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IMPORTANT UPDATES ON ICS-17

CAS Representative Report regarding ICS 17 (the 17th International Congress of Slavists, to be held at Sorbonne-Paris University, August 28-September 1, 2023; LINK to website: [MKS Paris 2023 - Sciencesconf.org](https://www.mks-paris2023.org/))

Report prepared for CAS membership on September 5, 2021

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Dear CAS Colleagues,

At the most recent (Aug. 30-31, 2021) Paris-based zoom sessions of the MKS (International Committee of Slavists), the two main items on the agenda were 1) approval/rejection of **thematic block proposals** (see end of message), and 2) finalization of deadlines and requirements for participation in the **regular panel sessions** (“ДОКЛАДЫ” on the ICS-17 website). Regarding the latter, after much discussion it was decided by an overwhelming majority of those who participated in the MKS session to make the following changes in **FINAL DEADLINES** and **REQUIREMENTS** for participation in ICS-17 (Paris, Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 2023). As you will see, the new deadline for submission of the Summaries provides us with **MORE TIME** for both stages in the selection process. In addition, a reduction in the minimum page requirement for the Summaries makes this requirement **LESS ONEROUS**.

- **May 1, 2022** = National committees submit the 1-page ABSTRACTS of potential participants to the Paris hosts (see below for details). This is the SAME deadline as before.
- **May 1, 2023** = National committees submit the approved paper SUMMARIES. The previous deadline of May 1, 2022 is NO LONGER in effect.
- **SUMMARIES should be no less than 2 pages and no more than 5 pages in length.** The previous 5-page minimum for Summaries is NO LONGER in effect. The text of the 2-5 page Summary should include references to the scholarly literature, which are then identified in a bibliography of NO MORE than ONE page (this page does NOT count in the 2-5 page total). The bibliography should be situated at the end of the paper, NOT as a separate document. From the point of view of MKS (and CAS), there is NO prejudicial difference between a Summary of minimal length (2 pages) and one of maximal length (5 pages). The length of the Summary is left entirely to the discretion of the author. As stated previously, the Summaries will be POSTED on the ICS-17 website.

The change in the deadline for submission of the Summaries in effect provides CAS and the other national committees an EXTRA YEAR to conduct their part of the review. Consequently, it is possible to extend the deadline for CAS members to submit their ABSTRACTS. If you have already submitted your Abstract (as per the former Sept. 1, 2021 deadline), there is NO NEED TO RESEND.

Here then are the CAS deadlines (integrated with ICS deadlines):

- **March 1, 2022** = Send a one-page (ca. 300 word) paper proposal ABSTRACT with brief bibliography to joseph.schallert@utoronto.ca Label this document as “ICS 17 2023 (Your paper title)”. Do NOT include your name or other personal information in the paper proposal document itself. Instead, send me your name, academic affiliation, and paper proposal title in a SEPARATE attached document. I will review the abstracts in terms of content and form, then reply to you by **March 15, 2022**. Abstract proposals will NOT be sent out for external review (in contradistinction to the Paper Summaries, see below). This represents a change in the CAS procedure described in previous announcements.
- **April 15, 2022** = Where revisions have been requested, send me your revised abstract.
- **May 1, 2022** = I send all approved ABSTRACTS to ICS in Paris (as per the ICS deadline). NOTE: If you have not met the Abstract requirement, you can NOT participate in a Regular Panel Session at ICS-17.
- **January 1, 2023** = Send me your PAPER SUMMARY (minimum 2 pages, maximum 5 pages) + 1-page bibliography. At this point the only format requirement that has been indicated for the Summary is 12-pt font size, but I should be learning of further specifications by the time of the next MKS zoom session in DECEMBER 2021. THE SUMMARIES WILL BE SENT OUT FOR REVIEW TO CAS PROFESSORIATE. This also represents a change in the procedure outlined in my previous messages (since it shifts the review from the Abstract to the Summary), but this change reflects the emphasis which was placed at the most recent MKS meeting on the quality of the version which will appear on the ICS-17 website.
- **February 1, 2023** = I forward the Summary Reviews to CAS participants, including any recommendations for revision.
- **April 1, 2023** = CAS participants submit their final 2-5 page Summaries (including bibliography) to me.
- **May 1, 2023** = I forward all approved CAS Summaries to ICS for posting on the congress website. NOTE: If you have not met the Summary requirement, you can NOT participate in a Regular Session Panel at ICS-17.

APPROVAL OF THEMATIC BLOCK PAPERS

Most of the time at the MKS zoom sessions on Aug. 30-31, 2021 was devoted to a final review and approval/rejection of Thematic Block proposals. The discussion was led by Natalya Bernitskaya (Chair of the French delegation), Sylvie Archaimbault (Contact for Thematic Blocks), and Rodolphe Baudin (Secretary). Many other members of MKS who were in attendance joined in the discussions. All final decisions to approve/reject individual proposals were determined by a straightforward majority vote. At present I have no certain knowledge concerning who will be notifying organizers of the thematic block proposals of the results for their particular blocks (although I assume this will be Sylvie Archaimbault), nor do I have the authority to divulge any details concerning the results. If you have any questions for the present, please contact your thematic block organizer(s).

REGISTRATION AT ICS 17

- Once the ICS 17 Host Organizing Committee in Paris has processed the information which I send them on MAY 1, 2023, it should become possible for participants in the Paper Panels (*доклады*) to register. This is my current understanding/assumption, but I will seek clarification/confirmation at the MKS zoom session in DECEMBER 2021 and keep you posted.

LINK TO ICS 17 WEBSITE (in case you missed it above)

[MKS Paris 2023 - Sciencesconf.org](https://www.sciencesconf.org/mks-paris-2023)

With Best Wishes,

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