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During the last year, the Japanese Branch has experienced a lot of changes. We started to rebuild our branch; we have reorganized it considerably, and now still further projects are planned for the reactivation of the branch.

First of all, for the first time in the history of the Japanese Branch we have adopted a local constitution. In other words, we did not have any constitution until today. Thanks to and with the kind assistance of the former Secretary General Veslemøy Heintz, we finally completed our own text for the constitution. After a mail vote by the members, it was adopted and came into effect on May 20, 1995. Our constitution is bilingual, and has been published in English and Japanese.

Secondly, we have had the first election of board officers in the history of the branch. The Japanese Branch has always enjoyed a very friendly atmosphere; hitherto the board officers have usually been appointed without election. The first election was held in April 1995, and the new officers elected include Professor Keiichiro Watanabe (President), Shigeru Joho (Vice-President), Yo Akioka (Secretary), and Yasuko Todo (Treasurer). The central office remains same as before.

Some of the readers of *Fontes* may wonder how their old friends in the Japanese Branch are. The answer is that they are still active members of IAML Japanese Branch, and they are very well, and the branch is still friendly as it was before.

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