



IAML General Assembly Meeting 2025, Salzburg

Agenda

Time: Tuesday 8 July, 16.00-17.30 CEST
Friday 11 July, 15.40-17.00 CEST

Location: E.001 HS Thomas Bernhard
Also on Zoom, see below under respective day

Tuesday 8 July 2025

Zoom participants, please register by clicking [here](#).

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1. Welcome to the General Assembly, part I *Rupert Ridgewell*
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2024 General Assembly *Rupert Ridgewell*
3. President's report *Rupert Ridgewell*
4. Secretary General's report *Anders Cato*
 - a. Vote on a new two-year term for the Secretary General (*Rupert Ridgewell*)
5. Treasurer's report *Kimmy Szeto*
 - a. Certified Public Accountant's report – including proposed budget
 - b. Membership fees
 - c. Investment of IAML funds including a proposal to set up a IAML Investment Committee
6. The Publications Committee *Stefan Engl*
7. Fontes Artis Musicae *Jim Cassaro*
8. The Publication Awards *Stefan Engl*
 - a. THE VLADIMIR FÉDOROV AWARD for best article
 - b. THE FRANÇOIS LESURE AWARD for best review

9. Website and Social Media *Jennifer Ward*
10. The Liesbeth Hoedemaeker-Cohen Fund & The H. Robert Cohen / RIPM Fund for IAML Congress Travel *Rupert Ridgewell*
11. The IAML Outreach Fund *Janneka Guise*
12. IAML new Website *Kimmy Szeto*
13. IAML Historian *Rupert Ridgewell*
Results of the call for candidates for a new IAML Historian
14. Survey on the Structure of IAML's Future Congresses *Jürgen Diet*
Short report on the outcome of the survey
15. Proposal for a new Project Group on Best Practices for Electronic Score Licensing in Music Libraries (see appendix) *Carla Williams*

Friday 11 July 2025

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16. Welcome to the General Assembly, part II *Rupert Ridgewell*
17. Vote on IAML financial documents *Kimmy Szeto*
 - a. Certified Public Accountant's report & Proposed budget
 - b. Proposed new membership fees from 2027
18. Vote on Proposals from General Assembly part I *Rupert Ridgewell*
 - a. Proposal to set up a IAML Investment Committee
 - b. Proposal for a new Project Group on Best Practices for Electronic Score Licensing in Music Libraries
19. Results of the IAML Public Library Section supplementary election *Anders Cato*
20. Report of the Forum of National Representatives *Jürgen Diet*
21. Report of the Forum of Sections *Anna Pensaert*
22. Report from the DAMO Committees *Janneka Guise*
23. Report from the Online Events Committee *Teresa Delgado Sanchez*
24. RldIM *Antonio Baldassarre*
25. RILM *Tina Frühauf*
26. RIPM *Benjamin Knysak*
27. RISM *Laurent Pugin*
28. Other reports *Rupert Ridgewell*
 - a. Hofmeister XIX. Latest developments *Pia Shekhter*
29. Any matters arising during the week *Rupert Ridgewell*

30. In memoriam

- a. Malcolm Jones
- b. Bernhard Huys
- c. Joachim Jaenecke
- d. Hanneke Kuiper

31. Any other business *Rupert Ridgewell*

32. Future congresses *Anders Cato*

- a. Thessaloniki, Greece, 2026
- b. Toronto, Canada 2027
- c. Congresses after 2027

33. Next meeting of the General Assembly *Anders Cato*

The next General Assembly will take place on 30 July & 3 August 2026 in Thessaloniki

34. End of meeting *Rupert Ridgewell*

Proposal to Form a Project Group

on Best Practices for Electronic Score Licensing in Music Libraries

1. Terms of Reference

Music libraries are at the forefront of providing access to digital scores for performance, research, and education. The rapid shift toward electronic score distribution has brought complex licensing challenges for music libraries, including copyright compliance, access limitations, and fair compensation for creators. This project group aims to establish best practices for electronic score licensing specifically tailored to the needs of music libraries, ensuring that these institutions can effectively manage electronic resources while respecting the rights of creators and publishers. The work of this Project Group is overseen by the Libraries in Music Teaching Institutions Section.

Objectives:

- Develop best practices for electronic score licensing suited to the operational realities of music libraries.
- Address licensing complexities through legal, financial, and technological guidance.
- Promote collaboration between libraries, composers, publishers, and educational institutions.
- Advocate for equitable access, transparency, and clarity in electronic score licensing for music libraries.

2. Scope of the Project Group

The project group will focus on the unique needs and challenges of music libraries, including:

- **Licensing Models:** Examining current licensing models used in music libraries including subscription, pay-per-use, perpetual access, and Creative Commons frameworks.
- **Copyright Compliance:** Ensuring music libraries understand copyright requirements and their application across international contexts.
- **Fair Compensation:** Developing models that provide fair compensation for composers and publishers without compromising access for library users.
- **Technology Standards:** Evaluating digital tools used by libraries for score archiving and distribution and recommending standards for access and use.
- **User Education:** Creating user guidelines for library patrons, including faculty, students, and performers, on the ethical and legal use of digital scores.

3. Membership and Stakeholders

The project group will include representatives from the IAML sections most involved in electronic score licensing and use in music libraries, such as:

- Broadcasting and Orchestra Libraries
- Libraries in Music Teaching Institutions
- Public Libraries
- Research Libraries
- Cataloging and Metadata
- Service and Training

The project group will consult key stakeholders involved in electronic score licensing and use in music libraries, such as:

- **Music Publishers:** Major and independent music publishers providing digital score formats to libraries.
- **Composers:** Composers whose works are licensed for digital use in library settings.
- **Legal Experts:** Specialists in copyright and intellectual property law relevant to digital media in libraries.
- **Music Educators:** Educators from institutions with significant digital score usage who can provide insights into the educational impact.
- **Technology Providers:** Companies that develop and support digital platforms used by libraries for score distribution and usage tracking.
- **Professional Music Organizations:** Associations that advocate for copyright, rights management, and fair use in the music and library sectors.

4. Activities and Deliverables

The project group will carry out its mandate through:

- **Research and Surveys:** Conduct surveys and interviews with stakeholders to assess current practices, licensing issues, and the specific needs of music libraries.
- **Workshops and Roundtables:** Host discussions to identify common challenges and explore solutions.
- **Drafting Guidelines:** Create best practices for electronic score licensing for music libraries, focusing on compliance, compensation, and access.
- **Educational Materials:** Develop resources, such as FAQs, guides, and webinars, to assist library staff and users in navigating electronic score licensing.
- **Licensing Materials:** Provide models and templates for electronic score licensing agreements.
- **Final Report:** Publish a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations for best practices tailored to music libraries.

5. Actions

- Determine a timeline for the project.
- Form the project group and outreach to stakeholders.
- Collect data (surveys, interviews, etc.) and research on licensing practices in libraries.
- Conduct workshops and roundtable discussions.
- Draft best practices and educational materials.
- Final review and publication of the report.

6. Conclusion

With the growing reliance on digital resources, it is crucial for music libraries to adopt best practices in electronic score licensing that support equitable access, legal compliance, and fair compensation. This project group will foster collaboration and provide music libraries with the guidance they need to manage digital score resources responsibly and effectively, benefiting the entire music library community.

LIMTI Officers:

Carla Williams, Chair
Charles Peters, Vice-chair
Birgit Lechner, Secretary

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