

## Observers from the IPA CIS will participate in the monitoring of the elections of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

In accordance with the invitation to the IPA CIS from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Beybut Atamkulov, a group of international observers from the IPA CIS will participate in the monitoring of the early presidential elections of the Republic of Kazakhstan, scheduled for June 9, 2019.

The CIS Interparliamentary Assembly has started to form an observer group, which will include representatives of the parliaments of the IPA CIS member States, members of the Secretariat of the IPA CIS Council, as well as experts of the IPA CIS IIMDD.



## The Baku branch of IPA CIS held a quiz among the students of Baku State University

On April 26, 2019, the staff of the Baku branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD held a quiz among the students of the Baku State University on the issues of electoral law and the electoral process, which is the first stage of the scientific debate devoted to the International day of democracy, which will be held at the site of the IPA CIS in September 2019.

The intellectual competition was attended by students majoring in «Law» and «Political science». The winner of the quiz will get the right to take part in the scientific debate.



## Acting Secretary General — Head of the Secretariat of the IPA CIS Council Dmitry Kobitskiy visited the Baku branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD

On April 11, 2019, Acting Secretary General — Head of the Secretariat of the IPA CIS Council Dmitry Kobitskiy and Deputy Secretary General, Plenipotentiary representative of the Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the IPA CIS Aidyn Jafarov visited the Baku branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD.

During the visit, Dmitry Kobitskiy and Aidyn Jafarov met with employees of the branch headed by its Director Elman Imamaliev. The parties discussed the main directions and results of activities of the Baku branch in 2019.



## The Chisinau branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD hosted a conference on electoral behavior of citizens of the Republic of Moldova

On April 9, 2019, an international scientific and practical conference «The impact of changes to the electoral system on the results of electoral behavior of citizens of the Republic of Moldova during the parliamentary elections of 2019: sociological analysis, conclusions, recommendations and proposals based on the results of monitoring» was held in Chisinau.



The conference was organized by the Chisinau branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD. The event was attended by members of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova Alina Russu, leaders of political parties and public organizations, as well as experts and journalists.

Opening the conference, Director of the Chisinau branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD Yevgeny Stirbu noted that the parliamentary elections held on February 24, 2019, will for long serve as an object of scientific, in particular sociological, research, due to the significant number of changes made to the electoral legislation.

In her welcoming speech, the Chairperson of the CEC of Moldova Alina Russu stressed that such studies are of particular value for public authorities and society, as they

help to understand the laws of the country's development and determine in which direction it needs to move further.

Deputy Director of the IPA CIS IIMDD Sergey Karavaev welcomed the participants of the conference on behalf of the Institute.

Among the speakers at the conference was the Director of the Institute of legal, political and sociological research Viktor Zhuk, who praised the cooperation between the Institute and the Chisinau branch of IPA CIS IIMDD. According to him, this interaction is valuable because it combines the experience of the research Institute and the international organization. Victor Zhuk expressed hope that in the future these two structures will continue to work on common projects and expand the scope of joint research. The Chairman of the Association of sociologists and demographers of Republic of Moldova Victor Mocanu presented the results of a sociological study on «the Impact of changes in the electoral system on the results of electoral behavior of citizens of the Republic of Moldova in the parliamentary elections of 2019». Dmitry Baryshnikov, head of the IPA CIS IIMDD expert group at the parliamentary elections of 2019, made a report «Parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova: conclusions, recommendations and proposals based on the results of monitoring».

During the conference, the participants discussed the features of the mixed electoral system and the completed election campaign, ways to improve the culture of voters, as well as methods of countering election fraud.

All recommendations developed within the framework of the study and received in the course of the discussion will be systematized and submitted to the public authorities of the Republic of Moldova for review.

## Baku branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD held a roundtable devoted to issues of multiculturalism and tolerance

On March 29, 2019, the Baku branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD held a round table «Azerbaijan — the center of multiculturalism and tolerance» at Baku Slavic University.

In her speech, rector of Baku Slavic University Nurlana Aliyeva noted that «multiculturalism and tolerance is a policy that prolongs a person's life in conditions of peace and prosperity». Elman Imamaliyev, Director of the Baku branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD, stressed in his report the special importance of the topic discussed at the round table.

He drew the attention of the participants to the unique traditions of multicultural society, which were formed in Azerbaijan for centuries under the influence of numerous factors. Elman Imamaliyev also spoke about the research work carried out by the Baku branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD in this area.

During the round table there was a wide discussion of the history of multiculturalism and tolerance in the Republic of Azerbaijan, the state policy of their provision,

the documents adopted in this area, and the role of state bodies in their implementation. The event was attended by representatives of political and scientific circles of the Republic of Azerbaijan, including the rector of Baku Slavic University Rafiq Novruzov, the Chairman of the Alban-Udin religious community Robert Mobili, Director of the Azerbaijani carpet Museum Shirin Melikova, head of the Department of Azerbaijani language and pedagogy of the Azerbaijani technical University Habib Mirzoev, Head of the Public Association «Elm Chiragi» Nahid Mamedhanova, theologian Aga Hajibeyli, Chair of the Center of language development «Modern PH» Nigar Muradova, faculty of Baku Slavic University Sevda Akhundova, Maya Jafarguliyeva, Asif Guliyev.



The participants also got a brochure in Russian and Azerbaijani languages, published by the Baku branch of the IPA CIS IIMDD.