

2018 Report
of the CAS Representative to ICCEES
(International Council for Central and East European Studies)
to the CAS AGM, University of Regina, 28 May, 2018

Preparations for the 10th ICCEES World Congress (Concordia University, Montreal, 2020) were at the top of my agenda over the past academic year.

1. The most significant development was the **signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with Concordia University on 1 March 2018**. The MOA outlines mutual commitments of ICCEES and Concordia, and confirms our collaboration up to completion of the Congress.

2. **Alison Rowley** spearheaded numerous initiatives:

- assembled the Academic Committee to review incoming panel and paper proposals;
 - received an excellent proposal for an evening of cultural performances (TY – Zina);
 - confirmed the Congress theme: *Bridging National and Global Perspectives – Concilier les approches nationales et globales*; (Thanks to all who provided constructive input).
 - confirmed the Congress symbol, which will inspire the design of the Congress logo.
- Her President's report will provide complete information.

3. Final hotel and residence block reservations have been confirmed.

4. **Important conversations and actions ongoing now** include:

- fund-raising for seed money: inside Concordia, SSHRC application, etc.
- selecting the successful bid for the website and proposals–registration–abstract management systems;
- outreach for possible collaboration: Munk Center, Foreign Affairs, CIUS.

5. **Starting this fall**, work will begin on:

- the website and the proposal–registration–abstract management systems;
- one blockbuster session, and lining up others as funding permits;
- in of our updated budget estimates, finalizing registration rates, student discounts, etc.

6. **This time next year**, we expect to have launched the Congress website, and first announcements of the Call for Panels and Papers will be made. We anticipate receiving and processing proposals in the fall of 2019 / no later than January 2020.

7. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** As co-host of the World Congress, **CAS will hold its 2020 Annual Meeting as part of the Congress in Montreal on: 4–9 August 2020.** (**CAS will NOT meet in May 2020.**)

8. ICCEES business included two meetings of the Executive Committee (Seoul, 2 June 2017; Cambridge, 15 April, 2018) and a meeting of the International Council (the board of ICCEES, 15 April 2018, Cambridge). Organizational rules were amended, replacing two representatives from founding countries with one representative per organization.

The ICCEES Executive Committee meets again next May (2019) in Montreal.

Respectfully submitted,
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