

ACEEEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION OF ELECTORAL ACTORS

1st day (Tuesday, 18 September 2007)

Room 1, Main Building, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

- 10.00 - 11.00 **ACEEEO Executive Board meeting**
Chair: Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Latvia and President of the ACEEEO
- 11.00 - 12.00 **Plenary session: Elections in the region – Part I**
Chair: Lívía Skultétyova, Director of the Elections and Referendum Department Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic
- Speakers:**
Bosnia and Herzegovina (General elections - October 2006)
Hungary (Municipal elections - October 2006)
Georgia (Municipal elections - October 2006)
Latvia (Parliamentary elections - October 2006)
Croatia (Local and regional elections- June, 2007)
Lithuania (Municipal elections –February, 2007;
- 12.00 - 13.30 **Lunch** (Portuguese Gallery, Main Building, Council of Europe Ground floor)
- 13.30 - 14.00 **Plenary session: Elections in the region – Part II**
Chair: Lívía Skultétyova, Director of the Elections and Referendum Department Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic
- Speakers:**
Armenia (Parliamentary elections - May 2007)
Romania (Referendum – May 2007)
Moldova (Local elections - June 2007)
Kazakhstan (Extraordinary Parliamentary elections August 2007)
- 14.00 - 14.30 **Presentation on ACE Regional Electoral Resource Centres by Ms Stina Larserud** (International IDEA) **and Ms Orsolya Nagy** (ACEEEO Secretariat)
- 14.30 - 14.45 **Coffee break**
- 14.45 - 16.30 **ACEEEO General Assembly meeting**
Chair: Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Latvia and President of the ACEEEO

17.00 – 18.30 **Sight-seeing in Strasbourg**

19.00 – 22.00 **Welcome dinner hosted by the ACEEEO** (The Hotel Holiday Inn Strasbourg City Centre)

2nd day (Wednesday, 19 September 2007)

Room 1, Main Building, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

9.00 – 09.30

Opening session

Chair: Octavian Opris, President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania, President of the ACEEEO

Welcome speech:

Zoltán Tóth, Secretary General of the ACEEEO

Gianni Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission

09.30 – 10.30

Plenary session: Professional Education - Part I

Chair: Octavian Opris, President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania and President of the ACEEEO

Speakers:

Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Latvia

Election and Education – Need, Experience and Prospects

Stanislav V. Vavilov, Vice Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation

Professional Education in the Russian Federation

Pierre Garrone, Head of the Division of Elections and Referendums of the Venice Commission

The Venice Commission and training in the electoral field

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, President of IFES

The Importance of Electoral Education: A Practical Perspective to Educating Election Professionals

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

10.45 – 12.45

Plenary session: Professional Education - Part II

Chair: Vaidotas Bacevicius, Member of the Central Election Commission of Lithuania

Speakers:

Suad Arnautovic, Member of the Electoral Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Professional Education of Election Management Bodies in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sam Younger, Chairman of The Electoral Commission of United Kingdom

Manuel Carrillo, Chief of Staff, International Affairs of the Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico

Presentation on International Center for Electoral Training and Research

Rasmus Weissfeld, Election Adviser from Spain
Gonzalo Quiles, Election Adviser from Spain

12.45 – 13.00 **Group Photo**

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch** (Portuguese Gallery, Main Building, Council of Europe Ground floor)

14.30 – 15.45 **Plenary session: Professional Education - Part III**
Chair: Stanislav V. Vavilov, Vice-Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Russian Federation

Speakers:

Ana Maria Patru, Vice-President of The Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania, President of ACEEEO

The professional instruction of the electoral actors in Romania

Vadim Zhdanovich, Senior Adviser of Election Department of OSCE-ODIHR

The ODIHR Role in Training of election observers

Paul Dacey, Deputy Electoral Commissioner of the Australian Electoral Commission

BRIDGE (Building Resources in Democracy, Governance & Elections)

Paul DeGregorio, Election Adviser from USA

15.45 – 16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00 – 17.00 **Plenary session: Professional Education – Conclusions**
Chair: Branko Hrvatin, President of the State Election Commission of Croatia

Moderators:

Irena Hadziabdic, Executive Director of AEOBiH

Csaba Tiberiu Kovacs, General Secretary of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania

17.00 – 17.15 **Closing remarks by Octavian Opris**, President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania and President of the ACEEEO **and Zoltán Tóth**, Secretary General of the ACEEEO

18.30 – 19.00 **Cocktail party for sponsors** (The Hotel Holiday Inn Strasbourg City Centre)

19.00 – 22.00 **Closing dinner hosted by the ACEEEO** (The Hotel Holiday Inn Strasbourg City Centre)