

Meetings of the ICCEES in Makuhari and Osaka

On August 5-6, 2013, the Executive Committee and the International Council of the ICCEES was held at Kanda University of International Studies, the main venue of the ICCEES World Congress in 2015. The most important task these meetings bore was to inspect the facilities of the university and Makuhari, and monitor the preparation of the World Congress. Beside this main task, these meetings confirmed the Mongolian Association of Central and East European Studies's accession to the ICCEES, listened the report on preparation process to create the Kazakhstan national association of Slavic Eurasian Studies (in regard to Mongolia's accession to the ICCEES, see: http://src-h.slav.hokudai.ac.jp/iccees2015/text/Protocol_Ulaanbaatar2.pdf).

According to decent tradition of the ICCEES, an academic seminar was held in the morning of August 6, at which four papers were presented:

Go Koshino (Hokkaido University), "Russian Female Warriors in the Napoleonic War of 1812: Nadezhda Durova and Vasilisa Kozhina"

Masumi Kameda (Tokyo University), "Obsessed by the Live: Soviet Official Culture, 1917-1940"

Kumiko Haba (Hosei University), "Comparison of EU and East Asian Integration"

Norihiro Naganawa (Hokkaido University), "The Hajj from Tatarstan and Dagestan in the Post-Soviet Era: State, Money and Politics"

On August 7, ICCEES officers and representatives of Slavicist associations of various countries paid a courtesy visit to Chiba Mayor, Mr. Toshihito Kumagai, who is an ardent supporter of the Makuhari Congress. Visitors not only asked for support from the Chiba City Hall for the Makuhari Congress, but also showered questions on the one of the youngest mayors of Japan (Mr. Kumagai is 35 years old) concerning how Japanese municipalities are struggling to cope with the problems of energy supply after the Fukushima Incident and the population's aging.



Officers of ICCEES and Slavicist Associations of the World with Chiba Mayor

On August 8, most of ICCEES officers moved to Osaka to participate in the Fifth East Asian Conference on Slavic Eurasian Studies. In the evening of August 8, the Sixth Summit of Slavacist Associations in East Asia with the participation of Graeme Gill (ICCEES President) and Irina Sandomirskaja (ICCEES Vice-President) was held at the Osaka Conference venue, Osaka University of Economics and Law.

This summit confirmed that a new member of the ICCEES, the Mongolian Association of Central and East European Studies, would be invited to the East Asian Slavacist community (accordingly, the MACEAS has the right to invite the East Asian Conference on Slavic Eurasian Studies). An important issue of this summit was to decide the next venue of the East Asian Conference on Slavic Eurasian Studies. Yet the most plausible host organization, the Korean Association of Slavic Studies, could not send representatives to Osaka, the summit postponed the decision. Later, the KASS expressed its will to host the East Asian Conference on Slavic Eurasian Studies in 2014, so this event will be held in Korea in June 2014.

It is necessary to acknowledge the active collaboration of the Chiba International Convention Bureau and Kanda University of International Studies, which made this extraordinary hard schedule realizable.