

Dear Exlibris Friends

This is a reminder of the 31 July 2019 date for sending your re-registration and payment. It is only a month away.

Please re-read my email of 13 May (below) and fix your plans. The re-registration form is needed because it asks for extra information.

Money has already been arriving into the congress bank account. Please will **you** now do what you need to do in order ensure that this congress is viable.

Take advantage of the **group accommodation rates** (about 25% cheaper) and the fact that the pound sterling is at a five-month low.

**The hotel gets full in August each year and this payment in advance is the only way to ensure that you get accommodation and that the large congress meeting hall is reserved for us.**

You will pay 2020 prices at the Royal National if you delay. Also the congress fees will rise by £2 on 1 August 2019 and on the first day of every month after that.

Central London is easy to get to, and there is lots to see and do, so extend your stay, if you wish, at the same prices.

The plan for visits will be finalised in 2020, once all registrations are received. London visits will be on Wednesday to Friday. Full-day coach trips will be on the Saturday (possibly Hatfield) and Sunday.

Organising this congress has not been easy (!! ) so please take action now to send your re-registration and payment.

All good wishes  
Anthony Pincott  
President of FISAE

<http://www.bookplatesociety.org/2020homeLondon.htm>

**Sent:** 13 May 2019 19:51

**To:** '2020congressparticipants@bookplatesociety.org'

**Subject:** THE 2020 EXLIBRIS CONGRESS HAS MOVED TO LONDON - PLEASE LOOK AT NEW WEBPAGES

Dear Exlibris Friends

I am very pleased to report that, after some difficulty, the 2020 congress has been transferred to a large hotel near the British Museum in Central London.

This change of venue was made necessary because Churchill College, Cambridge, would not reserve the whole college for us unless there were deposits and a guarantee than any unused rooms would be paid for by the organisers.

The Royal National Hotel in Bloomsbury has the very large Galleon Room, where book fairs are held. This hotel offers facilities which in many ways will be better than the Cambridge college. No doubt

many of you (especially the accompanying visitors) will be pleased to have London as the new venue because there is so much for everyone to see and do.

The hotel gets 100% booked in August every year, so in order to reserve bedrooms you need to book and pay for these one year in advance. In return, you get prices which are at MUCH CHEAPER GROUP RATES. In fact, the bedrooms will cost less than Churchill College wanted to charge.

Almost all bedrooms have twin beds. There are few single rooms and few double beds, but there are some rooms with THREE beds. All bedrooms have their own bath/shower.

Having a single room in a hotel is expensive, BUT if you can arrange to share a twin room with a friend, this will work out much cheaper per person.

In order to reserve the bedrooms and to offer reduced rates, the hotel has asked for payments to be collected in by the organisers, then paid to the hotel in a single sum. **We are therefore asking you to send booking details and payment by 31 July 2019.**

For single people on a very tight budget, we have 30 cheaper rooms, located five minutes away from the Royal National, at the County Hotel. The price here is cheaper than the youth hostel (!) but you have to share bathrooms.

Don't worry too much about paying but then being unable to come. In this unlikely circumstance, provided you tell us at least 30 days before the start of your stay then the hotel will refund the booking money.

Please will you now:

- (1) Work out your plans. Decide your for dates for coming to London.
- (2) Complete the revised ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM.
- (3) Send payment by 31 July 2019.

This may be sooner than you would like, but it is the only way to reserve the bedrooms and the large conference hall.

I repeat, the hotel gets 100% booked for August each year, so delay means that (A) you pay one-third more for accommodation, or (B) there are no more rooms left available in the hotel, or (C) you put the whole congress at risk.

Here is your link to the new webpages. There is a lot of information here. Please take time to read it carefully.

On the competition webpage you will find details of the 2020 FISAE EXLIBRIS COMPETITION, with the REGULATIONS and the ENTRY FORM. **The deadline for entries is 31 March 2020.**

<http://www.bookplatesociety.org/2020homeLondon.htm>

I have tried to explain things clearly, but do please write to me if you have any questions.

Looking forward to hearing from you quickly,

All good wishes,

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