ISME National Affiliate (INA) organizational profile

Name and ‘nation’ of ISME National Affiliate organisation:
Suomen musiikkikasvatusseura – FiSME ry (Finnish Society for Music Education)

Membership
Membership is open to any person or organisation supporting the aims of FiSME. FiSME has approximately 300 individual and 15 organisational members.

Members of the society representing the interests of all music education sectors in Finland: early childhood, itinerant and instrumental teachers, music therapy, primary and secondary school teachers, tertiary, tertiary students, university teachers and teacher education teachers.

Affiliation/relationships with other partners, for example provincial/territorial/regional partners,
FiSME is a member of Finnish Music Council (FMC).

Brief history and operational/organisational context
The Finnish Society for Music Education (ASME) was established in 1990 for hosting ISME World Conference in Helsinki, capital of Finland. The first president of FiSME was Mrs Ellen Urho who was the principal of Sibelius Academy and president of ISME too.

The aims are to encourage and promote music education throughout Finland, as an integral part of our general education and community life and as a profession within the broad field of education. The main goal is to gather together people and organisations of the music education field, let them know better the whole situation of music education in the nation and help people to cooperate with each other.

The 3rd Biennial Finnish National Conference of Music Education was organized by the Finnish Society for Music Education on October 27-28, 2017 in Helsinki, Finland. The Conference included workshops, concerts, demo-concerts, lectures and keynotes, book releases etc. There was about 300 participants in the professional day and about 1500 guests in the day to open public. The Conference was held in cooperation with department of music education in the University of Arts Sibelius Academy.

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