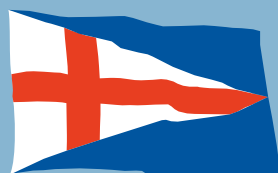


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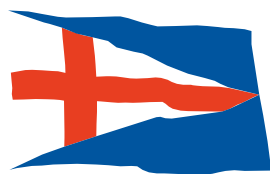
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Dear Fellow Vexillologist,

It is with the greatest pleasure that the Flag Institute publishes the proceedings of the 19th International Congress of Vexillology, held in York, England in 2001.

The event was a memorable time, to renew old friendships and make new ones, set as it was, in the beautiful surroundings of the Yorkshire Museum, deep in the heart of one of the United Kingdom's most historic cities.

The site and timing were important to us students of flags, situated merely yards away from the very site that Constantine was proclaimed Roman Emperor, we were reminded of the symbolic roots of the eagle and the cross in flags today, and in the 200th Anniversary year of the creation of the modern Union Jack, we considered one of the most widespread, influential, and instantly recognized symbols in the world today.

As you will see the quality of the presentations was superb, and goes a long way to the advancement and deepening of the study of vexillology as a serious geo-political topic.

I would like to thank all those who were involved in the organization of the congress; all those who contributed or attended and it is with the greatest of delight that I commend the following publication to you:

Yours in flags and friendship

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