



Programme of the Conference

“Media and Elections & E-voting”

London 23-25 October 2003

Hosted by:

*Association of Central and Eastern European Election Officials (ACEEEO)
International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES)
The Electoral Commission, United Kingdom
Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA), United Kingdom*

Arrival (Wednesday, 22 October 2003) (*Hilton London Metropole (225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU)*)

16.00 - 18.00 **Registration of Participants and Guests**

19.30 - **Reception** (*Embassy of the Republic of Hungary 35 Eaton Place, London SW1X 8BY*)

coach departs from the hotel at 18.45

participants arriving later will have dinner at the hotel from 20.00-22.30

1st day (Thursday, 23 October 2003) (*Hilton London Metropole (225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU)*)

8.00 – 10.00 **Registration of Participants and Guests** (*Location: Palace suite, Blenheim room*)

9.00 – 10.00 **Executive Board Meeting** (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: Mr Alexander A. Veshniakov (*President of the ACEEEO, Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Russian Federation*)

- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the application of new members (Republic of Kazakhstan)
- Honorary membership

10.00 – 10.45
rooms)

Press conference (Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington

Mr Alexander A. Veshniakov (President of the ACEEEO; Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Russian Federation)

Mr Zoltán Tóth (Secretary General of the ACEEEO)

Mr Richard W. Soudriette (President of the International Foundation for Election Systems)

Mr Sam Younger (Chairman of the Electoral Commission of the United Kingdom)

Mr Steven Lake (Chairman of the Association of Electoral Administrators)

11.00 – 12.00

Opening Ceremony (Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms)

Chair: **Mr Alexander A. Veshniakov** (President of the ACEEEO, Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Russian Federation)

Welcome speech: **Mr Andrew McDonald** (Director of Department for Constitutional Affairs, United Kingdom)

Opening Speeches:

Mr Zoltán Tóth (Secretary General of the ACEEEO)

Mr Richard W. Soudriette (President of the International Foundation for Election Systems)

Mr Sam Younger (Chairman of The Electoral Commission of the United Kingdom)

Mr Steven Lake (Chairman the Association of Electoral Administrators)

12.00 - 12.15

Opening of the Election History Exhibition (Location: Palace Suite, Blenheim room)

Opening speech: **Mr Richard W. Soudriette** (President of the International Foundation for Election Systems)

12.15 – 12.30

Opening of the Exhibition of the Suppliers of Election Equipment and Services (Location: Palace Suite, Blenheim room)

Opening Speech: **Mr Steven Lake** (*Chairman of the Association of Electoral Administrators*)

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch** (*Location: Palace Suite, Blenheim room*)

13.30 – 14.00 **Official photos of the participants** (*Location: West Wing Ground Floor*)

14.30 – 16.00 **Plenary Session: Media and Elections**
(*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: **Mr Arnis Cimdars** (*Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Latvia*)

Speakers:

1. Mr Stephen Judson (*Policy Manager, The Electoral Commission, United Kingdom*):

“Media regulation and UK elections”

2. Ms Daphne Skillen, Dr (*Advisor on Elections Media to the International Foundation for Election Systems*):

“Balancing Election News Coverage”

3. Mr Gyula Rádi (*Media Programme Director, ACEEEO*):
“Comparative overview of regulatory solutions regarding media and elections in CEE”

4. Mr Gerald Mitchell (*Head of Election Division, OSCE-ODIHR*):

“Media monitoring in the OSCE-ODIHR Election Observation”

5. Mr Richard Carver (*Media and Elections expert, International IDEA*):

“A Global Approach to Media and Elections”

Moderated question and answer period

16.00 – 16.30 **Presentations by the Election Equipment and Services Suppliers**
(*Location: Palace Suite, Blenheim room*)

Speakers:

1. Unisys & ES & S: Mr Angus Ward, Managing Director
“E-voting in a modern Europe”

2. Lantrade Global Supplies: Mr Paul Freeman, Director

3. Powervote Ltd: Mr Roy Loudon, Director, “Democratic Technology”

16.30 – 16.45 **Tea break sponsored by MATÁV Plc(Hungary)**

16.45 – 18.15

Plenary Session: E-Voting (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: **Mr Zenonas Vaigauskas** (*Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Lithuania*)

Speakers:

1. Mr Michael Remmert (*Project Manager, Integrated project "Making democratic institutions work" Council of Europe*):

“Towards European standards on e-voting: The Council of Europe's draft recommendation on legal, operational and technical aspects of e-voting”

2. Mr Jenő Szép, Dr (*E-voting expert, ACEEEO*):

“E-voting – a view from Central and Eastern Europe”

3. Mr Alexander A. Veshnyakov (*Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Russian Federation*):

“Automated systems in the election process”

4. Mr John Borrás (*Director of Technology Policy, Office of e-Envoy, United Kingdom*)

“Technical standards for e-voting”

5. Professor Richard Rose FBA (*Senior Fellow, Oxford Internet Institute, United Kingdom*):

“Internet Access Critical for E-voting”

6. Ms Julia Glidden (*Managing Director, Accenture eDemocracy Services*):

“The Case for International Standards”

****Moderated question and answer period****

19.00

coaches depart from the hotel at 19.00 and from the Embassy at 22.00

19.30 – 22.00

Reception – hosted by the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation (*Embassy of the Russian Federation*)

2nd day (Friday, 24 October 2003) (*Hilton London Metropole (225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU)*)

9.00 – 10.00

Plenary Session: E-Voting (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: **Mr Richard Soudriette** (*President, IFES*)

Speakers:

1. Ms Kate Sullivan (*Assistant Director Policy, The Electoral Commission, United Kingdom*):

„The shape of UK elections to come”

2. Ms Sarah Birch, Dr (*Essex University, United Kingdom*):

„The social Dimension of Electronic Voting: How the Use of Technology in the Voting Process can alter the Meaning of Elections”

3. Mr Lajos Farkas (*Main adviser on informatics, Ministry of the Interior, Hungary*):

“A short overview on the introduction of e-voting in Hungary”

4. Mr Michael Chevallier (*State of Geneva, Switzerland*):

“Internet voting, status, perspectives and issues”

5. Professor Alexander H. Trechsel (*European University Institute, Italy*):

„The European Union and E-voting”

10.00 – 10.15

Tea break sponsored by Sun Microsystem Ltd (Hungary)

10.15 – 12.15

Parallel events

Professional workshop I

(*Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Media and elections

Chair: **Mr Andrew Ellis**
(*Head of Elections Programme, International IDEA*)

Moderator: **Mr Gyula Rádi**
(*Media Programme Director, ACEEEO*)

Professional workshop II

(*Hilton Meeting room B, 3rd floor, Tower Building*)

E-voting

Chair: **Mr Manuel Carrillo**
(*Chief of Staff of the International Affairs Unit, Federal Electoral Institute*)

Moderator: **Mr Jenő Szép, Dr**
(*E-voting expert, ACEEEO*)

12.15 – 13.30

Lunch (*Location: Palace Suite, Blenheim room*)

13.30 – 14.30

Plenary Session: Media and Elections (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: **Mr Mihailo Ryabets** (*Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Ukraine*)

Speakers:

1. Mr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky (*Board member, International Foundation for Election Systems*):

“Politics and the media: issues for legislators and election officials”

2. Mr János Horvát (*Media expert, Hungary*):

“Ethical norms”

3. Mr Sergei Bolshakov (*Member, Central Election Commission, Russian Federation*):

“Media and Elections”

4. Dr Fernando Ojesto Martínez Porcayo (*President, Mexican Electoral Federal Tribunal of the Judicial Branch*):

“The Mexican Regulation for Media in the Electoral Process”

Moderated question and answer period

14.30 – 15.10

Presentations by the Election Equipment and Services Suppliers
(*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Speakers:

1. De La Rue Voting Systems: Mr Dean Shaw, Elections Project Manager
“Trust, Integrity Security and Choice in a Democratic World”

2. Zalasám IT Consulting: Mr Olivér Farkas, PR and marketing manager
“Introduction of Election Suppliers and Service Providers of the Hungarian Election System”

3. DRS Data Research Services Plc: Mr Mike Smethurst
“Technology for Democracy”

4. Smith & Ouzman Ltd: Mr Chris Smith, Managing Director
“The role of Security Printing in Free & Fair Elections”

15.15 – 16.15

Plenary Session: Summary (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: **Mr Pierre Garrone** (*Head of Division, Elections and Referendums, Venice Commission*)

Speakers:

Mr Gyula Rádi and Mr Jenő Szép, Dr, (ACEEEO experts, Hungary)
Summary of the Media and Elections Professional Workshop
Summary of the E-voting Professional Workshop

****Moderated question and answer period****

17.00 – 20.00 **Sight-seeing in the city of London**

20.00 – 22.00 **Reception – Hosted by The Electoral Commission of the United Kingdom** (*Institute of Directors, Waterloo Room, 116 Pall Mall street*)

3rd day (Saturday, 25 October 2003) (*Hilton London Metropole (225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU)*)

9.00 – 10.15 **Elections in the Central and Eastern European region – reports on elections held in the region** (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: **Mrs Livia Skultetyova** (*Director of the Department of Elections and Referendum, Ministry of the Interior, Slovakia*)

Opening presentation: **Mr Vladimir Dronov** (*Head of Interparliamentary Relations Unit, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, PACE*):
“Election Observation by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe”

Speakers:

Mr László Salgó, Dr (*High Commissioner of the Hungarian National Police, Hungary*):

„Security and policing standards of democratic elections”

- 1. Albania** - *Municipal*
- 2. Armenia**– *Presidential, Parliamentary*
- 3. Hungary** – *Referendum on EU Accession*
- 4. Latvia** – *Parliamentary, Referendum on EU Accession*
- 5. Lithuania** – *Presidential, Referendum on EU Accession*
- 6. Moldova** - *Municipal*
- 7. Poland** – *Referendum on EU Accession*
- 8. Slovakia** - *Referendum on EU Accession*
- 9. Turkey** – *Parliamentary*

10.15 – 10.30 **Tea break**

10.30 – 11.45

Discussion of the election experts of the member states of the European Union (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Proposed topics:

Turnout
Electronic voting
Pan-European elections association

Chair: **Mr Roger Creedon** (*Chief Executive, The Electoral Commission, United Kingdom*)

Moderator: **Mr István Zsuffa** (*Programme Director of the ACEEEO*)

Opening presentation: **Mrs Salla Saastamoinen** (*Administrator, Directorate-General Justice and Home Affairs, European Commission*)

The Electoral Commission of UK
Mr Andrew Ellis, *International IDEA*
Mr Stephan De Mul, *Ministry of the Interior, Belgium*
Ms Ana Cristina López López, *Ministry of the Interior, Spain*
Mr Marcus Bengsston, *Ministry of Justice, Sweden*

11.45 – 12.05

Presentations by the Election Equipment and Services Suppliers (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

1. *Siemens Plc*
2. *Opt Balloting Technologies*

12.15 – 13.15

Executive Board Meeting (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: **Mr Alexander A. Veshniakov** (*President of the ACEEEO, Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Russian Federation*)

- Approval of the items on the agenda of the General Assembly
- Scene of the next annual conference in 2004
- Approval of the application of new member (Republic of Kazakhstan)
- Regulation of the election of the Executive Board
- ACEEEO publications
 - *ACEEEO history book*
 - *ACEEEO journal*

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch (*Location: Palace Suite, Blenheim room*)

14.30 – 18.30

General Assembly Meeting (*Location: Palace Suite, Buckingham and Kensington rooms*)

Chair: **Mr. Alexander A. Veshniakov** (*President of the ACEEEO; Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Russian Federation*)

Opening speech:

Mr William J Hybl (*Chairman of the Board of the International Foundation for Election Systems*)

- Acceptance of the Media and Election project & E-voting project
- Report of the Secretary-General
- Report on the standards
- Report on the current projects
- The scene of the ACEEEO annual conference in 2004
- Work schedule for 2004
- Admittance of new Member
- Grant of Honorary Title
- Election of the Executive Board members

in the meantime:

16.00 – 16.15

Tea break

19.30

Reception hosted by the ACEEEO (*Hilton London Metropole (225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU)*)

Sunday, 26 October 2003

Departure from London