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## **Italy - Report 2003**

During 2003 the Italian branch of IAML was officially appointed by the Italian national cataloguing agency (ICCU) to cooperate with the permanent commission on the revision of the Italian cataloguing code. A working group was established, chaired by Fiorella Pomponi, former music librarian at the Milano central public library 'Sormani', with the aim to revise the 1979 music code *Manuale di catalogazione musicale* according to the evolution of the Italian library network. In autumn 2003 the separate music database SBN-Musica is going to be merged into the National cataloguing system, as prototype of any special materials.

On 9 April 2003 the copyright law n. 68 was approved in application of the European directive 2001/29/CE. Stated that the loan of copyrighted music in Italy is forbidden since 1994, the law unfortunately introduces a new exception for music. The general rules states that it is possible to xerocopy protected printed materials up to the 15% of any volume (or an issue of periodical) but it expressly exclude printed music. The Italian branch thanks IAML for the approval of the Statement of principles on copyright and thanks Anne Le Lay and Richard Chesser who participated to the copyright session on music at the national conference of the Italian Library Association in October 2002. Other initiatives on the copyright issue are in progress. During another session of the same conference the issue of Total Quality in music libraries was approached for the first time in Italy.

A third event took place during the year which is going to change much in music libraries life, i.e. the implementation of the Conservatory reform. According to the reform each Conservatory is going to write within September 2003 its own constitution and there is some expectation that the role of libraries will be better recognized. To help this process the board of the Italian Branch of IAML prepared and published on the national website recommendations and guidelines to be adopted by each Conservatory.

A proposal of cooperation was presented to the Italian Library Association in case the IFLA conference 2008 will be held in Rome, while the IAML conference is going to be held in Naples in the same year. The branch had elections during the annual assembly held in May at the Conservatory in Naples. Officers for 2003-2006 are: Agostina Zecca Laterza, president; Federica Riva, vice-president; Marcello Eynard, secretary; Patrizia Salvi, treasurer.