IAML Forum of Commissions and Professional Branches
Report from the meeting in New York, 25 June 2015

Participants

Members of the Forum:

- **Stanislaw Hrabia** (Jagiellonian University, Kraków), IAML Programme Officer (Chair)
- **Pia Shekhter** (Gothenburg University Library. Music and Drama Library, Gothenburg), IAML Secretary General

Professional Branches:

- **Marie Cornaz** (Bibliothèque royale de Belgique, Brussels), Archives and Music Documentation Centres Branch
- **Nienke de Boer** (Het Balletorkest / Dutch Ballet Orchestra, Amsterdam), Broadcasting and Orchestra Libraries Branch
- **Johan Eeckeloo** (Royal Conservatory Brussels, Erasmus University College, Brussels), Libraries in Music Teaching Institutions Branch
- **Carolyn Dow** (Lincoln City Libraries, Nebraska), Public Libraries Branch
- **Thomas Leibnitz** (Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Wien), Research Libraries Branch

Subject Commissions:

- **Rupert Ridgewell** (British Library, London), Bibliography Commission
- **Andrew Justice** (University of North Texas, Denton), Commission on Audio-Visual Materials
- **Jane Gottlieb** (The Juilliard School, New York), Commission on Service and Training
- **Joseph Hafner** (McGill University, Montréal), Cataloguing Commission

Representatives of the Organizing Committees of IAML Congresses:

- **Jim Cassaro** (University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh), Representative of the Organizing Committee IAML/IMS New York 2015,
- **Federica Riva** (Conservatorio di Musica ‘Luigi Cherubini’, Firenze), **Annalisa Bini** (Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Roma), Representatives of the Organizing Committee IAML Rome 2016

IAML Board Members:

- **Barbara Dobbs Mackenzie** (RILM International Center, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York), IAML President
- **Roger Flury** (UK), IAML Past-President
- **Thomas Kalk** (Stadtbüchereien Düsseldorf), IAML Treasurer

Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Committee on Organizational Structure (Level 2):

- **John H. Roberts** (University of California, Berkeley)
- **Barbara Wiermann** (Sächsische Landes-, Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Dresden)
On 25 June 2015 the Forum of the Commissions and Professional Branches had it’s first official
working meeting during the IAML/IMS Congress in New York.

The Programme Officer, Stanislaw Hrabia, gave a summary of the work during the year. He thanked
the members of the Forum, the Co-Chairs of the Organizing Committee Jim Cassaro, Barbara Dobbs
Mackenzie and Jane Gottlieb, the Secretary General Shekhter for their commitment in creating the
congress programme. The programme had been prepared in close cooperation with the IMS
Programme Committee, chaired by Malena Kuss, Vice-President of IMS.

In addition to the responsibility of creating the programme for IAML’s congresses the Forum now
also functioned as an advisory body to the Board. The Co-Chairs of the Ad-Hoc Committee on
Organizational Structure (Level 2) John Roberts and Barbara Wiermann had been invited to the
Forum. They led the discussion about proposed changes on the structure of IAML. The members of
the Forum fully supported these changes and expressed their interest in a close cooperation with the
Ad Hoc Committee in the process of revising the current system of commissions, professional
branches, committees and their terms of reference.

The other important item on the agenda was the next IAML Congress in Rome, 3-8 July 2016. Two co-
Chairs of the Organizing Committee – Federica Riva (Conservatorio di Musica ‘Luigi Cherubini’,
Florence, President of IAML Italia) and Annalisa Bini (Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Rome) –
presented information about the preparations for the Congress.

The members of the Forum discussed the proposal of “hot topic” session devoted to current issues
related to music librarianship and accepted the table deadlines in which the most important dates
were “Call for papers” and “Call for posters” open for submissions between 10 September and 10
November 2015.

Stanislaw Hrabia
IAML Programme Officer

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