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Danish music libraries are in a period of transition. On 1 January 2003 new legislation was implemented and by now all Danish 277 municipalities have to have recordings (compact-discs) in their collections. A giant step to equal the music materials with the printed has begun. At the same time we are reorganizing the interlibrary lending system by appointing four public libraries and the Danish State and University library to be in charge of the so-called superstructure of the field. By 2004 the new organization has to be in place and we all hope that it will have great effect on the co-operation between music libraries in Denmark.

Simultaneously we have a very interesting development regarding the digital communication of music on the Net. The project Phonofile.dk is expected to launch the autumn /winter—and in this project the public libraries will have a predominant role. I guess that you all have heard about the project but for those who haven't : Phonofile was set up to meet the new challenges facing the Danish music industry in terms of product distribution, and to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by managing music in digital form. Phono- file Denmark works in close cooperation with the State and University Library, the owners of musical content and the owners of music rights. This unique collaboration makes it possible to provide customers with access to virtually the entire Danish music repertoire, digitally and on demand via an Internet browser.

Also the autumn we have an exiting project regarding sheet music on the Net. We are running a pilot project with the Danish company <http://www.sheetmusicnow.com>, one of the largest retailers of digital sheet music. The project grants Danish libraries full access to a reduced price to the full catalogue of more than 10.000 pieces of music integrating digital sheet music in the daily library work as a alternative to the printed music.

From our own world: the Danish IAML is in a healthy development. We have now 155 members and are still growing.