



2023 Report of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



2023 Pre-Congress and Congress Business Meetings

1) Pre-Congress on Wednesday 19 April / 2) Congress (ICMS) on Wednesday 11 May 2023

Report for 2023 Business Meetings

See also the **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Thank You. Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Associates, Trustees, Donors, Contributors.
2. **Activities** for 2022, 2023 & Beyond: ‘The Research Group on Manuscript [*and Other*] Evidence’
 - now 24 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 34 years as an international scholarly organization
 - A. Annual **Appeal** & Beyond: Mail / online via our website, MightyCause, FaceBook, Birthday Fundraisers, etc.
 - **Donations in Funds** (with online options) and **in Kind** (materials, equipment, time, expertise, etc.)
 - B. **Events** & Conference Sessions, with thanks to our hosts, sponsors, organizers, contributors, and participants
 - with WebPages, Posters, Abstracts (online/print), Program Booklets, Reports, Zoom Recordings, etc.
 - **ICMS Sessions**, sponsored (1993–) & co-sponsored (2006–): 4 Sessions in 2022; 6 in 2023; 2024?
 - **Symposia**: Resumed online in 2022 (Spring & Autumn); 2023 online; 2024 (Spring hybrid); more?
 - **“The Research Group Speaks”**: Online series of webinars, roundtables, interviews, lectures, etc. (2021–)
 - **Business Meetings**: Annually at ICMS; online Pre-Congress Meetings (2021–); and elsewhere
 - **Surveys** (2022) and **Call for Proposals** (for 2023 Spring Pre-Symposium with Lightning Talks) More?
 - C. **Publications**, print & digital. Most are free, according with our nonprofit mission; **Donations** help.
 - **RGME Website** (via WordPress 2014–) and updated (2021–); now our **Webmaster** is retiring (June 2023)
 - **Bembino**, our multilingual digital font (2011–) in **Version 1.6** (2019), with updated Booklet
 - Version 1.7 or 2.1 in view, depending on approach (See **Agenda**). Consultations sought.
 - Our blogs on **Manuscript Studies** (2015–) and the **ICMS**, and our **Photo Galleries** (2014–) advance.
 - Research **Booklets & Interviews** (online and hardcopy). More in place, more to come. Help wanted.
 - **Recordings** of our online Events (Episodes, Symposia, etc.). Editing, processing, hosting, promoting?
 - **ShelfMarks: The RGMEnewsletter** in printed & e-versions. Issue 2 (Winter 2022–2023). Next?
 - News, notices, reviews, feature articles, etc. E-version, mailing list, email distribution, mailings.
 - **Editorial Committee** (2022–) advises on publication of proceedings, printing, distribution, etc.
 - D. **RGME Library & Archives**: Acquisitions & Donations (1990–) of materials, books, ephemera, etc.
 - 2023 Project with *Delmas Foundation Grant* (plan for surveying, cataloging, archiving, conserving, etc.)
 - **Task Force** (2023–) to plan the long-term Plan for Record Management. Also, a Forever Home?
 - E. **Institutional Affiliation for ‘Independent Scholars’**. Welcome home. Part of our mission.
3. **Future Activities: For Suggestions, Discussion & Choices**
 - A. Activities, online and, when feasible, onsite. Dates, Places & Subjects? Support? Anniversary Year in 2024 . . .
 - B. **2024 ICMS**. Suggestions for Sessions (sponsored & co-sponsored)? **2023 Leeds IMS**. Session & Papers?
 - Subjects, Organizers, Participants, Calls for Papers, Program Selection, “Contact Person”, Tech Support, etc.
 - C. Other Venues & Subjects: What, When, Where? 2024 Spring Symposium at Vassar College (hybrid).
 - Conferences and Hosts for RGME Symposia, Workshops, Seminars, Masterclasses, Exhibitions, etc.
 - D. Methods & Coordination for Virtual Meetings: Hosts, occasions, and support (also tech support) wanted.
 - E. Volunteers, Staff, Officers: Help Wanted, Intern(s) included. Also, “Back Up List” for last-minute help.
 - Fund-Raising, Accounting, Designing, Producing, Distributing, etc. **Interviews**, Subjects, Interviewers?
 - Organizational (Organizers & Co-Organizers), Editorial, Authorial, Archival, Technical, Creative, etc.
4. Activities for 2023 & Beyond (See also *Items 2–3*): *Contributions Wanted*
 - A. Our **WordPress website**: redesign; blog posts, editing, writing, archiving, etc. Now: Webmaster, subscription.
 - B. Social Media: **Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn Group, Eventbrite**: posts, contributions, comments, moderation.
 - C. RGME-newsletter **ShelfMarks** (resumed 2022–): writing ‘columns’, editing, proof-reading, layout, etc.
 - D. Mailings & emailings: preparing & issuing circulars, updating address lists, fund-raising & appeals, etc.
 - E. Recordings of our online events (ongoing): 2023 grant for some editing work/services. More help wanted.
 - F. Research, Conservation, Photography. Also more Surveys, CFPs, Lightning Talks, Masterclasses, etc.?
 - G. Publications: Book(let)s, Papers from Sessions, Online Facsimiles (IIIF), etc. Other publishers, distributors, too?
 - H. Promotion and Recruiting: Event Hosts, Organizers, Speakers, Panelists, Editors, Bloggers, Interns, et al.
5. Other Desiderata. Researching, digitizing our archives, improving internet presence, etc.? Suggestions Welcome.