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Membership of the French branch is about 112, the same as last year. There have been 13 new members, 8 institutions and 5 individuals, mainly from public libraries, which is a new development for the French Group, and is probably as a result of an association with ACIM, which is now a federation of different organisations dealing with musical documentation. The journal Ecoutez Voir will come out three times a year. The new issue scheduled for 2004 will be devoted to professional training and information: reports of meetings or congresses as IAML. ISMIR, professional training, subject headings, FRBR cataloguing in the MARC format, and translations of foreign articles.

This year the French Group published in April a very complete issue containing: the President's report, working groups reports, the IAML meeting in Berkeley report, Dominique Hausfater's report on her visit to four experimental establishments in musical documentation in New York and its environs, RILM annual report. This year there will be a special issue of the Bulletin dealing with musicology at the Perigueux Congress. The web site has changed its structure. Many headings have been added.

Our annual meeting was held at the end of april, three working groups focused on the following topics: musical bibliography handbook, professional training, evolution of MARC format. Patrick Le Boeuf has been invited to talk about FRBR.

As president of the French Branch, Laurence Languin attended the meeting of a committee appointed to deal with conference organisation in Grenoble, entitled Music and memory. This conference is organised by the Ministère de la Culture et de la communication, Direction du Livre et de la lecture. Many participants are IAML's members. Six exhibition catalogues will be published in October.

Laurence Languin, présidente