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REPORT OF THE CAS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, 1998

The international Relations Committee (IRC) was created over a decade ago to foster international contacts and to serve as the CAS's coordinator of these contacts. This annual report is compiled by the chair of the IRC on the basis of reports submitted by our current representatives.

ICCEES (international Council for Central and East European Studies)

CAS representative: J.D. Clayton (1995-2000, second term)

Next congress: Tempere, Finland, 2000

During the temporary absence from Canada of Douglas Clayton, the Association's interests were represented by Stan Kirschbaum (Secretary-Treasurer of ICCEES) and coordinated by the chair of the IRC.

The Sixth Congress of the ICCEES will be held at the University of Tempere, Finland, from 29 July to 3 August 2000. Tempere is 175 kilometers north of Helsinki and can be reached by frequent air, rail and bus connections. The congress is being organized by the Finnish Association for Russian and East European Studies whose secretariat can be reached at:

Annankatu 44 FIN-00100 Helsinki Finland

Tel: 358-9-2285 4434 Fax: 358-9-2285 4431 E-mail: <u>iccees@rusin.fi</u> The international Program Committee (IPC) encourages proposals for panels or papers on multi-disciplinary themes and especially welcomes proposals from young scholars who have not presented papers at previous congresses. Proposal forms, which should be sent to the above address before I January 1999, will be found in ICCESS international Newsletters, nos. 39 and 49, circulated with the two most recent issues of the CAS Newsletter, issue no. 39 discusses at length the special themes the IPC is seeking to promote. The general requirements are:

- -panels and roundtables must be international in composition;
- -a panel will normally include a chair, no more than three presenters, and a discussant;
- -presentations should normally not exceed fifteen minutes each;
- -individual papers not accepted for formal presentation on a panel may at the discretion of the IPC be included in the program. There may be limited opportunities to introduce these papers at formal panels or at poster sessions;
- -all papers in the program are eligible for possible publication in the selected proceedings of the congress;
- -those who propose panels or papers will be informed of the IPC's decision in the summer of 1999 and will be expected to submit a one-page abstract of their paper six months in advance of the congress.

Queries concerning accommodations, registration and tours should be addressed (preferably by fax or e-mail) to:

Congrex/Blue and White Conferences Oy

P.O. Box 35

FIN-00621 Helsinki

Finland

Fax: 358-9-7520899

E-mail: congrex@bluewhiteconferences.fi

The Executive Committee of ICCEES invites bids by associations to host the VII Congress in 2005. Such bids must be made before the 1999 meeting of the Executive.

ICS (International Committee of Slavists)

CAS representative: T.M.S. Priestly (1993-98, second term)

Next congress: Krakow, 1998

The forthcoming congress of the ICS meets late this summer from 27 August to 2 September in Krakow. Official Canadian representatives should have received by now all the information they need concerning registration, etc. Tom Priestly writes: "it looks as though not all ten slots' on the Canadian quota will be filled. Of the nearly twenty CAS members who originally evinced an interest in participating, about fourteen sent in papers to the CSP, but several were not acceptable without revision and their authors decided, or were unable, to make the revisions required. Publication of the Canadian Contributions will presumably be accomplished ... before the Congress takes place. . . . There has been

no provision for other people to attend; traditionally, the ICS congresses were attended by official 'delegations' and the organizers had their hands full with these, hence took no interest in other possible attendees." This year observers may attend but must submit an official form which is available from:

Professor Tom Priestly
Department of Modern Language and Cultural Studies
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2E6
or by e-mail at tom.priestly@ualberta.ca

Tom concludes that "the whole business of trying to bring the organization into the 20th century - which looks like not being effected until well into the 21st - has been stultifying. Part of the [problem] has been the lack of support from 'Western' representatives. . . . "

Canadian Slavists who have published books since 1993 and wish to have them displayed at the Congress should send them before the end of June to:
Komitet Organizacyjny XII Miedzynarodowego Kongresu
Slawistsw
31-123 Krakow
ul. Krupnicza 35
Poland

A note concerning the title of the book sent should also be transmitted to Professor Priestly at his Edmonton address.

MAU/IAUS (international Association for Ukrainian Studies)

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

Next congress: Odessa, 1999

John-Paul Himka reports that "the next MAU congress is planned for Odessa, sometime around 20 August 1999. MAU was recently registered by the Ministry of Justice (finally), and this facilitates MAU's efforts to obtain funding for the congress. For the Odessa Congress, I had hoped to centralize the participation of Canadian participants through me, so that I could pass on registration fees and also inform Canadian participants of any developments. I plan, however, to be in Ukraine from January to August and thus will be unable to do this MAU continues its bibliographic work on Ukrainian studies. It has established a website (still in an early stage of development): http://www.icmp.lviv.ua/mau/".

During Professor Himka's absence, information concerning paper proposals and registration at the 1999 MAU Congress may be obtained from: Professor Serge Cipko Department of History and Classics University of Alberta Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2H4

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CAS representative: none Next congress: unknown

A report on this apparently dormant organization may be forthcoming next year.

Carter Elwood, chair (1996-2001)