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## **Denmark / Danmark, report 2015**

### **The Board and membership**

National Board/Committee members:

Emilie Wieth-Knudsen, Lyngby-Taarbæk Public Libraries, President

Vibeke Løvig Halvorsen, Rudersdal Public Libraries, Secretary

Helene Olsen, Copenhagen Public Libraries, Treasurer

Claus Teglgård Madsen, Odense Music Library, Webmaster

Musse Magnussen Svare, Library of the Royal Danish Academy of Music

Helle Tjørnov, Hvidovre Public Libraries

Karen Vestergaard, Køge Public Libraries

Board meetings during the year: 4 (January, May, September and November). Annual meeting: Thursday, 13 March 2014, in Odense City.

Number of members: Individual: 34, Institutional: 70, Free membership: 14.

### **Annual Meeting 2014**

This year's meeting was held in Odense. The day began with an exciting lecture by curator at the Carl Nielsen Museum, Ida-Marie Vorre who told us about the museum's efforts to promote



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Carl Nielsen in connection with his 150th birthday in 2015. There was a good discussion on how libraries can help to convey Carl Nielsen's music to the public.

One of the initiatives that the museum has contributed to is the Carl Nielsen Network, which was established in 2009. The [www.carlnielsen.org](http://www.carlnielsen.org) network was launched on 17 November 2014. The website focusses on three major points: First, the music itself, with the possibility of both listening to Nielsen's music and reading the musical scores. Second: the background and research on Nielsen's life and third, but not least, a calendar with an overview of the large and small concerts in Nielsen-year.

The calendar displays many of the high-profile Nielsen concerts, such as those, for example, by the New York Philharmonic and the Berlin Philharmonic.

### **Participation in SMBF's annual meeting in Stockholm**

In April 2014, the Board sent a small delegation to our Swedish sister association's annual meeting in Stockholm. Claus Teglgård Madsen, Emilie Wieth-Knudsen, and Musse Magnussen Svare represented DMBF and we were very well received. The annual meeting took place over two days and consisted, besides the annual meeting, of professional presentations, concerts, and visits to important musical institutions in Stockholm. It was very inspiring to meet our Swedish colleagues, who had come to the meeting from all over the country. We made some good contacts and learned that the Swedish music institutions also experience cutbacks and



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lack of political support. It confirms our belief that we have an important role in dealing with this reality and that closer cooperation with our Nordic colleagues can strengthen our work.

### **IAML in Antwerp**

Musse Magnussen Svare took part in the 2014 IAML conference as a representative of DMBF.

Here is a short excerpt of Musse's description of the conference:

"It was a super experience. Everything was beautiful and well organized. It has been like a vitamin injection to meet so many committed colleagues who work with music and libraries worldwide. It has provided extra motivation that others experience the same joys and problems within our profession and emphasizes that our important role is still worth fighting for."

Musse became a member of the new AdHoc Committee which is to look at all the branches of the association.

### **2015 Nordic/Baltic Meeting Planning**

Musse also participated in a Nordic/Baltic meeting and they agreed to arrange a Nordic/Baltic Conference in October 22nd and 23rd 2015. It will include a complement to the IAML conference in New York 2015, which will be relatively expensive / difficult to participate in for members in the Nordic/Baltic countries.



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Claus was selected as DMBF's member of the program team to arrange the 2015 joint Nordic/Baltic Conference.

### **Cooperation with MUFA**

In November 2014, MUFA, The Music Library Group under the Danish Librarians Union, hosted a two day conference under the theme *Music and People*. The conference was held in the newly opened House of Music in Aalborg. Helle Tjørnov from DMBF participated in the program planning and execution. It was two very exciting and inspiring days in beautiful surroundings.

The participants experienced dedicated presentations that gave insights into how music can affect the human mind and body, and how they work with music in Aalborg – from music therapy to youth communities and creative music promotion.

DMBF and MUFA intend to continue cooperation in the future.

### **Carl Nielsen Initiative**

In the summer of 2014, the Board created a Carl Nielsen group with representatives of DMBF's member institutions. The 9th of June 2015 is our great national composer's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

DMBF wished to contribute to the celebration at Danish libraries to help spread awareness of our great composer.



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The group consisted of: Gitte Lose (Gladsaxe Library), Erling Lykke (Aalborg Library), Karen Vestergaard (Køge Library), Vibeke Løvig Halvorsen (Birkerød Library) and Kathrina Tobiasen (Randers Library). The result of their efforts included an "event package" with special musicians and lecturers who can convey Carl Nielsen's music and life in libraries and a special one-day conference on Carl Niensens life and work for library employees.

It is possible for member institutions to seek compensation for these events. The Board has established a special fund of 25,000 kr. for this purpose.

*Emilie Wieth-Knudsen*

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