



Agenda of the 17th Annual Conference of the ACEEEO

11-13 September, 2008

Constanta, Romania

0-day (Wednesday, 10 September, 2008)

Arrival of participants and speakers

18.00 – 20.00 **Registration of participants and guests** (Hotel IAKI, Alpha Hall))

18.00- 21.00 **Dinner** (Hotel IAKI)

1st day (Thursday, 11 September 2008)

Hotel IAKI, Mamaia

9.00 – 12.00 **Registration of participants and guests**

9.00 – 10.00 **ACEEEO Executive Board meeting** (Gamma & Delta Hall)

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

Agenda:

1. *Approval of the conference agenda*
2. *Approval of the agenda of the General Assembly meeting*
3. *Conference in 2009 and 2010 (scene, date and the proposed themes)*
4. *Election of the next President of the ACEEEO*

10.00 – 10.30 **Opening ceremony** (Gamma & Delta Hall)

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

Welcome speeches:

Traian Basescu, President of Romania
Cristian David, Minister of Interior of Romania



William J. Hybl, Chairman of the Board of Directors, IFES
Zoltán Tóth, Secretary General of the ACEEEO

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

Opening speech:

Richard W. Soudriette, President Emeritus IFES

10.30 – 11. 45

Plenary session: Role of law enforcement organs in securing elections I.
(Gamma & Delta Hall)

Chair: Zoltán Tóth, Secretary General of the ACEEEO

Speakers:

Miclea Damian, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior, Romania

Gheorghe Popa, General Inspector of the Romanian Police

Munteanu Gheorghe, Deputy Chief of General Direction of Police, Public Order of the Ministry of Interior, Moldova

Dr Zoltán Bolcsik, General of the Hungarian National Police, Chief Commissioner of the Police of Veszprem County, Hungary

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, President of IFES

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

11.45 – 12.00

Group photo (Entrance of Hotel IAKI)

12.00 - 13.30

Lunch in honour of Representatives of Law enforcement organs
(Restaurant of Hotel IAKI)

13.30 – 14. 30

Plenary session: Role of law enforcement organs in securing elections II.
(Gamma & Delta Hall)

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



Speakers:

Santiago Villaveces, International IDEA

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

Francisco Javier Guerrero, Counsellor of IFE Mexico

Kazimierz W. Czaplicki, Secretary of the National Electoral Commission of the Republic of Poland

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee break ,

15.00 – 16.30

Plenary session: Ensuring security and accuracy of voting materials I.
(Gamma & Delta Hall)

Chair: Volodymyr Shapoval, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine

Speakers:

Presentation by Everyone Counts, Inc

Emília Rytókó, Head of the National Election Office of Hungary

Presentation by Scytl Secure Electronic Voting

Siyabshakh M. Shapiev, Member of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation

Presentation by DCS Group

16.30 – 17.00

Coffee break sponsored by DRS

17.00 – 18.00

Plenary session: Ensuring security and accuracy of voting materials II.
(Gamma & Delta Hall)

Chair: Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Latvia

Speakers:

Presentation by Rayudu Laboratories Ltd

Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Latvia



Presentation by INDRA SISTEMAS SA

Beata Tokaj, Head of the Law Team in National Electoral Office of Poland
 19.30 **Cocktail party in honour of the sponsors** (Hotel Mamaia)
 20.00 **Reception on behalf of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania** (Hotel Mamaia)

2nd day (Friday, 12 September 2008)
Hotel IAKI, Mamaia

09.00 – 09. 20 **Keynote speech: Introduction to the workshops** (Gamma & Delta Hall)
Speakers:
Mark Phillips, Senior Vice President for Compliance Services with SysTest Labs;
Sam Younger, Chairman of the UK Electoral Commission

09.25 – 12. 25 **Professional Workshops**
Workshop A: Role of law enforcement organs in securing elections (Gamma & Beta Hall)

Chair: Suad Arnatutovic, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Moderator: Csaba Tiberiu Kovacs, Secretary General of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania

Workshop B: Ensuring security and accuracy of voting materials (Delta Hall)

Chair: Manuel Carillo Poblano, Head of International Department, IFE Mexico
Moderator: Zsolt Szolnoki, Operative Director of the ACEEEO

10. 45 – 11. 00 **Coffee break**

12.25 – 13.25 **Plenary session: Workshop summaries** (Gamma & Delta Hall)



Chair: Manuel Carillo Poblano, Head of International Department, IFE Mexico

Speakers: Moderators of the workshop

13. 45 – 14. 30 Lunch
14. 30 – 19. 00 Cultural Program
19. 00 – 21. 00 Dinner on behalf of the ACEEEO

3rd day (Saturday, 13 September 2008)

Hotel IAKI, Mamaia

09.00 – 10.20

Plenary session:

Elections to the EP in 2009

Elections in the ACEEEO region I. (Gamma & Delta Hall)

Chair: Lívia Skultetyova, Head of Department of Elections and Referenda, Ministry of Interior of Slovakia

Keynote speech: Sam Younger, Chairman of the UK Electoral Commission

Speakers:

Volodymyr Shapoval, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine: Parliamentary elections in the **Ukraine**, September 30, 2007

Kazimierz W. Czaplicki, Secretary of the National Electoral Commission of the Republic of **Poland**: Parliamentary elections in Poland, October 21, 2007

Zdravka Čufar Šarić, Vice-president of the State Election Commission of Croatia: Parliamentary elections in **Croatia**, November 25, 2007

Adrian Moraru, Deputy Director of Institute for Public Policy, European Parliamentary Elections and Referendum in **Romania**, November 25, 2007



Csaba Tiberiu Kovacs, Secretary of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania: European Parliamentary Elections and Referendum in **Romania**, November 25, 2007, Local elections in June 2008

10. 20 – 10. 50

Coffee break

10. 50 – 12. 10

Plenary session: Elections in the ACEEEO region II. (Gamma & Delta Hall)

Chair: Suad Arnatutovic, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Speakers: ACEEEO member states

Stanislav V. Vavilov, Vice-Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the **Russian Federation**: Parliamentary elections, December 2, 2007 and Presidential elections, March 2, 2008

Tatevik Ohanyan, Press Secretary of the Central Election Commission of Armenia: Presidential elections in **Armenia**, February 19, 2008

Emília Rytkó, Head of the National Election Office of Hungary: Referendum in **Hungary**, March 9, 2008

Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Latvia, Constitutional referendum on 2 August, 2008

12.10 – 13. 30

Lunch (Meeting of members of the Advisory Board) (Restaurant of Hotel IAKI)

13. 30 – 15. 30

Plenary session: ACEEEO General Assembly Meeting (Gamma & Delta Hall)

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

Agenda:

- *Global views on training election officials:*

Keynote speech:

Richard W. Soudriette, President Emeritus IFES - Educational opportunities and the importance of training

Speakers:



Zoltan Toth, Secretary General of the ACEEEO & **Eugeniu Stirbu**, Chairman of Central Election Commission of Moldova - ACEEEO Training project for EMB

Orsolya Nagy, Project Manager of the ACEEEO - BRIDGE courses

- Professional and Financial Report on the activities of 2007-2008 (September 2007-August 2008)
- Current projects (Newsletter, Youth Voters, European Parliamentary Elections 2009, UN Voters' List project, GED, ACE Electoral Knowledge Network)
- International Scientific Network of Elections
- Work schedule for 2008-2009
- Conference in 2009 and 2010 (scene, date and the proposed themes)
- Election of the next President of the ACEEEO

15. 30 – 16. 00

Coffee break

16.00 – 16. 20

Plenary session: Conclusions (Gamma & Delta Hall)

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

Speaker: **Zsolt Szolnoki**, Operative Director of the ACEEEO

16. 20 – 16. 30

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

18. 30

Departure from Hotel IAKI

19. 00 – 22. 30

Closing dinner on behalf of the ACEEEO and the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania (Restaurant "Círesica" in Hotel Neptun)