



Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



[INTENDED for the 55th International Congress on Medieval Studies on 7 May 2020]
NOW RESCHEDULED — Date To Be Determined

All are welcome, including newcomers

Agenda

1. Welcome and Thank You: Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Associates, Trustees, Donors, Contributors
2. Our Activities for 2019, 2020 & Beyond: ‘The Research Group on Manuscript [*and Other*] Evidence’
— now 21 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 31 years as an international scholarly organization
 - A. Annual Appeal & Beyond: **Agenda** with report of activities & requests, online appeals, etc.; updates?
 - **Donations** in funds (cash, check, credit card, PayPal, etc.) and in kind (materials, time, expertise, etc.)
 - B. Events & Conference Sessions, with thanks to our hosts, sponsors, organizers, and contributors
— with WebPages, Posters, Abstracts online and in print, Program & Symposium Booklets, Reports, etc.
 - ICMS Sessions, sponsored (1993–) and co-sponsored (2006–): 5 or 7 per year in 2019 & (cancelled) 2020
 - M-MLA Permanent Panels (2016–): Chicago in 2019; more?
 - Symposia at Princeton University in April 2019 and (cancelled or postponed) 2020
 - Masterclasses & Guided Tours: Symposia 2019 and 2020, and “Gutenberg” Exhibition 2019
 - Business Meetings: Annually at ICMS (not 2020); also elsewhere (as in 2020), perhaps online too
 - C. Upgrades, Launches, and Publications (mostly free, according with our nonprofit mission)
 - Upgraded RGME website (via WordPress 2014–), regularly updated and expanded; editors wanted.
 - Our multilingual digital font **Bembino** (2011–) now in **Version 1.6** (2019), plus updated Booklet
— Now with Ethiopic, Old Rus, more Chinese, etc. Requests for more? Consultations sought.
 - Research **Booklets, Interviews & Photo Galleries**. More in place, more to come. Help & advice wanted.
 - **ShelfMarks: The RGME newsletter** in email & printed versions. Resuming in 2020 with new editor.
 - Distribution of the **Illustrated Catalogue** by the RGME (2016–)
 - Reports as an Affiliate (2016–) to CARA (Committee on Centers and Regional Associations) of the MAA
 - Our blog on **Manuscript Studies** (2015–), **The Illustrated Handlist** (2015–), and **Photo Galleries** (2014–)
 - D. RGME library & archives: Donations (1990–) continue to flow, with books, ephemera, original resources, etc.
 - E. Institutional Affiliation for ‘Independent Scholars’. Welcome home. Part of our mission.
3. Plans for Future Activities: *For Suggestions, Discussion & Choices*
 - A. More Activities: Masterclasses, Rescheduling the 2020 Symposium or Its Parts, etc. Dates & Subjects?
 - B. 2021 ICMS? Suggestions for Sessions (sponsored & co-sponsored), plus the Business Meeting & Reception
 - Subjects for Sessions, Roundtables, or Workshops, Their Organizers & Participants, and Calls for Papers
 - C. Other Venues & Subjects: What, When, Where
 - Conferences and Hosts for RGME Symposia, Workshops, Seminars, Masterclasses, Exhibitions, etc.
 - D. Methods & Coordination for Virtual Meetings
 - E. Volunteers, Staff, Officers: Help Wanted, Intern(s) included.
 - Fund-Raising, Designing, Producing, Advertising, Distributing, etc.
 - Organizational, Editorial, Archival, Technical, Authorial, etc.
4. Activities for 2020 & Beyond: *Contributions Wanted*
 - A. Our WordPress website: blog posts, photo galleries, event registrations, editing, admin, archiving, 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, fund-raising
 - E. Research, Conservation, Photography: **Handlist of MSS, Documents & Early Printed Materials**, etc.
 - F. Publications: Book(let)s, Papers from Sessions, Online Facsimiles (IIF?), 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, with Suggestions about Date & Venue for Next Business Meeting