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The event was opened by the plenary session “Integration Processes in Financial Markets: Eurasia and the Global Economy”, moderated by Deputy Chairman of the Board of the National Settlement Depository, Maria Krasnova (Russia), and joined by representatives of supranational structures, exchanges and depositories of Korea, Luxembourg, Kazakhstan and Russia. During this session, the speakers discussed the current state and prospects of integration processes in the financial markets of Eurasia and set the tone for all subsequent discussions.

During the conference representatives of such organizations as the Central Securities Depository of Turkey, Astana International Exchange, FEAS, JSC INFINITUM, Bourse Consult, Cbonds, SWIFT, etc. made presentations on various aspects of the financial integration in depository and exchange activities.

The closing panel session was devoted to the role of financial market infrastructure in integration processes. The moderator of this session, IAE Executive Director Alexei Kuprin, discussed in detail with the representatives of infrastructure organizations of Belarus, China, Kazakhstan and others.
Russia current and promising mechanisms and solutions that banks, depositories, exchanges or supranational associations can develop to stimulate regional and global integration.

During the conference, memoranda of understanding were signed between:
- The Central Depository of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Central Depository of Armenia;
- The Central Depository of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Central Depository of Turkey.

More details about the event’s agenda can be found at [https://aecsd.org/activities/conference/3453/](https://aecsd.org/activities/conference/3453/).

As usual, the annual General Meeting of the AECSD Participants was held within the framework of the conference, in which representatives of members and observers of the Association discussed the prospects and results of participation in international initiatives. Among the Agenda topics there were: the 2019 WFC conference in Morocco and the WFC2021 in the Czech Republic, the Single Disclosure Initiative project, a unified format of association profiles within the WFC, the E-learning initiative, the success of cooperation with Asia-Pacific CSD Group and further development of interaction with other regional associations of central depositories. A number of Secretariat projects were presented to the Association members: further development of the site, organization of training seminars of AECSD, new functionality and composition of the Association’s working groups, etc.

Upon the decision of the members the Chairmanship in the AECSD passed to the Central Depository of Armenia, and the President of the CDA, Vagan Stepanyan, became the new Chairman of the Association. The next International Conference of the Association of Eurasian Central Securities Depositories will be held in the Republic of Armenia in 2020.

You can find more info on the Association’s activities through the following link: [https://aecsd.org/en/](https://aecsd.org/en/)

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