

## Japan / 日本

*Submitted by Shin'ya Kato*

### **National board members**

- President – HIGUCHI, Ryuichi [樋口 隆一] – Professor Emeritus of Meiji Gakuin University
- Vice President – KATO, Shinya [加藤 信哉] – Director of Information Resources Initiatives, Specified Nonprofit Corporations
- Secretary General – KANO, Mari [加納 マリ] – Japanese music researcher, member of RILM National Committee of Japan
- Treasurer – NOGAWA, Yumemi [野川 夢美] – Senior librarian, Toho Gakuen School of Music Library
- Regular meeting organiser – TORIUMI, Keiji 鳥海 恵司 – Executive director, Toccata Corporation
- Webmaster of Japanese branch website – YAMAMOTO, Muneyoshi 山本 宗由 – Nagakute Cultural
- Editor of Japanese branch newsletter – 田中 伸明 – Doctoral candidate of the University of Music Wuerzburg

### **Board meetings held during the year**

All meetings were held online in 2023:

- March 3
- May 24
- October 19

### **Annual branch meetings**

2023 annual branch meeting was held online on the 3rd of June, having 21 members attended with 19 letters of attorney.

We reported the activities during the 2022 fiscal year and discussed the 2023 meeting and publication plan.

### **Branch membership figures**

- Individual members 40
- Institutional members 18

Membership is the same as the previous year.

### **Branch activities**

We held the 73rd and 74th regular meetings. Both meetings were received highly favourable by attendees.

The 73rd meeting was on Nanki Music Library - 5 years after reopening at Wakayama Prefectural Library by Yoshio Miyama, Professor Emeritus of Keio University and Researcher of Nanki Music Library. There were 34 attendees, with 36 viewing its recordings.

The 74th meeting was on The Creation, Maintenance, and Utilization of the Nobutoki Kiyoshi Research Online Guide by Yuko Nobutoki, Tokyo College of Music Library. There were 18 attendees, with 43 viewing of its recordings.

### **Branch publications**

Nos. 75 to 77 of the newsletter were published.

### **Branch website**

<https://www.iaml.jp/>

We are ready to open a members-only web page to secure in-house information.

### **Link to Branch annual report**

Annual report (in Japanese) is published in the 77th issue of the newsletter.

### **Social media activity**

<https://www.facebook.com/IAMLJapan/>

### **Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards**

Travel fund for Cambridge congress for first attendee. No applicant in 2023.

### **Advocacy and recruitment**

Set up liaisons with RILM, RISM, RIPM, RIdIM, Music Library Association of Japan and Musicological Society of Japan.

### **National copyright issues**

The "Law Partially Amending the Copyright Law" promulgated in June 2021 is effective on June 1, 2023. Those allow the National Diet Library, public libraries, university libraries, and others to digitize portions of the holdings library materials and transmit them by e-mail or other means for users to study. In the case of public transmission, the establisher of the library must pay compensation to the right holder. Membership is the same as the previous year.

### **Additional comments**

We used an online meeting system for all branch meetings and board meetings in 2023 to contribute to cost savings. Using the online system increased the flexibility of holding meetings. On the other hand, it eliminated opportunities for face-to-face interaction among members, making informal communication a little difficult.