Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence

At the 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies (= ICMS)
Friday, 11 May 2018, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Fetzer 1055

All are welcome, including newcomers

Agenda

1. Welcome and Thank You: Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Donors, Contributors

   A. Annual Appeal & Beyond: 2017 Trustees’ Letter with report of activities and specific requests
      • Donations in funds (cash, check, credit card, PayPal, etc.) and in kind (materials, time, expertise)
   B. Events & Conference Sessions, with thanks to our hosts, sponsors, organizers, and contributors
      • ICMS Sessions (4 or 5 per year), M-MLA Panels (Cincinnati in 2017, Kansas City in 2018)
      — with WebPages, Posters, Online Abstracts, Program Booklets, Reports, etc.
   C. Upgrades, Launches, and Publications (mostly free, according with our nonprofit mission)
      • Upgraded RGME website (via WordPress 2014–), regularly updated and expanded
      -- Plus updated accompanying Booklet. Now with Ethiopic, etc. Requests for more?
      • Booklets, Interviews & Photo Galleries. More in place, more to come. Help & advice wanted
      • ShelfMarks: The RGMEnewsletter in email and printed versions, each with its own ISSN
      • Greeting Cards for fund-raising through sales, with proceeds donated to the Research Group
      • Our blog on Manuscript Studies (2015–), Photo Galleries, and Illustrated Handlist (2016–)
   D. Promotional Offer for the Illustrated Catalogue, with distribution transferred fully to the RGME

3. Plans for Future Activities: For Suggestions, Discussion, and Choices
   A. 2019 ICMS: Suggestions for Sessions (sponsored & co-sponsored), Reception(?), and Business Meeting
      • Subjects for Sessions or Workshops, Their Organizers & Participants, and Calls for Papers
   B. Other Venues & Subjects: What, When, Where
      • Conferences and Hosts for RGME Symposia, Colloquia, Workshops, Seminars, Exhibitions, etc.
   C. Volunteers, Staff, Officers: Help Wanted, Intern(s) included
      • Fund-Raising, Designing, Producing, Advertising, Distributing, etc.
      • Organizational, Editorial, Archival, Technical, Authorial, etc.
   D. Our 2019 Anniversary Year (20 years as nonprofit corporation, 30 years as international society)

4. Activities for 2017, 2018 & Beyond, including our 2019 Anniversary Year: Contributions Wanted
   A. Our WordPress website: blog posts, photo galleries, event registrations, editing, admin, support
   B. RGME Facebook Page & LinkedIn Group: posts, contributions, comments, moderation
   C. RGME-newsletter ShelfMarks: contributions, news, reviews, editing, proof-reading, layout, etc.
   D. MailChimp circulars for news & activities: updating address lists, preparing & issuing circulars
   E. Research, Conservation, Photography: Handlist of MSS, Documents & Early Printed Materials, etc.
   F. Publications: Book(let)s, Papers from Sessions, Online Facsimiles (IIIF?), etc. Other publishers too?
   G. Promotion and Recruiting: Event Hosts, Organizers, Speakers, Panelists, Editors, Bloggers, et al.

5. Business Arising: Other Desiderata (researching, digitizing our archives, improving internet presence, etc.)

6. Adjournment (Please remember to present your completed forms for Donations, Orders, etc.)
   Reminder about our Sessions 127, 176, 318, 439, and 491 during this Congress and our co-sponsored Reception on Thursday 5:15 – 7:30 p.m. at Bernhard Faculty Lounge, with hosted bar