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As the new chair of the international Relations Committee, I obviously lack my predecessor's expertise as well as his files. I do, however, share Nick Zekulin's opinion that it is important for the CAS to continue to foster international contacts and for the IRC to serve as the coordinator of these contacts. I encourage all members of the Association who have feelings on these matters or know of new organizations with which the CAS should be tied to contact, me through the Department of History at Carleton University.

The following comments are based on reports submitted this spring by our current representatives.

ICS (International Committee of Slavists)

CAS representative T. M. S. Priestly (1993-98, 2nd term)

Next congress: Krakow, Poland, 1998

Twenty abstracts of proposed Canadian papers were submitted to Tom Priestly. He made a random selection of thirteen of these— ten papers and three 'scripta' — and submitted the list of titles to the Polish Organizing Committee by the June 1996 deadline. The deadline for the submission of papers was 1 January 1997. The *Canadian Slavonic Papers* has now received fourteen submissions; the remaining authors have explicitly or implicitly withdrawn. Assessment by referees, in the normal way, is now in progress. By the end of 1997 Tom will have some idea as to whether all of the Canadian quota will be filled. The decision on which will be papers and which scripta will be made by someone other than Tom. He understands that there should be no problem in managing to print the Canadian contributions before September 1998.

Further to Tom's earlier report about panels ('bloky') at the Krakow Congress — i.e., thematic panels organized by individuals, rather than in the traditional ICS system — no important developments have occurred, though there seems to have been some confusion as to who should arrange for the pre-printing of panel papers: officially, panel organizers are responsible. Tom reports "one interesting historical notule: now that the erstwhile enormous Soviet delegation has split up into several ex-USSR delegations, some of the smaller countries were naturally given small quotas: each of the Baltic States, for example, has a quota of three papers. I have heard that at least one of these countries is unsure how to pre-publish its contributions — a separate book will be rather flimsy. The ICS rules and traditions state, however, just that pre-publication is required, not how it is to be done."

"Finally, the untimely death last year of Nikita Il'ich Tolstoy, which was a huge loss to philological scholarship in many different scholarly areas, may be a boon to the future of the ICS for it was he who, as head of the Soviet and then Russian delegation, was, among the . most intransigent opponents of innovation; and he was so respected as a scholar that many national representatives...found it difficult to oppose, his views in Committee."

"For the Bratislava Congress in 1993, I prepared a catalogue books (1988-93) in Slavic and East European literature, folklore and cultural history for the Congress Book ibit on. I intend to repeat this with a 1993-98 catalogue for the Krakow Congress next year. I will base this on the *CSP* bibliographies, updated as necessary; if anyone had a book published during this period which is not in the *CSP* biblioaraphy, th@. should send publication details" to Tom Priestly. information on how to have books displayed in Krakow will appear in the fall CAS Newsletter.

ICCSEES (International Council for Central and East European studies)

CAS representative: J.D. Clayton (until July 1997)

Next congress: Tampere, Finland, 2000

A meeting of ICCSEES took place on 6 April 1997 at the Institut Finlandais in Paris. Doug Clayton attended as the CAS reoresentative. The meeting was chaired by the President of the President of the Council, Professor Feldbrugge; six other national representatives were present.

The principal items which Doug wishe to report are as follows:

- 1) The President reported that the Tampere Congress would include interdisciplinary panels as well as the traditional ones; he raised the question of the longer-term future of ICCSEES, given the new (post-Soviet) situation. No decision has yet been taken as regards the Location of the next (2005) congress
- 2) The International Newsletters are how available at the ICSEES WebSite:
<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/Dept/RussCent/iccees.htm>.
- 13) Vladilir Malanko (Finland) reported that all the preparations for the Tempere 2000 VI World congress are going ahead normally. The tentative theme of the congress is 'Divergent Pasts — Convergent Futures'. This provoked a discussion — to have a question mark or not? A call for papers will go out in July 1997.

- 14) Ten book contracts have so far been signed for the 1995 Warsaw Congress papers.
- 15) Leslie Holmes (Melbourne) reported that the Pacific Regional Congress (1998) is going forward. Closing date for papers and panels was 15 May 1997.

MAU/IAUS (International Association for Ukrainian Studies)

CAS representative: John-Paul Himka (1994-98, 1st term)

Next congress: Odessa, 1999