme Medieval Secular Song. Prominent musicologists and composers presented their papers at the seminar. At the meeting, Zoja Seyčková and Zuzana Petrášková provided information about the planned activities of the Czech National IAML Branch.

On 19 and 20 September 2012, the South Bohemia Library in České Budějovice will be hosting an annual IAML session and an international conference on the theme Bohemian Sources in the Resources and Collections of Music Libraries, Archives, Museums and Documentation Centres and Making Them Available. Attendees will include musicologists from Germany, Slovakia and Poland.

The programme of this upcoming event will also include information on the proceedings from the International IAML Conference in Montreal 2012.
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