

**Report of the CAS Representative to ICCEES
To the 2011 Annual Meeting of CAS, Fredericton NB**

The **VIII World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES)** took place in **Stockholm from 26–31 July, 2010**. Over 1200 participants presented papers from the considerable range of disciplines that comprise Central and East European Studies worldwide. The main Congress theme, “Eurasia: Prospects for Wider Communication,” as well as the twenty-fifth anniversary of perestroika and glasnost’, set the tone for many of the sessions and activities. The continuing transformation of the former Soviet Union was the subject of many innovative social, political, economic and cultural studies and analyses. Another significant transformation for ICCEES has been the **increasing involvement of scholars from South and East Asia**. After the entry to full ICCEES membership of the Chinese Association for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies in 2009, ICCEES President John Ellsworth reported that discussions were well under way for the entry of scholarly associations from other Asian countries.

As CAS representative, **I attended the business meeting of the International Council and was elected to the Executive Committee**, replacing Stan Kirschbaum, who stepped down after many years of dedicated service as Secretary of the organization. Stan was named Editor of the publications from the VIII World Congress.

The Council accepted the recommendation of the Executive Committee to hold the **IX ICCEES World Congress in Chiba, Japan in 2015**. This decision further signalled a recognition of the expansion of the geographic scope of ICCEES and of the growing interest in the field in the East, particularly in China, Japan and South Korea. It also came on the heels of a successful ICCEES Asian Regional Conference in Seoul, South Korea in March, 2010. (Incidentally, in discussion it was also mentioned that travel grants are a key item in the planning of a Congress, and that for Berlin-2005 one person worked for two years to secure such funding).

The ICCEES Newsletter #67 (January 2011) was circulated electronically to CAS members earlier this year. It contains organizational information, as well as news about publications, upcoming conferences – including the announcement of the 2011 CAS annual meeting in Fredericton – and fellowships, prizes and grants.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 18 June, 2011 in Kyiv.

Respectfully submitted,
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