

# ICMS News letter nr. 2019.1

**Dear members,**

The board is preparing the program for the annual conference in Kyoto, Japan from 1 – 7 September 2019. Our contact person in Kyoto is Ms. Hiromi Maeda, a longtime member of ICMS. She is doing a great job in planning and coordinating an interesting program for ICMS. Not only will we be able to meet many ICOM members during the General Assembly but we will have joint meetings with DEMHIST and with ICOM-CC , COMCOL and ICAMT. These joint meetings will be of great value for ICMS and for the other committees to exchange knowledge and experiences.

The offsite day will be in Kobe where we will visit museums and other cultural institutions. The registration for the conference is open, so please check our website and sign up for this event and if possible combine your stay with a visit to the great Japanese country and culture.

The board is looking forward to having a good attendance of ICMS members, knowing that the costs for travel and accommodation will be higher than during conferences near or in Europe. We would like to grow in numbers and in countries where ICMS could be represented, especially in countries in Africa, Asia en Australia. Please check with your friends and try to bring them in our group.

During the business meeting in Kyoto a new board of ICMS will be elected for the period 2019 -2022. The election officer is Hans-Juergen Harras from Berlin, Germany who has put all the information about the procedure on the ICMS website. Till today we have 3 candidates for the board, but there is time left to send in your candidacy till the end of May.

At the end of March the board will meet in London, UK for the development of a new strategic course for ICMS for the next few years. The board will try to focus in the coming years on certain continents to strengthen our ties with the museums and to exchange ideas and to expand our membership.

The board is looking forward to meeting many of you in Kyoto.

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