

Programme of the Conference

CONFERENCE OF GLOBAL ELECTION ORGANIZATIONS AND ACEEEO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING Africa, America, Asia, Australia, Europe

**Legal remedies in the election processes
Standards of electronic voting**

Organized by:

Association of Central and Eastern European Election Officials (ACEEEO)
National Electoral Office of Hungary

In cooperation with:

Elections Canada
International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES)
International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)
Federal Electoral Institute (IFE, Mexico)
United Nations Election Assistance Division (UN EAD)

0 day (Wednesday, 14 September 2005)

- 9.30 - 17.00* **Registration of Participants and Guests**
- 12.00 - 14.00* **Lunch**
- 14.00 - 14.45* **ACEEEO Executive Board meeting**
- 15.00 - 15.45* **Global Election Organizations (GEO) Steering Committee meeting**
- 15.45 - 16.00* **Coffee break**
- 16.00 - 17.00* **Meeting for the Experts of the European Union**
- 17.00* **Departure from the hotel lobby**
- 18.00 - 22.00* **Cultural event and Welcome dinner**

1st day (Thursday, 15 September 2005)

- 8.30 - 10.30* **Registration of Participants and Guests**
- 10.00 - 10.30* **Press Conference**

10.30 - 11.45

Opening Ceremony

Chair: **Mr Zoltán Tóth**, Secretary General of the ACEEEO

Welcome speech

Keynote speech: **His Excellency Lord Russell-Johnston**, Former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Opening speech: **His Excellency Dr András Holló**, President of the Constitutional Court

Welcome Speeches:

Mr Árpád Balázs, Mayor of Siófok, Hungary

Ms Emília Rytkó, Head of National Electoral Office

Mr Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Latvia, President of the ACEEEO

Welcome Speech /English/Russian/

Mr William Hybl, Chairman of the IFES Board of Directors

Mr Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada

Mr Andrew Ellis, Head of Electoral Processes, International IDEA

Mr Scott Smith, Electoral Assistance Division of the United Nations

Mr Luis Carlos Ugalde, President Councillor of Federal Electoral Institute, Mexico

Opening of the Election History Exhibition

Ms Márta Dezso, Director of the ACEEEO Documentation Centre

Opening of the Exhibition of the Suppliers of Election Equipment and Services

Mr Péter Baján, Siemens Hungary Plc

11.45 - 12.00

Coffee break

12.00 - 13.15

Plenary session: Global Perspectives on Associations and Alliances

Chair: **Mr Richard Soudriette**, President of IFES

Speakers:

Africa: Mr Moussa Michael Tapsoba, Chairman, Independent Electoral Commission, Burkina Faso

Présentation de l'Expérience de l'Association des Autorités Electorales Africaines (A.A.E.A.) en matière de mise en réseau

Latin America: Mr Manuel Carillo Poblano, Chief of Staff of the International Affairs Unit, Federal Electoral Institute, Mexico

Global perspectives for associations and alliances: the latin american case

North America: Mr Tony Sirvello III, Executive Director, IACREOT
Global Perspectives of Associations and Alliances

Asia: Mr Resurrection Z. Borra, Commissioner, Election Commission, The Philippines

The Role of Regional Election Associations

Australia: Mr Paul Dacey, Deputy Electoral Commissioner, Australian Electoral Commission

The Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand Electoral Administrators' (PIANZEA) Network

Europe: Mr Zsolt Szolnoki, Operative Director of the ACEEEO
Regional Election Organization

Official photos of the participants

13.15 - 14.30 **Lunch**

14.30 - 16.00 **Plenary session: New challenges in democracy**

Chair: **Mr Andrew Ellis**, Head of Electoral Processes, International IDEA

Speakers:

Mr Scott Smith, Electoral Assistance Division of the United Nations
"Election experiences of the United Nations"

Mr Ayman Ayoub, Lead adviser of the Central Election Commission, Palestine; External consultant to International IDEA

Lessons to be Learned from the Middle East

Mr Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada

"International cooperation: the IMIE case (International Mission for Iraqi Elections)"

Mr Luis Carlos Ugalde, President Councillor of Federal Electoral Institute, Mexico

"Money and Electoral contests"

16.00 - 16.20 **JAVA Coffee break sponsored by Sun Microsystems Inc, Hungary**

16.20 - 16.50 **Presentations of the exhibitors**

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

Smartmatic Corporation (USA)

Rayudu Laboratories Ltd (India)

Election Systems & Software Inc (UK)

16.50 - 18.00 **Plenary session: Operation of the international organizations in the field of election management**

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

Speakers:

European Union: Mr Michal Meduna, European Commission,
Directorate-General Justice and Home Affairs
European Parliament elections – lessons learned

OSCE-ODIHR: Mr Vadim Zhdanovich, Senior Election Adviser
The OSCE/ODIHR presentation

Council of Europe: Mr Sergei Kouznetzov, Member of the Venice
Commission
**The work of the Venice Commission in the field of electoral
assistance**

Commonwealth of Independent States: Ms Olga Balashova ,
Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation
Electoral Processes in the Commonwealth of Independent States

19.00 **Cultural event – Hungarian folklore dancers**

20.00 **Official dinner of diplomats and election experts**

2nd day (Friday, 16 September 2005)

9.00 - 10.00 **Plenary session: Legal remedies in the electoral processes** Chair:
Mr Branko Hrvatin, Chairman, State Election Commission of the
Republic of Croatia

Speakers:

Mr Bertalan Kaposvári, Deputy President of the Hungarian Supreme
Court, Hungary
"Legal remedies in the Hungarian election system"

Mr Jesús Orozco Henriquez, Magistrate of the Electoral Superior
Court, Mexico
"Mexican electoral dispute resolutions system"

Ms Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska, Member of the Venice Commission,
Council of Europe
**Legal Remedies in the Electoral Processes in the Republic of
Macedonia**

10.00 - 11.00 **Plenary session: E-voting - standards**
Chair: **Mr Viktor V. Jaschenko**, Head of Federal Center of IT under the
Central Election Commission of Russian Federation

Speakers:

Mr Paul DeGregorio, Vice Chairman, US Election Assistance
Commission and **Mr Tony Reissig**, Administrator of Elections for
Hamilton County, Ohio, USA

**The New Process of Establishing E-Voting System Standards in
the United States**

Mr Michael Remmert, Project Manager of the Council of Europe
"European standards in the field of e-voting"

Mr Viktor V. Jaschenko, Head of Federal Center of IT under the CEC
of Russia

Electoral Processes in the Commonwealth of Independent States

Mr Jenő Szép, E-voting expert of the ACEEEO
"Technical development and political environment"

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee break sponsored by Danish Camp Supply, Denmark**

11.30 - 13.30 **Professional Workshops**

Workshop A - Legal remedies

Chair: **Mrs Livia Skultetyová**, Director of the Department of Elections
and Referendum, Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic

Moderator: **Mr Attila Péteri**, ACEEEO legal expert

Workshop B – E-voting

Chair: **Mr Kazimierz W. Czaplicki**, Secretary, National Electoral Office
of the Republic of Poland

Moderator: **Mr Jenő Szép**, ACEEEO e-voting expert

13.30 - 14.30 **Lunch**

15.30 - **Departure for a boat trip to Tihany and dinner in Csopak**

3rd day (Saturday, 17 September 2005)

9.30 - 10.15 **Plenary session: Project Presentations**

Chair: **Mr Paul DeGregorio**, Vice Chairman, US Election Assistance
Commission

Mr Scott Lansell, Senior Director of Programs and Strategic
Operations, IFES

IFES and HAVA

Mr Antonio Spinelli, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA
**"The ACE Project: towards the ACE Electoral Knowledge
Network"**

Mr Jeffrey Fischer, IFES Senior Advisor for Elections and Governance
**"The UN Development Programme – Cost of Registration and
Elections (CORE)"**

10.15 - 10.45 **Coffee Break sponsored by OPT2VOTE**

- 10.45 - 12.30* **Plenary session: Workshop summaries and Conception panel**
Chair: Mr Manuel Carillo Poblano, Chief of Staff of the International Affairs Unit, Federal Electoral Institute, Mexico
- Speakers: moderators from the workshops
Recommendations on Legal remedies presented by **Mr Attila Péteri**
Recommendations on E-voting presented by **Mr Jenő Szép**
- Closing Remarks of the GEO conference**
- 12.30 - 13.30* **Lunch**
- 13.30 - 15.00* **Elections in the ACEEEO region, September 2004 - September 2005**
Chair: Mr Jaroslav Davidovich, Chairman, Central Election Commission of Ukraine
- Republic of Albania: Mr Erton Kashta**, Secretary of the CEC
Parliamentary election in Albania
Bosnia-Herzegovina: Mr Suad Arnautovic, Member, ECBiH
Local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2004
Republic of Moldova: Mr Petru Railean, Chairman, Central Election Commission
Parliamentary elections in Moldova
Romania: Mr Csaba Tiberiu Kovacs, General Secretary, Permanent Electoral Authority
Ukraine: Mr Jaroslav Davidovich, Chairman, Central Election Commission
- 15.00 - 15.30* **Coffee Break sponsored by T-Systems, Hungary**
- 15.30 - 17.30* **ACEEEO General Assembly Meeting**
Chair: Mr Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Latvia, President of the ACEEEO
- 19.00 - 24.00* **Closing Reception hosted by the ACEEEO**