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My name is Gert Floor and I am the President of the Dutch Branch of IAML. First, I want to express my compliments to those responsible for giving these national reports a place at this conference, because it gives us all an opportunity to hear about the actual situation in as many different countries as possible.

Last year, the eighth of its existence as NVMB, our Dutch branch grew a little to 80 members.

As last year, our program committee organised two meetings, one whole day and one afternoon. Subjects this time were: Connections between music and actual philosophers, a new music retrieval system, “Orpheus”, and Copyright: how to cope with the recently implemented rules in daily practice.

We published 3 issues of our interesting Newsletter, and its editorial staff also keep our website up-to-date. On our online mailing list, however, the discussions between our members are not very lively. Suggestions on how to improve it are welcome!

Because of its success, the three-day elementary course in music theory and the history of classical music, organised by our Education Committee, was repeated. A new course was organised, this time about pop music. Recent developments, a historical survey, and questions that have been asked at the information desk were the subjects covered in the two days. This course too, has been held at several places in our country and has been attended so far by about 60 people.

Inter-library loan in our country is still changing in a positive direction for all materials: more titles are easier to get for everyone. Our inter-library loan committee makes sure that music is included in these developments. It is very important for this that backlogs in the online cataloging of sheet music collections are cleared in the near future.

At the annual meeting of our members they were also informed about the actual state of the IAML-toolbox project.

There is little news to tell about Outreach. It is now more widely known in the country that a collection that is being dropped in one place could get a second life somewhere else. But there was no real action.

The importance of national ICT- initiatives like “bibliotheek.nl” (library.nl) and the national “information desk” for public libraries (aladin.nl) is still growing. Our members are involved for the field of music.



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Last year our branch invested in special software for a new project: the digital standard list of pop music, in short the “popdatabase”. This will help librarians decide which pop music-CDs should be in their collection.

As to the 2009 IAML-conference in the Netherlands: involvement of our members is growing. We admire the organization in Warsaw -□as we did in other years elsewhere - and we hope to get more good ideas. Again: there is much work to do, but it is all worthwhile!

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