

**2023 Report**  
**of the CAS Representative to ICCEES**  
(International Council for Central and East European Studies)

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1. The International Council for Central and East European Studies ICCEES, holds world congresses every 5 or so years. The most recent of these, hosted by CAS, was the virtual congress during COVID in 2021 out of Concordia University in Montreal. The Executive Committee and the Board, or international council of ICCEES met at the end of March this year at the meeting of the British association BASEES in Glasgow. These were our first live meetings since 2019.

2. BASEES will host the next ICCEES World Congress at UCL (University College London) in 2025 and preparations are under way with the organizers of the association's large annual meetings.

3. Following its normal pattern, ICCEES will announce the location of the 2030 world Congress in 2025. There is now an open call for expressions of interest, or bids, to host the 2030 Congress, we will reissue it shortly, and a selection will be made from the competitive bids that are received. With a very active new group of member associations in Asia, we hope to alternate between Europe, Asia, and North America, similarly to what CAS does regionally from year to year.

4. Over the past year, ICCEES organized virtual discussions of Russia's war in Ukraine and how it impacts our scholarly work and association dynamics. Our discussions suggest that there are no shortcuts or easy consensus, and no common denominator on the challenges that we face in developing new pedagogies, research directions, and international connections. While we teach and do research on similar topics of area studies, our countries have foreign policies that can impact our work very differently, while education policies and funding also determine the kinds of programs that can be implemented - or withdrawn. From country to country, universities have their own distinctive priorities and capacities, both academically and administratively, that also shape our reality. And in our national associations we try to be creative and constructive in working out responses to the changing landscape and paradigm shifts. Despite contextual diversity and complexity of the international ICCEES community:

- we are recognizing our discussions as a positive force of renewal,
- there is a commitment to continue the reflection as we enter the medium and long terms, and
- there is a sense that our collaborative introspection has the potential to situate us, even more than before, at the cutting edge of scholarship, innovation, and international cooperation.

Working together through unprecedented uncertainties, as scholarly associations in Slavic (or Central and East European) Studies we really have a lot to offer to the world.

It was an honor to serve as CAS representative to ICCEES, and I trust that our members will take the opportunity to expand their international connections by participating at the 2025 ICCEES World Congress in London.

Respectfully submitted,  
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