



# Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



At the 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies (= ICMS)

Thursday, 9 May 2019, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Fetzer 1030

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 2018 & 2019: ‘The Research Group on Manuscript [*and Other*] Evidence’
  - now 20 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 30 years as an international scholarly organization
  - A. Annual Appeal & Beyond: **Trustees’ Letter** 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–): 4 or 5 per year these years (2018, 2019)
    - M-MLA Permanent Panels (2016–): Kansas City in 2018, Chicago in 2019
    - 2019 Anniversary Symposium at Princeton University in April: “The Roads Taken / Obstacle Course”
    - Masterclasses: Photography of MSS (2018); MSS Fragments at the Princeton U. Art Museum (2019)
    - Business Meetings: Annually at ICMS (You are Here); also in Ontario in October 2018
  - 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** (January 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 RGMEnewsletter** in email & printed versions, each with its own ISSN. Help please.
    - Promotional Offer for the **Illustrated Catalogue**, with distribution transferred to 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 for our Anniversary Year: Masterclasses, a 2019/2019 Symposium, etc. Dates & Subjects?
  - B. 2020 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 (2020 M-MLA included)
    - Conferences and Hosts for RGME Symposia, Workshops, Seminars, Masterclasses, Exhibitions, etc.
  - D. Volunteers, Staff, Officers: Help Wanted, Intern(s) included.
    - Fund-Raising, Designing, Producing, Advertising, Distributing, etc.
    - Organizational, Editorial, Archival, Technical, Authorial, etc.
4. Activities for 2019, 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 (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, with Reminder about our Sessions 28, 237, 295, and 390 during this Congress  
& our co-sponsored Anniversary Reception on Friday 8:30 p.m. at Bernhard G10, with hosted bar