

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings CAML Members!

I had the occasion to attend my first IAML conference in Helsinki last summer and was both fascinated and captivated by the event and the people. The experience was truly an international one and it was especially gratifying to see how many new delegates from the former east-bloc countries somehow managed to scrape together the funds necessary to attend. Through the papers delivered, the deliberations of the IAML Council (made up of the Board, the National Branch representatives, and the Chairs of the Professional Branches and Subject Commissions), the meetings of those Commissions and Branches, and the lively program of cultural events, there was a stimulating dialogue and exchange of ideas. It was clear that music librarianship is evolving rapidly into a world of automated information and reference delivery. Solutions, methods and pace are not the same everywhere but hearing how others are addressing the issues and challenges can help to put one's own situation in a new context. I look forward to attending many more IAML conferences in the future.

CAML is, of course, the Canadian branch of IAML and while there has been a small long-time contingent of Canadian IAML-goers, the vast majority of our membership has never taken the plunge. This year is your big chance! It has been almost 20 years since IAML met in Canada last and it may well be another 20 before it returns! So do take this very special opportunity to meet your American, European and Asian colleagues and experience a library conference with a decidedly international flavour right here in Ottawa in July. You should already have received your preliminary program for the conference and I hope you will agree that it looks interesting.

As the long, bitter winter in Ottawa begins to draw to a close, the local arrangements committee for the 1994 IAML conference is managing to stay warm by bustling about preparing for the big event in July. We've been hard at work in Ottawa trying to put together the most stimulating conference possible and I am pleased to report that we have been successful in obtaining grants for the conference from both SSHRCC and the new Heritage Ministry. This has

buoyed our spirits tremendously and promises to give us greater flexibility and latitude in delivering a high-quality conference at moderate cost to the delegates. The \$150 registration fee is the lowest charged for a IAML conference in years and is decidedly below the cost of recent MLA and CLA conferences. In addition, we have reserved blocks of rooms for conference delegates at hostels ranging from the University of Ottawa student residences to Les Suites Hotel in the hope of providing accommodation to match everyone's taste and budget. (Should there be any CAML members for whom even these accommodation options would severely stretch their available dollars, sleeping arrangements may be possible with some Ottawa members; please contact me or Alison Hall, Chair of the local committee, if you fall into this category and we will try our best for you.)

Please note once again that there will be no separate CAML conference this year, though there will be a healthy dose of Canadian content on the IAML program, including a half-day plenary session devoted to papers on Canadian music, an evening of National Film Board films, and a concert of Canadian music. We intend to hold our CAML Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the conference and have set aside Saturday evening July 16 for this purpose, thus giving you a Saturday night in Ottawa early in the schedule (to obtain an excursion fare) in case you cannot stay through July 23d. CAML committees (Program - for the '95 CAML conference, Cataloguing and Publications) and the CAML Board will also be convened during the conference. We hope that many of you will offer to make yourselves available for some volunteer activities during the week so that the local committee members can attend a few sessions and/or get a bit of rest.

So, come one, come all to Ottawa in July. I can promise that it will be much warmer than it is now! Incidentally, we have already begun to receive registration forms from our international colleagues so don't delay in sending yours. And do please plan to attend the CAML AGM on Saturday evening July 16. Looking forward to seeing you there and to a fine conference!

Timothy Maloney