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My Dear Friends of Ex Libris All Over the World!

It has been 4-years since our last FISAE Congress in Prague and we are all very eager to exchange ex libris once again. Under the circumstances of the pandemic, preparations for the San Francisco Congress have been slow to organize. Many libraries and museums in the San Francisco Bay Area are still closed. The Delta variant prevented us from accomplishing many things over the summer. You may have had better luck in the EU. I must say that thankfully we have the internet today. If you can attend, you will experience the most significant "book arts movement" in the Americas. <https://bookplate2022.org/whos-attending>

The theme for the main exhibition is the "book arts" -- books, book piles, bookplates, libraries, printing presses, papermaking, and bookbinding. A favorite author or book collecting interest. Jack London's short, but colorful life from 1876-1916 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_London). San Francisco and our Centennial Celebration will be of special interest too.

As you can see from FISAE Newsletter 68, preparations for the **FISAE International Ex Libris Congress at Jack London Square 2022** are in full swing. Every day brings new experiences and I am mainly busy trying to find sponsors for the Congress so that the costs for the participants can be kept at an absolute minimum. **Please see attached images.**

I hope to be able to communicate the price for participation in the Congress no later than mid-January to early February. We will present a comprehensive program of activities and exhibitions at that time. You may know that we already have commitments from the **Ira Block Foundation** in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA and the **Keith Wingrove Memorial Trust** in Melbourne, Australia.

In the meantime, I hope that as many ex-libris enthusiasts who have been properly vaccinated will not be deterred from attending the Congress by the deadly Coronavirus.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, please take 1-minute to fill out this form: <https://bookplate2022.org/whos-attending>

So here's to a healthy reunion in 2022!

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