

Dear CAS Colleagues,

This letter is to inform you that the most recent annual plenary session of the MKS (International Committee of Slavists) was held in zoom format on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022 (10am-12:30pm, Paris time) and hosted by the French Organizing Committee.

The DECISIONS (and matters pertaining thereto) reached at this meeting are as follows:

- 1) ICS-17 has been postponed till Aug-Sept. 2025, but will still be held in Paris and organized by the French Committee. The vote in favour of this proposal was unanimous (32-0) with no abstentions.
- 2) All currently approved CAS paper proposals (6) and poster proposals (1) will retain their status for the duration (i.e., through the dates when ICS-17 is actually held). Since the Canadian paper proposal quota is (10), there is still room for (4) more proposals in this category. Poster proposals have no quota limit (see ICS-17 website for details). The PROVISIONAL DEADLINE for me to send any NEW approved proposals of either kind to the French Organizing Committee is MAY 1, 2024 (a reminder that the proposals are usually only 500-1,000 characters, whereas the longer versions for posting on the ICS-17 website can be from 2-5 pages, based on current practice). Therefore, for the purposes of CAS internal review, I am setting a new provisional deadline of MARCH 1, 2024, for you to send me new proposals at joseph.schallert@utoronto.ca. I will also accept any modifications by the authors of currently approved proposals by the same deadline.
- 3) It was unanimously decided (even by the “traditionalists”) that some kind of reform in the organization of ICS is necessary, but that no changes should be instituted without a careful deliberative process and that any implementation of such reforms would take place AFTER ICS 17 in 2025. Therefore it was also decided that a “working committee” be delegated to come up with a provisional reform proposal and to report back to ICS with a document within 6 months (March 2023?) for discussion at the next ICS plenary session in Aug-Sept. 2023. At the request of the French Organizing Committee and immediately pursuant to the Sept. 2 zoom session, such a committee is currently being organized by several ICS representatives who in the past have voiced support for such reform and/or even submitted proposals for its implementation, and an open invitation for either joining this committee or submitting ideas has been circulated to ALL members of the ICS executive. Just so you know, although I am familiar with the previous proposals for reform, I will NOT be serving on the working committee. I will keep you posted on this issue in 2023.

With best wishes,
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