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Fall Virtual Meeting

Date: Tuesday November 3rd, 2020

Place: In your House

Membership meeting: 6pm Paris Time/Noon EST

PROGRAM—Roundtable discussion

“Impacts of COVID on Institutions; the First 6 Months”

MEETING AGENDA

- 1 Introduction First SMMP virtual meeting
- 2 IMA report and announcements
 - 2.1-Short report by Chair Mike Rumsey
 - 2.2-Next M&M9 in Bulgaria, 2021
 - 2.3-Next IMA meeting in France, 2022 (Lyon, 17-22, 2022)
 - 2-4.SMMP new committees
- 3 SMMP elections
- 4 New SMMP Website
- 5 Next SMMP meeting in February (Thursday February 11, 2021)
 - 5.1-General Annual Meeting on Thursday 18th:virtual meeting
 - 5.2-Public program tbd”.
 - 5.3-SMMP case: virtual case on Mindat
- 6.Other business
 - 6.1.Mineral Talks LIVE
 - 6.2.Museum group on google:
mineralmuseums@googlegroups.com
7. Announcements Get your announcements ready!
8. Group photograph
9. Minutes Available on our website: <http://www.smmp.net/public/members/meetings.ph>

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Board Members:

Vera Hammer ('22)
Naturhistorisches Museum
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(non-voting):**

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Carolyn Im
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The six months since we last met in Tucson (February, 2020) has been challenging and will change the face of museums for years to come. How and what we do as a community to ensure our institutions and stakeholders understand the value of museums right now, during a pandemic, and in the future is in our hands.

I point to the ICOM's survey results as a way we can help support metrics for the entire museum community, and use to reflect back to our own institutions. Link- <https://icom.museum/en/news/follow-up-report-museums-covid-19/>

Notably, museums have continued to enhance their digital activities and content in response to the pandemic, and will see a reduction in resources by 30% this year as a result of closures and lost revenue.

I urge everyone to keep connected as much as you are able, as we want to support those who are most vulnerable in our sector. Using the Google Groups to check in with colleagues and keeping all of us up-to-date will help build much-needed community during these difficult times. I wish you all good health.

Best, Katherine

Recent Group Photos

(go to www.smmp.net/photos.htm for all group photos.)



Tucson 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Three board member terms will be expiring this year. Please be prepared to nominate candidates and vote. Board members whose terms expire this year are:

Virgil Lueth Leslie Moclock Gail Spann

SMMP GOOGLE GROUPS

You are encouraged to interact with your fellow SMMP members via Google groups

mineralmuseums@googlegroups.com

Please remember that when you reply to an email sent via our GoogleGroups you will be re-plying to all the membership. If you want to email someone a response, click their email ad-dress to reply to them directly. The SMMP GoogleGroups is a closed group, by invite only. If you are not currently on the GoogleGroups, please email Katherine Dunnell (katherin@rom.on.ca) so she can invite you to the group.

SMMP SOCIAL MEDIA —NEW!

You are encouraged to interact and post on our Facebook, Instagram or Twitter accounts. Send relevant and interesting news and events, pictures and content .

<https://www.facebook.com/TheSMMP>

<https://www.instagram.com/the.smmp/>

<https://twitter.com/TheSMMP>

BEST PRACTICES PROJECT

"Best practices" documents are posted on the SMMP website:

[BEST PRACTICES REPORT NO. 1: Research Sampling of Collections](#)

[BEST PRACTICES REPORT NO. 2: Moving Specimens](#)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

SMMP dues are \$10.00 U.S., per year and payable via Paypal at :

<http://www.smmp.net/public/members/index.php>

Note that you can check your dues payment status on the SMMP online roster. The year shown in the last column indicates the last year for which you have paid. If you are delinquent, please remit your dues payment as soon as possible