



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 Fetzter 1055

All are welcome, including newcomers

Agenda

1. Welcome and Thank You: Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Donors, Contributors
2. Our Activities for 2017 & 2018: ‘The Research Group on Manuscript [*and Other*] Evidence (now 19 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 29 years as a scholarly organization)
 - 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
 - Our multilingual digital font **Bembino** (2011–) now in **Version 1.5** (April 2018).
— 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
 - E. Institutional Affiliation for ‘Independent Scholars’. Welcome home. Part of our mission.
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 (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 (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