



The year in review – IAML Norway / Norwegian Music Library association 2016

Board members

The Board has had the following members:

Frida Røsand, NTNU UB, chair person until 27 April 2016

Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen, NRK Digitalt Musikkarkiv, New chair from 27 April 2016

Jorunn Eckhoff Færden (Bergen offentlige bibliotek), financial officer

Ingrid Romarheim Haugen (Nasjonalbiblioteket), secretary

Olav Nilsen (Stavanger bibliotek), board member

Knut Tore Abrahamsen (Tønsberg og Nøtterøy bibliotek), board member

Ann Kunish, board member from 27 April

The Association's activity in 2016

There were 6 board meetings in 2016 in addition to 2 members' meetings and the general assembly. The association has 70 members, of which 34 are personal members.

The Norwegian Sound Archives Conference 2016 was held 17-18 October at the Norwegian Public Broadcasting Corporation (NRK). It was a successful conference with more participants than ever before, an interesting program, and much positive feedback. The Association's secretary participated in the central planning committee, and the Chair participated in the local planning committee at NRK.

The Association is in the last stages of work with "Emneord for musikkdokument", a project dealing with the standardization of subject terms used in Norwegian music libraries. The hope is that the finished standard can find a permanent home in the Norwegian National Library. The project will be finalized in 2017.

We are in the planning stage of establishing a working group to research and propose solutions to the challenge of using metadata and library search engines.

The Association is in the process of examining how music libraries and librarians in Norway can cooperate even more closely, and learn from each other in order to meet the challenges of the digital age. The revised Norwegian Library Law gives a clear indication that the library's function as a "third space" is to be strengthened, and events and new services, such as podcasts, are gaining importance. Our first members' meeting in 2017 was a first step toward forging better cooperation between music libraries in Norway.

Our annual meeting was held at the Oslo Public Library on 27 April. Ann Kunish presented the results of the project "Music in the Library of the Future" and encouraged all attendees to involve themselves in the national discussion surrounding metadata. We invited IAML's secretary Pia Shekhter, who gave an informative presentation of IAML and explained the work our membership dues support. We thanked and recognized Frida Røsand for her many years of service as the Association's Chairperson.

In November we celebrated the career of one of our previous, longtime Chairs, Inger Johanne Christiansen, when she retired after many years of service at the National Library. We were also treated to a presentation of the project "Norwegian Ballade History", a collaboration between the National Library and the Norwegian Folk and Popular Song Archive, which documents the history of the Norwegian ballad.

Stipends

The Association offered its members four travel grants in the amount of NOK 2,500 each for use in connection with the Norwegian Sound Archives Conference. There were no applications for travel stipends this year.

Meetings and conference participation

Ingrid Romarheim Haugen and Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen participated in the IAML conference in Rome. Ingrid gave a presentation on the National Library's online sheet music service.

Tone Nøtvik Jakobsen participated in the Norwegian Library Association's organizational meeting at Gardermoen on 19 and 20 October.

Norwegian Music Library Association / IAML Norway
Oslo, 22. March, 2017