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CAS Representative to the International Congress of Slavists (ICS)

Here are some brief updates on items from the last report (dated April 30, 2025)--

ICS-18

Since the time of my last report (April 30, 2025, leading up to ICS-17 in Paris, Aug 25-30, 2025), I have received no communications from the Organizing Committee in Prague, where ICS-18 will be held in 2029, the 100th anniversary of the 1st ICS. Although no specific dates have been set yet, the ICS usually takes place near the end of August, sometimes overlapping into the beginning of September. The fact that the OrgCom in Prague has not yet started sending out messages to the ICS representatives is not alarming, since based upon my prior experience with ICS-17, the first year or so after the previous conference is a quiet time.

ICS-17 Book Exhibit

I'm happy to report that the package with the CAS book contributions to the ICS-17 Book Exhibit arrived safely and its contents were on display at the Malesherbes affiliate of the University of Sorbonne on Monday, August 25, 2025. Traditionally, these books will be donated to the host institution's library. Once again, I thank those colleagues who contributed!

Proposed ICS reforms

The issue of ICS reforms will be taken up again in the ICS zoom sessions which will be held in the interval between now and 2029, the year of ICS-18 in Prague. Regardless of the outcome of these discussions, for the current conference cycle the existing system of national representatives, internal review of abstracts, and national participant quotas will be in effect. I will keep the CAS membership posted on any developments or changes.

With best wishes,

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