

# *News in Hungarian Studies*

The Newsletter of the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada

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This issue of the Newsletter was prepared by Judy Young Drache and e-mailed on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. If you wish to have a paper copy, please inform Margit Lovrics. The next issue will be prepared at the end of the summer. *Please remember to send me any news you would like to include in the next issue.*

## **Annual HSAC conference at the Congress of the FHSSC in Waterloo**

We are pleased to provide the Program of the upcoming HSAC conference in Waterloo. The Program Committee and other members of the executive have once again worked hard to put together a varied and interesting program and we hope that many members who are not giving papers will also consider attending. You may also invite guests for the conference sessions though they are expected to pay a daily entrance fee at the Congress registration desk (which used to be a nominal \$15).

This Newsletter is a bit later than usual; we have had a few last minute changes to the program. Unfortunately some of the Hungarian presenters could not find financial resources to allow them to attend but eventually we were faced with the challenge of fitting all proposed papers into a two-day program. We hope that those who could not come this year, can plan ahead and find funding next year.

As you know, this year's overall Congress theme is "Crossroads: Scholarship for an Uncertain World." We have tried to build some of our conference around this theme and are delighted that Professor Katalin Fábíán accepted our invitation to do a keynote lecture about the challenges faced by women's social movements in Hungary today – as they confront a changing world. The lecture will look at these issues in a transnational perspective. (Professor Hargittai, our invited speaker from Hungary (who was to speak about the contributions of scientists to our understanding of the world) was in the end unable to attend.

Still on the overall congress theme, we are pleased to have a number of US and Hungarian scholars at our conference which will enable us to have a panel discussion to explore where Hungarian studies are at in North America at this time. Panelists will ask (and try to answer) what role scholars in a variety of disciplines have in defining the field today. We hope this can be the start of such an examination - one to enliven discussion and lead to closer collaboration among scholars in the next few years.

We are delighted to have Dr Peter Simon, President of the Royal Conservatory of Music open our conference with a paper on "Hungary's Musical Presence in North America: an Ongoing Legacy of Excellence." We can thus continue to display to all interested Congress participants the contributions of Hungarian musicians in Canadian cultural life – as those of you who were in Fredericton last year were able to enjoy Professor Walker's presentation on Liszt followed by Valerie Tryon's wonderful recital. Please ensure that you arrive to the conference in time to attend this opening lecture – and the reception with light refreshments which will follow it.

The annual dinner will take place at Rushes Restaurant in the Waterloo Inn, 475 King St North, <http://www.waterlooinn.com/html/diningandlounge.html> starting at 7pm on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a choice of three first courses (a soup and two different salads), three main courses (fish, chicken or beef tenderloin as well as a vegetarian choice) and again a choice of three desserts (crumbly cheese cake, lemon tart and chocolate mousse). The cost per person is \$45 (plus tax and tips). I am not sure but it may be possible to have only 2 courses instead of three and then at a lower price. This does not include beverages. We hope that all speakers and registered conference participants will be at the dinner. PLEASE let Judy Young Drache know

by if you are not able to join us. Thank you to Maria Tiltins for searching around and making the reservation.

**Please note that everyone who is attending needs to register with Congress. We see that we have a higher registration than usual at this stage but we ask that if you have not yet registered but plan to come, please do so now. This year Congress did not send out Registration Guides but did send information to members of associations by e-mail. We have also sent you information about this change a couple of times. Your registration ensures that the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences can continue to organize the annual Congress and bring exciting special lectures and events to the participants. Your basic contribution of \$20 which is assigned to HSAC by Congress helps us cover the costs of the room and audio-visual equipment. So please register online at: <http://congress2012.ca/> where all necessary information about accommodation, travel, and sightseeing are provided.**

**In addition, we remind all members that to be able to vote at the AGM, they have to be in good standing, i.e. paid up for the current year. The Agenda for the AGM will be sent out to the membership before the conference.**

I would like to remind you that there are many other attention-grabbing programs at Congress; please take a look at the website to see what else you may wish to attend while on the campus of the two host universities. They have worked hard to make the overall program exciting and interesting to all participants. We look forward to seeing you all in Waterloo!



**Hungarian Studies Association of Canada  
Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences 2012  
University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University  
May 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**All HSAC conference sessions take place at: University of Waterloo, South Campus, Engineering Building 2 (E 2), Room 1303**

**Saturday, May 26th**

18:00 - 20:30 **Peter Simon, President, Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto):**  
“Hungary’s Musical Presence in North America: An Ongoing Legacy of Excellence.”

**\*19.15 – 20:30 Welcome Reception\***

**Sunday, May 27th**

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introduction (Agatha Schwartz, HSAC president)

### **Session 1: Revisiting Hungarian History I**

**Chair: Christopher Adam**

9:15 -- 9:45 **N.F. Dreisziger (RMC, Kingston)** - "Saint Methodius meets the Korol Ugorskyi: Evidence of Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin before 895?"

9:45 – 10:15 **Tömöry Éva (U of Toronto)** - „A pécsi zsinagógától a szegedi Fogadalmi templomig: Angster József és orgonagyára”

10:15 – 10:45 **Susan Glanz (St. John's U)** - "The Battles of Hunyadi János in America”

**\*10:45 – 11:15 COFFEE/TEA BREAK\***

### **Session 2: Recent Developments in teaching Hungarian Language**

**Chair: Eva Tömöry**

11:15 – 11:45 **Magdolna Velki (Montreal)** - "Egy Olvasókönyv. Szöveg- és feladatgyűjtemény nyelvi készségek fejlesztésére”

11:45 – 12:15 **Zita McRobbie-Utasi (UBC)** - "Speech production by Hungarian-English bilinguals: Exploring a common languages-in-contact phenomenon”

12:15 – 12:35 **Katalin Bagi (Helicon Society, Hamilton)** - Report on the Balassi Institute's 2012 Hungarian language and information technology conference for Hungarian language teachers abroad

**\*12:35 – 14:00 LUNCH\***

### **Session 3: Emigration, Exile, Identity**

**Chair: Andor Tari**

14:00 – 14:30 **Andrea Ritter (Budapest)** - "Generations and Continents: Social Traumas and Emigration through the Eyes of Hungarian Psychoanalysts”

14:30 – 15:00 **Agnes Vashegyi MacDonald (UBC)** - "Alternative Social Thought: Hungarian Intellectuals Before Exile”

**\*15:00 – 15:20 COFFEE/TEA BREAK\***

### **Session 4: Theory and Methodology of Research in Hungarian Studies**

**Chair: Magda Velki**

15:20 – 15:50 **Christopher Adam (Carleton U)** - "History from the bottom up--Canada's Hungarians and microhistory”

15:50 – 16:20 **Steven Tötösy de Zepetnek (Purdue U / Ghent U)** - "About the Study of Hungarian Culture as Comparative Central European Cultural Studies”

**16:20 – 17:30 HSAC Annual General Meeting**

*Please note: Only members who have paid their annual membership fees for 2012 may vote.*

**19:00 HSAC dinner at Rushes Restaurant, Waterloo Inn**

<http://www.waterlooinn.com/html/diningandlounge.html>

**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Chair: Agatha Schwartz**

9:00 -10:00 **Keynote address: Katalin Fábíán (Lafayette College)** "Transnational Influences on Women's Social Movements in Contemporary Hungary: Moving In or Out of Sync? ”

**\*10:00-10:20 COFFEE/TEA BREAK\***

**Session 5: Revisiting Hungarian History II**

**Chair: Nandor Dreisziger**

10:20 – 10:50 **Éva Petrás (ÁBTL – Budapest)** - “The Life and Thought of Béla Kovrig”

10:50 – 11:20 **Judy Stoffman (Toronto)** - "Dateline Budapest: Endre Marton and the Hungarian Revolution"

**Session 6: Literary crossroads**

**Chair: George Bisztray**

11:20 – 11:50 **Enikő Molnár Basa (AHEA)** - “Hungary as Intermediary Between East and West: Literary Crossroads in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries”

11:50 – 12:20 **János Kenyeres (ELTE – Budapest)** - “Literary Representations of Hungarians in Canada”

12:20 – 12:50 **Agatha Schwartz (U of Ottawa)** - “Polyxena Wesselényi's *Olaszhoni és schweizi utazás* (1842): The First Hungarian-Language Travel Narrative”

**\*12:50 – 14:00 LUNCH\***

**Session 7: Culture, Identity, Gender**

**Chair: Agatha Schwartz**

14:00– 14:30 **Tanya Watson (U of Ottawa)** - “Representations of Hungarian Motherhood on Nők Lapja Café”

14:30 – 15:00 **Eva Bodnár (Strathroy, ON)** - “Representing Social Conventions in Extraordinary Times”

**15:00 – 16:00 Coffee and Tea Break / and Roundtable Discussion**

**Hungarian Studies in North America Today: Interdisciplinary Crossroads, New Approaches**

**Chair: Judy Young**

**Enikő Molnár Basa, Nandor Dreisziger, Susan Glanz, János Kenyeres, and all**

**Session 8: Perspectives on Contemporary Hungary**

**Chair: Katalin Fábíán**

16:00 – 16:30 **Tibor Egervari (U of Ottawa)** - “Theatre and Politics: Basic Differences Between the Hungarian and the Canadian Situations”

16:30 – 17:00 **Tibor Frank (Urban Innovative Solutions, Toronto)** - “Unorthodox or EU-conform? Hungary’s economic policy, 2010-2012”

17:00 – 17:30 **Emese Ivan (St. John's U)** - “Does Sport Matter? An Analysis of Sport Consumption in Hungary”

**Closing Remarks by HSAC's President**



Conference Program Committee: Christopher Adam, George Bisztray, Maria Tiltins, and Judy Young.

Local Organizer: Maria Tiltins

## Other information and News

- The Planning and Nominations Committee of Oliver Botar, Eva Tomory, and Magdi Velki have been preparing a slate for the elections that will take place at the AGM. They have been in touch with many of you and if anyone has names to put forward for the positions to be filled please forward them to any member of the committee – having obtained the agreement first of the person to be nominated. The elected officers of the Association are the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; the first two can be elected for another 2 year term, the last two for more than 2 consecutive terms according to the current Constitution. We may need to make some minor changes to the Constitution with respect to the election (or nomination) of the members of some other committees we have traditionally selected from interested volunteers at the AGM (such as the Program Committee and the Planning and Nominations Committee). The Slate and the Agenda for the AGM will be forwarded to members in good standing at least one week before the AGM.
- Our Treasurer, Margit reminds us of the existence of the recently created category of family membership. According to this, the fee for a family of two full salaried persons is \$75 instead of twice \$45 and for two student or retired persons it is \$45 instead of twice \$30. In these cases the family only receives one copy of the *Hungarian Studies Review*.
- The 2012 volume of *Hungarian Studies Review* is going to press now and should be available in time for the conference. The 2013 volume is well in hand too and will contain a spring and a fall issue. The latter is being edited by Agota Schwartz and Judith Szapor. Remember that past issues of the journal can be accessed on the website of The National Széchényi Library's Electronic Periodica Database (EPA) and the EPA is fully searchable. You can access this website through our own: [http://www.hungarianstudies.org/hung\\_review.html](http://www.hungarianstudies.org/hung_review.html) where the 2009 volume is also readable electronically.
- The American Hungarian Educators Association (AHEA) has just had its very successful annual conference at Long Island University's Brooklyn campus April 26- 28<sup>th</sup> with speakers from the USA, Canada, Hungary and other countries. Information about the conference can be found on the AHEA website: <http://ahea.net>. One of the cultural highlights was a musical performance by three young students from the Bard College Conservatory of Music at the Hungarian Consulate General in New York. More on the AHEA conference in the Secretary's report at the AGM. We are pleased to note that several members of AHEA will be attending our conference this year.
- On the AHEA website you may also find the last issue of their electronic E-Journal. Vol 4 (2011) is fully online <http://ahea.net/e-journal/volume-4-2011> and the index for Vol 5 (2012) is now available also.