

EDITOR'S FOREWORD

This volume of *Law in Eastern Europe* offers selected papers on legal topics from the VI World Congress of ICCEES, the International Council for Central and East European Studies, which took place at Tampere, Finland, from 29 July to 3 August 2000.

The purpose of ICCEES is to promote the study and understanding of the countries and societies of Central and Eastern Europe, in particular by forging links between scholars engaged in such studies. Members of ICCEES are national associations for the study of Central and Eastern Europe, as well as other institutions active in the same field.

By publishing the papers in this volume we continue a tradition which was started after the II World Congress of ICCEES at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, in 1980.¹

ICCEES has always stressed the significance of the interdisciplinary aspect in all its activities. This means, among other things, that at the congresses it is often difficult to draw a clear line of distinction between "law panels" and other panels; also, "law papers" may be offered at panels which do not have a clearly legal topic.

Of the roughly 2000 papers contributed to the Tampere Congress, about 40 or 50 could be classified as legal papers. Some of these never materialized in publishable form; others were not available in English; again others have been, or will be, published elsewhere.² We are confident, however, that the selection offered in this volume is worthy of the high academic level of the Tampere Congress in general, and representative of the wide range of interests of the legal scholars who took part in it.

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1. F.J.M. Feldbrugge and W.B. Simons (eds.), *Perspectives on Soviet Law for the 1980s*, No.24 *Law in Eastern Europe*, The Hague 1982 (papers from the II Congress of ICCEES at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany); F.J.M. Feldbrugge and W.B. Simons (eds.), *The Distinctiveness of Soviet Law*, No.34 *Law in Eastern Europe*, Dordrecht [etc.] 1987 (papers from the III Congress of ICCEES at Washington, D.C.); F.J.M. Feldbrugge and W.B. Simons (eds.), *The Emancipation of Soviet Law*, No.44 *Law in Eastern Europe*, Dordrecht [etc.] 1992 (papers from the IV Congress of ICCEES at Harrogate, U.K.); "The 1995 ICCEES Conference Law Papers", Parts I-II, 22 *Review of Central and East European Law* 1996 Nos.3 & 4, 251-454 (papers from the V Congress of ICCEES at Warsaw, Poland).
2. A parallel with the parable of the farmer who went out to sow is not intended (Matth. 13, Marc. 4, Luc. 8). There were excellent papers among the ones not included in this volume.