

International Committee of Slavists

2018 Report

Every five years the International Committee of Slavists organizes congresses, each of which takes place in a Slavic country. It has subcommittees that focus on specific areas of research and coordinate ambitious international research projects between congresses. International Congresses of Slavists are a major venue for presenting research in the general area of Slavic linguistics, literary studies and folklore, especially from a historical perspective. The 16th International Congress of Slavists will take place in Belgrade in August 20-27, 2018. You can find information about the upcoming congress at <http://mks2018.fil.bg.ac.rs/>.

Since the Committee requires that papers presented at congresses undergo peer review and publication **before** each congress, Canadian participants have spent 2017-2018 preparing the publication of the Canadian contributions to congress in a special issue of *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes* – volume 60, issue 1-2 – to appear in June 2018. A total of ten papers by Canadian Slavists are included in the special section of this issue.

Traditionally at congresses there is an exhibition of books in Slavic Studies that have appeared since last congress. After congress the exhibited books remain as a gift to the organizers' main research library. In this case it will be the Svetozar Markovic University Library in Belgrade. In the past Canadian Slavists have donated their books to be exhibited at congress. I would like to invite you to donate relevant publications that have appeared since 2013 for the exhibition in Belgrade in August. If you are interested in donating books for the exhibition please contact me at omladen@ucalgary.ca before **June 15, 2018**.

Countries around the globe participate in the International Committee of Slavists through their representatives. Since 2008 I have had the honour to be the representative of Canada. At AGM this year the Canadian Association of Slavists will be electing a new representative of Canada at ICS who will be taking over from me at the end of August the organization of the next International Congress of Slavists.

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