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The board and members

The board has 11 members from various music libraries and institutions. The president of the branch is Ulla Ikäheimo (National Library of Finland), the vice president is Irmeli Koskimies (Sibelius Academy) and secretary-treasurer is Heikki Poroila (Vantaa City Library). Membership of the branch stands at 16 individual and 51 institutional members.

Publications

The publication activities are undergoing change in that there were no printed publications this year. Two directories were opened on line: Hankalat musiikkinimet (List of authorized music name headings) and Aidatrumpetista zimbalomiin (List of musical instruments) can be searched at http://www.kirjastot.fi/fi-FI/musiikki/(link is external). The national library portal Kirjastot.fi and its music channel are the most important way of informing music libraries. The printed magazine *Intervalli* is still issued quarterly, but there are plans for electronic publication in .pdf form.

The Finnish magazine of classical music *Rondo* published a special music library issue that was distributed in libraries. *Kirjastolehti* (The Finnish Library Journal) and *Trad* (folk music magazine) also had articles on music libraries.

Other activities

The official branch meetings were held in Lahti City Library and Vantaa City Library.

Fourteen of the largest public music libraries met in February for discussions of music library services in the future. The "manifest" for further discussion contains, among other things, regional music library services, the staff competence, the musical gamut and depth, and promoting national culture.

The branch started planning a copyright seminar in Helsinki and a study trip to Denmark in the autumn 2006. The most important future happening is the Baltic-Nordic music library meeting which will be held in Helsinki August 2007. The homepage of the event is http://www.lib.helsinki.fi/english/libraries/viola/MPL2007/ (link is external)

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