

2016 Report

of the CAS Representative to the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) at the CAS AGM in Calgary, 30 May, 2016

1. At the ICCEES World Congress IX (3–8 August 2015, Makuhari Japan), on behalf of CAS I presented the Montréal bid to host ICCEES World Congress X in 2020. The ICCEES Executive and the Council formally accepted the Canadian proposal for 3–8 August 2020.

2. In the fall of 2015, conducted site visits to Montréal:

- contacting the representatives of Tourisme Montréal: Stéphanie Magnani, Lynda Cadieux, Cynthis St.-Louis

- and viewed potential venues for the Congress and hotels to accommodate participants;

- **confirmed start-up assistance from Tourisme Montréal for the Congress in the final year of planning (\$25,000);**

- meeting CAS members in the Montréal area to form **the core of the future OC for on-site planning**: Alison Rowley, Janick Roy, Maria Bondarenko;

- meeting representatives of Concordia University: Marie-Josée Allard, Director of Hospitality Concordia and Prof. Graham Carr, V-P Research and Graduate Studies, to set up a partnership for the Congress:

- **Concordia University has agreed to be our partner, co-host, and the venue for ICCEES World Congress 2020;**

- we will benefit from the Congress-organizing expertise of Hospitality Concordia, which provides added value as an on-site Congress organizer – nothing like it on any other Montréal campus.

- holding the ICCEES World Congress at a university campus (rather than at a more expensive Congress Center) follows the pattern of the Canadian Humanities and Social Sciences Congress and of ICCEES.

3. In early 2016:

- **agreement signed with the Queen Elizabeth Hotel**, reserving 250 rooms with 2015 rates locked in, and some consideration for complimentary privileges depending on bookings. The OC can opt out of this deal any time before the Congress;

- **a list of other nearby accommodations with various rates has been compiled** and will be followed up shortly after CAS 2016;

4. 2016–17 (Congress 2020 - minus 4 years): I will be on sabbatical and will travel for research. I will be reachable by e-mail or Skype and will assist wherever possible, but cannot be as pro-active as in the past two years. In Montréal, it will be important to move forward with preparations and planning, in particular:

- Consolidating the Organizing Committee: with representation from local CAS members, the CAS Executive, Concordia University, other Montréal universities, and ICCEES – to oversee all aspects of planning;
- Establishing a Finance and Logistics Committee: to raise funds and manage the budget, to liaise with Hospitality Concordia on technical aspects of planning;
- Establishing an Academic Committee to propose and invite keynote speakers, to draft the call for papers, select proposals, set up panels;
- Our American colleagues, ASEEEES, have offered to assist with planning the Congress and they should be contacted about this. They have valuable organizational expertise from their annual Congresses, and we will need all the help we can get;
- Obtaining information and bids from IT companies that design web-sites. We will need a web-site to manage Congress publicity, the call for papers and program set-up; to process registrations, post the online program, accommodation links, etc. ASEEEES will have valuable know-how;
- Any other planning steps for "Congress 2020 – Minus 4 Years."

Respectfully submitted,

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