



Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



At the 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies
Thursday, 12 May 2016, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Fetzer 1055

All are welcome, including newcomers

Agenda

1. Welcome and Thank You: Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Donors, Contributors
2. Our Activities for 2015 & 2016: ‘The Research Group on Manuscript [*and Other*] Evidence’
(now 17 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 27 years as a scholarly organization)
 - A. Annual Appeal & Beyond: **2015 Trustees’ Letter** with report of activities and specific requests
 - Donations in funds (cash, check, credit card, PayPal, Razoo) and in kind (materials, time, expertise)
 - B. Events & Conference Sessions, with thanks to our hosts, sponsors, organizers, and contributors
 - ICMS Sessions (4 per year), 2016 Symposium (Princeton), 2016 M-MLA Panels (St. Louis)
— with WebPages, Posters, Online Abstracts, Program Booklets, Reports, etc.
 - C. Upgrades, Launches, and Publications (mostly free)
 - Upgraded RGME website in position; old site archived as manuscriptevidence.org/data/
 - Our multilingual digital font **Bembino** now in **Version 1.3**, soon in **Version 1.4**
— Next Version with Runes (which Alphabets?), Thai, Japanese Kanji, etc. Requests for more?
 - The new version of the **Style Manifesto** (manuscriptevidence.org/wpme/style-manifesto)
 - **ShelfMarks: The RGME newsletter** 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** (in progress)
 - D. New Promotional Offer for the **Illustrated Catalogue**, with distribution transferred to the RGME
3. Plans for Future Activities: *For Suggestions, Discussion, and Choices*
 - A. 2017 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 (NEW)
 - Fund-Raising, Designing, Producing, Advertising, Distributing, etc.
 - Organizational, Editorial, Archival, Technical, Authorial, etc.
4. Activities for 2016, 2017 & Beyond: *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, etc., produced by the RGME and/or other publishers
 - 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 13, 79, 212, and 304 during this Congress and
Invitation to our co-sponsored Reception on Friday at 5:15 – 7:30 p.m. at Bernhard 208, with open bar