

2022 Report
of the CAS Representative to ICCEES
(International Council for Central and East European Studies)

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1. The 10th ICCEES World Congress took place virtually from Concordia University in Montreal, 3–8 August, 2021. Hosted by Concordia and the Canadian Association of Slavists, the second Canadian ICCEES World Congress since the founding meeting in Banff (1974) was a homecoming.

The Organizing Committee, co-chaired by CAS President Alison Rowley and ICCEES VP Andrii Krawchuk, responded to pandemic-related challenges by postponing the Congress from 2020, and transitioning to a virtual format. Both adjustments were unavoidable and increased the workload “exponentially.” Thanks to Alison’s energy and the remarkable collaboration of ICCEES, Concordia, and CAS, the World Congress was a resounding success.

With the overarching theme of “Bridging National and Global Perspectives,” the Congress program’s 333 sessions, special events included keynote addresses, roundtables, films, lectures, and book discussions. 45 countries were represented by 1034 scholars. The top 10 levels of participation by country were: United States–205, Canada–157, Japan–87, Russia–76, U.K.–65, Germany–63, Finland–37, Poland–29, Ukraine–28, France–28. The international diversity, the addition of a new member association (Société française d’études russes et est-européennes en sciences sociales – SFERES), and new expressions of interest from other countries are positive signs for the future.

2. The **ICCEES Executive** and the International Council (Board) met at the Montreal World Congress:

- President Georges Mink’s report included progress toward gender balance on both the EC and the IC, and a reminder to member associations to nominate women as representatives.
- The new EC includes Andrii Krawchuk (president), Alexandr Akimov (Australia, VP), and Dulbaa Altai (Mongolia, VP). The full roster is posted at: https://iccees.org/about/executive_committee/
- Planning for the **11th ICCEES World Congress (hosted by BASEES in London, 2025)** is under way.

3. After Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, ICCEES member associations condemned the unlawful aggression and escalation of the eight-year conflict. ICCEES also posted a statement on its website and social media:

ICCEES condemns the war of aggression launched against Ukraine by the current leader of Russia. We condemn his violation of international norms, the sovereignty of independent Ukraine, and of truth. As scholars and international partners, we stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and Russia and support their academic freedom, human rights, and democratization.

Continuing to monitor the situation, our associations are seeking to support scholars displaced or otherwise adversely affected by the conflict. While recognizing that many important initiatives are organized locally through government and university programs, ICCEES is trying to leverage our collective resources as associations to maximum effect by sharing expertise and developing synergies. Member associations are invited to submit brief updates on any such initiatives that may be of interest to other associations.

CAS information may be sent to me as your representative to ICCEES.

Respectfully submitted,
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