

Results of the second stage of the joint study of the Chisinau branch of the IIMDD IPA CIS and Association of Sociologists and Demographers of the Republic of Moldova announced

On 7 May 2018, Director of the IIMDD IPA CIS Chisinau branch Evgeniy Shtirbu and President of the Association of Sociologists and Demographers of the Republic of Moldova Viktor Mokanu presented the results of the sociological survey *Influence of the Institutional Changes on the Electoral Behavior of Citizens before the Early Elections in Chisinau and Beltsy Municipalities held on 20 May 2018*.



In his speech, Evgeniy Shtirbu said that the survey focused on the study of social factors affecting the electoral behavior of citizens and the interdependencies of economic, political and social processes taking place in the Chisinau and Beltsy.

The recommendations based on the survey results will be sent to all the mayor candidates for further study and implementation.

The sociological survey became the second stage of the joint project of the Association and the IIMDD IPA CIS Chisinau branch. The results of the first stage were discussed during the press-conference on the outcomes of the sociological survey *Influence of the Institutional Changes on the Electoral Behavior of Citizens* at the end of January. The results of the third stage will be presented at a similarly themed roundtable at the end of the year.

IIMDD IPA CIS Baku brunch awarded the winners of the “Heydar Aliyev and Independent Azerbaijan” essay contest

On 15 May 2018, the award ceremony of the essay contest “Heydar Aliyev and Independent Azerbaijan” took place in Baku. The event was organized by the IIMDD IPA CIS Baku brunch with regard to the 95th anniversary of National Leader of the Azerbaijan Republic Heydar Aliyev.

The contest was held among the school children from Narimanovsky district of Baku. The winners were determined based on the results of the assessment of the competition works. The winners were awarded with diplomas and gifts.



International symposium «Election Process in the Context of Globalization» took place in Chisinau

On 16 May 2018, the international symposium «Election Process in the Context of Globalization» took place in Chisinau, organized by the Chisinau branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD in cooperation with the Institute for Legal and Political Research (IPPI), the Association of Sociologists and Demographers of Moldova, and the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova.

In an opening speech, Director of IPA CIS IIMDD Chisinau Branch Evgeniy Stirbu noted that the



electoral process, like all the processes taking place in the Republic of Moldova, did not avoid the influence of globalization.

Welcoming address to the participants of the event was delivered by Deputy Director of the IPA CIS IIMDD Sergei Karavaev, IPPI Deputy Director Victor Zhuk and Chairman of the Association of Sociologists and Demographers of Moldova Victor Mocanu.

IPA CIS IIMDD Chisinau Branch experts took the floor during the symposium. Professor, J.D. Nicolae Osmokescu presented the report «Global extension and spread of democracy research and their influence on the electoral process», the report on the «Analysis of the influence of international media on the activation of electoral participation of citizens» was delivered by the Doctor of Sociology Andrei Dumbrevianu.

The conference was attended by representatives of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova, political parties, non-governmental organizations, media, academia, and experts.