

## Czechia / Česká republika

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### Board meetings held during the year

Committee meetings were held at a minimum interval of a quarter of a year; more often before events organised or co-organised by the branch (partly online), see branch activities.

### Annual branch meetings

General meetings of the association were held on 18 October 2023 in Pardubice (as part of a two-day seminar entitled Music of the 20th Century in the Pardubice Region held on 18-19 October 2023) and on 18 April 2024 in Brno (as part of a two-day seminar entitled Music in the Monastery in Old Brno or From Eliška Rejčka to Leoš Janáček on 17-18 April 2024). Branch membership figures

In 2024, The Czech National IAML Branch has 27 members from the Bohemia and Moravia regions (26 institutional and 1 individual member), of which 14 significant libraries and documentation centres are also international members. (There are no changes from 2023.)

### Branch activities

There were two two-day seminars organised by member libraries in cooperation with Czech branch of IAML:

- 18-19 October 2023: Music of the 20th Century in the Pardubice Region, held in Pardubice,
- 17-18 April 2024: Music in the Monastery in Old Brno or From Eliška Rejčka to Leoš Janáček, held in Brno.

Two important RISM workshops with nationwide participation were also held:

- 7-9 November 2023, held at National Library of CR, with Guido Kraus from the RISM Zentralredaktion Frankfurt am Main,
- 16 April 2024, held at National Library of CR, with Eliška Šedivá, who takes over from Zuzana Petrášková the coordination of the RISM database for the Czech Republic.

In 2023, the Municipal Library in Prague celebrated its 130th anniversary and the National Library celebrated its 100th anniversary. Both libraries prepared exhibitions and other accompanying events (lectures and concerts) to mark their anniversaries.

Member institutions are fully involved in the celebration of the [Year of Czech Music 2024](#). A series of lectures, concerts, opera performances and other activities focusing on Czech composers celebrating their important

anniversaries this year, especially Bedřich Smetana, Antonín Dvořák, but also on the now almost forgotten important personalities of their time (e.g. musicological conference "Same year, different genus..." Zvonař - Heller - Pivoda 1824/2024, held in National Library of the Czech Republic on 23-24 May 2024) is currently underway.

National Virtual Audio Library project: the establishment of a working group at the Ministry of Culture is under negotiations.

A total of 11 delegates from the Czech Republic went to the IAML International Congress in Cambridge in Summer 2023.

### **Branch website**

Website of the Czech national branch of IAML: [www.iaml.cz](http://www.iaml.cz), launched in autumn 2022 is being processed and completed. A number of member institutions have added their information and news is added regularly. The Czech Branch has its own email listserv.

### **Social media activity**

The announcements of the upcoming meetings and other information on our activities are available on our webpage.

### **Branch educational activity**

Excursions for students, musicologists and librarians took place in most of the member institutions.

### **RILM and RISM contributions**

RILM: Pavel Kordík

RISM: Zuzana Petrášková, Eliška Šedivá – Music Department of the National Library of the Czech Republic. Eliška Šedivá was elected to the Coordinating Committee in spring 2023.

RIDIM: Eva Paulová – Czech Museum of Music