



IMPF Network Project – Work Package 2

Summary

IMPF hosted and co-hosted a number of events during 2023 to the benefit of the international, independent music publishing community. Events included the organisation's General Assembly in Stockholm, the second Global Music Summit in Palma and a number of other contributions to existing conferences around the world.

Activity

Stockholm General Assembly

In December 2022, IMPF issued an open call to members asking for proposals to host the organisation's next General Assembly Meeting and Conference in 2023. Edition Bjorlund made what would ultimately be the successful application and Stockholm was announced as the host city.

The meeting took place on April 20 – 21 2023, with IMPF welcoming members and friends over the two days for a series of talks from high-level industry executives.

The event began with the launch of the 3rd edition of IMPF's Global Market View Report, and the General Assembly itself was followed by a programme of panels and speakers featuring a long list of high profile names from the independent music publishing business and connected sectors.

The event was widely publicised. See news [here](#) and [here](#). Images from the event can be viewed [here](#).

The Global Music Entrepreneurial And Creative Industry Summit 2023

A second open call for 2023 was issued to IMPF members in March 2023, this time asking for proposals to co-host the second edition of the Global Music Entrepreneurial And Creative Industry Summit in Palma de Mallorca from October 8-11 2023.

The resulting Summit saw more than 350 independent music publishing professionals and associated businesses meet in Palma. The list of delegates in attendance represented some of the world's most successful publishing and associated companies from the US, Canada, Japan, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, UAE, India, Turkey, Israel and countries across Africa, South America and Europe.

The Summit programme covered many of the pressing issues concerning music publishers and the wider industry today, such as the threat and opportunities presented by AI; the growing need for better metadata; how to build a more inclusive music business; and making sure authors and composers get their fair share of the modern music value chain.

The [list of speakers](#) contributing to the programme included high profile names from across the world, from companies including ECSA, CIAM, CISAC, Downtown Music Holdings, SIAE, PRS for Music, ABKCO, SGAE, The Nordic Music Society, KODA, IMRO, Music Publishers Canada, SOCAN, The BBC, Netflix, Reservoir Media, CMRRA & SX Works, The MLC, IMPEL and many more.

Meanwhile, the Palma Songwriting Camp ran alongside the IMPF Music Summit, from 6-10 October. It saw 20 writers/artists, selected by a committee, collaborating in groups at Palma Music Studios. The project culminated in a high-energy, celebratory listening session open to all Palma delegates.

Other Events

IMPF co-hosted and contributed to a number of other industry events in different countries throughout 2023. On June 6, IMPF and Music Publishers Canada held a joint reception preceding the Inside The Song event; on June 8, IMPF hosted a panel during Canadian Music Week; and on June 12, IMPF participated in a session during the AIMP Music Publishing Summit looking at how Independent Music Publishers approach a global market.

Who we worked with

Partners for the 2023 Music Summit include 22D Music Group, Roba Music Verlag, Strictly Confidential Music Publishing and Kemper Music Group, with the support of Creative Europe. Sponsorship was secured from Reservoir Media, Bucks Music Group, Downtown Music Publishing, Beggars Music, Spotify, GC Partners, ICE Services, Reel Muzik Werks, On Music, Session Studio, OYEZ!

IMPF worked with Edition Bjorlund to host the 2023 General Assembly in Stockholm; and Music Publishers Canada and AIMP for other conference events in the year.

Beneficiaries

Since the inaugural event last year, The Music Entrepreneurial and Creative Industry Summit, and its concurrent Songwriting Camp, has become a must attend meeting for independent music publishers, songwriters, and industry friends and partners. The 2023 edition was attended by more than 300 music publishing delegates, songwriters and associated interested parties.

The General Assembly is an important, in-person touch point for both IMPF as an organisation and its members.

Outcomes/Next Steps

A third Open Call was issued to IMPF members on 13 November inviting its European based members (those with an address in an EU Member State) to help host the 2024 General Assembly Annual Meeting which will take place in Dublin on the 25 and 26 April 2024. Work has also begun on the 2024 edition of the Global Music Summit and Songwriting Camp.



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