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

   — 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 RGME newsletter 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.

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