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Meetings and Conferences

The 5nd Annual Working Meeting of Librarians Cataloguing Music took place in the National Union Catalogue Centre NUKAT in Warsaw on 30-31 May 2011. Like the previous meeting, it was organized with the cooperation of the NUKAT Centre and the Sound Archives Section of the Polish Librarians Association. More than 50 music librarians from the main Polish libraries took part in the meeting. This year the meeting had a form of workshops focused on the cataloguing of sound recordings. Music librarians from the Division of Sound and Audiovisual Documents of the National Library in Warsaw presented specific examples and commenting different ways of cataloguing.

The annual Working Meetings of the Librarians Cataloguing Music provide opportunity to present important issues of music librarianship and to exchange experiences between cataloguers from cooperating libraries. The Meetings are very important for the process of cataloguing music collections in Poland. Documents about new standards have been developed as a result of workshops and discussions. Among them the most important are: 1) updates and unifications related to music in the Polish version of the MARC21 format for bibliographic record and 2) the principles for creating a uniform title for music.

Integration of music librarians is also an important issue. Working contacts of librarians cataloguing music in different systems indicate a sense of a broad cooperation, determining its direction and purpose – improving the quality of cataloguing description, data integration and facilitating access to information for users.

In October 2011, Polish National Branch of IAML is organizing the National Conference of Libraries in Music Academies and Universities of Music. The Conference will take place in Karol Szymanowski Music Academy in Katowice. Four sessions are planned dedicated to issues related to libraries in teaching music institutions: music collections and archives, copyright policy and the circulation and interlibrary loan, digitization of music, cooperation in cataloguing.

RILM

RILM National Committee of Poland continues to maintain its close cooperation with the RILM's International Center. New members of the Committee from the Libraries of Music Academies in Bydgoszcz, Katowice, Kraków and Wrocław were particularly active during last year. Circa 1,200 new Polish records have been submitted into RILM database.

New publication

The seventh volume of the periodical *Biblioteka Muzyczna – Music Library* was published by the Polish Librarians Association Edition [Wydawnictwo SBP]. The volume contains 15 papers from



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the 12th National Conference of Music Librarians in Gdańsk, a bibliography of music librarianship in Poland from 2007 to 2009, and a chronicle of the activity of the Music Libraries Section of the Polish Librarians Association – the Polish National Branch of IAML in the years 2007–2009.

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