



TWO CONVENTIONS WITH ONE AIM – TO MAKE 2024 A GREAT YEAR FOR THE OMRS

Two conventions – one virtual and one physical – will be held by the Orders & Medals Research Society in 2024 with the single aim of making the year a special one for medal collectors around the world.

This update aims to keep Society members abreast of the latest information about both events although planning is still underway, particularly for the physical event in Milton Keynes, in Buckinghamshire, in September. Here is what we can tell you so far:

The Virtual Convention

This will go live on **Saturday 10 February 2024**. Exhibition entries can already be submitted by contacting convention@omrs.org with the title, a short content summary and the intended format. **The final date for virtual exhibits to be submitted is 19 January.**

The Virtual Convention will broadcast live talks based on the UK time zone because over two-thirds of OMRS members live in Great Britain. There will also be live question and answer sessions and live ‘chat’ by attendees. However we recognise that not everyone will be able to make those times and so talks will be recorded. You will be able to log on and listen to the talks and view the exhibits at your convenience afterwards.

Ryan Darby, one of our members in Australia, is co-ordinating this and anybody who would like to know more can contact him at ryandarby1@bigpond.com

The Physical Convention

This will be held in the city of Milton Keynes about 50 miles north-west of London, which has excellent road, rail and air links. There will be a social event and meal on the evening of **Friday 13 September** with the main Convention – talks, stalls, exhibits etc – on **Saturday 14 September**. Key points include:

- We are not revealing the precise location yet as full details, including prices and ticket options are still being worked on. We want to give all of you the details at the same time.
- There will be meals and rooms available on both the Friday and Saturday nights.
- The venue has a large number of free parking spaces.
- Exhibitors and dealers will be able to unload and load material easily.
- We have some outstanding speakers pencilled in.
- The medal trade is fully behind the event.
- Other interesting attendees will include museums, publishers and related societies.

Further updates will be released as soon as possible. Please put the dates in your diary, keep an eye on the OMRS website and Facebook page and on the British Medal Forum. For more information (but not venue details) please email convention@omrs.org