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This year we have had three conferences in addition to the annual general meeting. The focus of the conferences has been "What's happening in the music libraries in the future and how do we deal with it?"

In September, we had a wonderful day in the south of Sweden at Linné University in Växjö, with seminars on their music manuscripts and ballad research, and also a presentation of a very popular radio program, called *Önska!* (Make a Wish!) from the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation, which aims to broaden the target group for classical music. In February, we had a conference about the future of music libraries in Sweden. In addition to the different guests from Sweden, we had the pleasure of having Johan Mijs as one of our speakers.

The general meeting took place in Tierp, north of Uppsala, and, at the Swedish center for the keyed fiddle, the Eric Sahlström Institutet in Tobo, we had the opportunity to listen to sessions about the keyed fiddle, enjoy a folk dance performance, etc. Important for all our conferences this year has been to focus on the future, and children is one of the most important target groups. Because of that, we spent a day with Anna Heikkinen to improve our skills in children's dances and songs. The best way to get the children to the library is with music and dance.

Our journal *Musikbiblioteksnytt* has continued to improve in a very positive way, with many interesting articles and photos from conferences, events, and various libraries.

During the year, we have been able to cooperate with the Swedish network for music archives, some of the members have joined the Swedish IAML branch and our aim is to incorporate the network.

The Swedish IAML branch isn't growing, but we work hard with strategies how to find more librarians who want to join us.

The President of the Swedish Branch is Birgitta Sparre (Hagfors Public Library), the Vice-President is Mathias Boström (The Music and Theatre Library of Sweden), the Secretary is Kerstin Carpvik (The Music and Theatre Library of Sweden) and the Treasurer is Agnetha Wahlstrand (Karlstad public Library). Our journal is edited by Lena Nettelbladt and our website may be found at www.smbf.nu. In 2011, our membership was 128, with 43 institutional members and 85 individual members.

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