Dear members,

The board has, with the assistance of our member Hiromi Maeda prepared the program for the annual conference in Kyoto, Japan from 1 – 7 September 2019.

I will be an interesting program for ICMS. Not only will we be able to meet many ICOM members during the General Assembly but we will have a joined meetings with ICOM-CC, COMCOL and ICAMT during which we will address the problems with storage of art works.

On Wednesday there is an Off Site meeting as a study visit arranged for which the participants have to pre-register. Please send Mr Siguira a mail that you will participate that day (sugiura@fujibi.or.jp)

The offsite day will be in Kobe where we will visit museums and other cultural institutions. This day will be very special with great speakers and historically great visits. We are very fortunate that we have the chance to make these visits.

The registration for the conference is still 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. Till this day we have about 40 ICMS members coming to Japan and we hope to have many more from China and Japan to join us.

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 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. We have the following candidates for the board: Anette Hansen (Denmark), Vernon Rapley (UK), Raymond de Jong (The Netherlands), LJ Hartman (USA), Wan Jie (China), Satoshi Sigiura (Japan), Barry Palmer (UK) and Shahi Bijaya (Nepal)

During the special board meeting in London, UK the board developed a new strategic course for ICMS for the next few years. In the business meeting the members will vote on this strategy course.

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

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Willem Hekman     Secretary ICMS