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To the Greek Minister of Education

*Letter of endorsement of the Greek branch of IAML and their advocacy efforts towards an improvement of the status of the profession of music librarianship and music information professionals.*

Dear Madam / Sir,

As Chair of the Advocacy Committee of IAML, the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres, I am writing to express my support towards a potential reconsideration of education in music librarianship in Greece.

The profession of music librarianship in the current world of information provision has developed greatly and is requiring a significant level of skills. I understand that currently for many library related posts in Greece, only specific Library Bachelor Degrees are recognized. However, these degrees do not currently provide the option to train in subject expertise in the context of international standards developed through professional international organizations such as IAML, IASA and IFLA.

I would like to ask you to consider a review of the way ASEP works around qualification transparency and urge to consider accepting international Master degrees in Library and Information Science, obtained in addition to subject specific BA degrees such as music, as suitable qualifications for posts where currently only BA qualifications in library science are accepted.

This is of particular relevance for the music information sector, where subject expertise, the ability to read music and understand various physical and digital formats is key in the development of information retrieval, the provision of user services and the preservation of musical heritage.

Yours sincerely,

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