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This year, we have seen a slight loss in the number of members: currently we have 130 members, of these 79 are institutional members. The number of our members increases when we organize music cataloguing courses. During the last year we have haven't held any courses while we await the completion of the new music cataloguing rules in the national database

Another reason for the decreasing membership is probably due to the high number of casual employees who are not feeling sure of their future prospects for their profession. Our profession is not recognized as such in Italy. For this reason IAML Italia, at the beginning of the year created CERTIDOC ITALIA <http://www.certidocitalia.splinder.com/> in conjunction with other documentalists associations. This will provide a form of recognition in the European contest which could be useful in Italy as well for our casual workers, by providing also mobility within Europe.

IAML Italia cooperates with ICCU (Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico delle Biblioteche Italiane e per le Informazioni Bibliografiche) in creating the new code of music cataloguing.

But our main task has been the preparation of Naples IAML Conference 2008. The Naples working team has almost completed the organization effort so that we can offer our international colleagues the best hospitality.

You can visit the Conference website at www.iamlnapoli2008.it which will be updated regularly. Thank you very much for your interest. Don't forget to come and visit us in the beautiful city of Naples. During the closing session you will be able to see a short video of Naples which will make you love to come.

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