

# *News in Hungarian Studies*

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*Next issue of the Newsletter will go out in late April. Please send me news and items of interest by early April. There will be more information forthcoming about the annual conference in Fredericton as it becomes available. All paid up members should receive a printed copy of the Congress Registration Guide in late January or early February from the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences. If you don't receive yours, let me or Margit Lovrics know.*

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

*Planning is going ahead full steam for the HSAC conference. We have some interesting suggestions for papers and hope to have a stimulating and enjoyable time. A number of proposals are associated with the Liszt bicentenary and music in general but we may have a session on Hungarian philosophers and 20<sup>th</sup> century history as well. We have been working on a special Congress-wide event to open our conference with on the evening of May 28th. World renowned Liszt scholar Prof Alan Walker of McMaster University and Juno-award winning concert pianist Valerie Tryon will present a lecture and recital program on Liszt as cultural diplomat and traveller. This event is being co-sponsored by FedCan, the host universities of Congress, and the Canada-Hungary Educational Foundation. It will be open to the general public.*

*At the same time, please be reminded that the deadline for call for papers for the HSAC conference is December 15<sup>th</sup> and the Program Committee is still looking forward to hearing from you! So here once again is the*

### ***Call for Papers for the 2011 annual HSAC conference***

**The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada invites proposals for its 26th annual conference, to be held in Fredericton, on May 28-30th, 2011. The annual theme for the 2011 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences is “Coasts and Continents: Exploring People and Places.” We invite paper proposals that tie this theme into Hungarian studies, by examining issues such as migration and immigration, Hungarian explorers in Canada and around the world, as well as the diaspora and its contact with people of different cultures.**

**HSAC is an interdisciplinary organization and we welcome papers from a wide range of disciplines, including: economics, film studies, the fine arts, history, literature, political science, public policy, sociology. In addition to this year’s special theme, the Conference Committee welcomes submissions exploring all aspects of Hungarian culture, history, politics and society, both in Hungary and abroad. Papers may be presented in English, Hungarian, or French.**

**The deadline for submitting proposals is December 15th, 2010. Your proposal should contain the paper’s title, an abstract summarizing your topic with key arguments and sources, as well as a brief curriculum vitae. Please submit your abstract and paper title by the deadline and in the language in which you wish to present.**

**Please send your proposals to Judy Young, HSAC’s Secretary who will forward them to the Conference Committee. You may want to copy the members of the Conference Committee.**

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## *News about and of interest to members*

- **Oliver Botar** has sent us the following information on his recent publications and public lectures:

### Publications:

“László Moholy-Nagy’s Synthesekonzept von 1922” [László Moholy-Nagy’s Synthesis of 1922], in: Annemarie Jaeggi, Philipp Oswald and Hellmut Seemann, eds., *bauhaus global. Gesammelte Beiträge der Konferenz bauhaus global vom 21. bis 26. September 2009* [global bauhaus. Proceedings of the global bauhaus conference, 21 to 26 September 2009]. Berlin: Gebr. Mann Verlag, 2010, 81-93.

“Modernism and Biocentrism: Understanding Our Past in order to Confront Our Future,” *The Structurist*, Toward an Earth-Centered “Greening” of Art and Architecture, No. 49/50, 2009-2010, 74-80.

“György Kepes’ ‘New Landscape’ and the Aestheticization of Scientific Photography,” in: Nina Czeglédy and Róna Kopeczky, eds., *The Pleasure of Light: György Kepes, Frank Malina / A Fényjátékosok Kepes György, Frank Malina*, Budapest, Ludwig Múzeum, Museum of Contemporary Art, 2010, 124-143.

“Taking the *Kunst* out of *Gesamtkunstwerk*: Moholy-Nagy’s Conception of the *Gesamtwerk*,” in: *László Moholy-Nagy: The Art of Light*, Madrid: La Fabrica Editorial, 2010. (Also in Spanish, German and Dutch editions)

### Public lectures:

“The Nexus of Science, Art and Technology: György Kepes’ ‘New Landscape’,” Keynote Address given to the International Conference “The Pleasure of Light, György Kepes and Frank Malina at the Intersection of Art and Science,” organized on the occasion of the opening of the exhibition “György Kepes and Frank Malina: Fényjátékosok / The Pleasure of Light.” Ludwig Múzeum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Budapest (03.09.2010)

“Raoul Heinrich Francé and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Central European Biocentrism,” Annual Visiting Scholar Lecture, Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies, University of Alberta and Department of Art and Design, University of Alberta Faculty of Fine Art, 19 November, 2010.

“Moving Abstraction into the Next Dimension: The Dimensionist Manifesto, Paris, 1936.” Gallery of the Minnesota State University, Moorhead, Minnesota, 13 September, 2010.

“A Bauhausler in Canada: Andor Weininger.” Featured lecture in Workshop on Design, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Saitama University, Saitama City (Tokyo) in association with Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 13 February, 2010.

- **Nándor Dreisziger** continues to read and write about alternative explanations of the Hungarian conquest of the Carpathian Basin at the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Recently two articles appeared by him in popular periodicals: “Székely szülte a magyart,” in the most recent issue of *Székely Nép*, and “The True Story of the ‘Hungarian Conquest’ of the Carpathian Basin According to the Chronicler Anonymus,” in *Kalejdoszkóp / Kaleidoscope: Magyar-Angol Kulturális Folyóirat*, Vol. VIII, no. 6 (November-December 2010).
- **The 2009 and 2010 issues of *Hungarian Studies Review*** were recently mailed to members/subscribers. The 2009 issue, a special volume devoted to Transylvania, past and present, is now available in its entirety on our website and can be viewed on this page: [http://www.hungarianstudies.org/hung\\_review.html](http://www.hungarianstudies.org/hung_review.html) . The 2010 issue is a special volume on the art of László Moholy-Nagy, guest edited by Oliver Botar. The HSR editor, Nandor, wanted to be sure that all members received their copies. If you have not, please let Nandor know at [Nandor@kingston.net](mailto:Nandor@kingston.net)
- Maria Palla of the English Language and Literature Department of **Kodolányi János University** has sent us information about and a call for papers to a conference being organized by their department in Siofok, April 28-May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. The title of the conference is “Identity-building in the English-speaking World.” The conference organizers are hoping to have Canadian participants, offer several interesting topics and have extended the deadline for the call to **December 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**. Proposals should be sent to one of the two conference organizers, Dr Krisztina Kodó at [krisztina.kodo@kodolanyi.hu](mailto:krisztina.kodo@kodolanyi.hu) or Dr habil. Anna Jakabfi at [anna.jakabfi@kodolanyi.hu](mailto:anna.jakabfi@kodolanyi.hu) . I have attached the full text of the call for papers to this newsletter.
- **Corvinus University** in Budapest has a number of international programs of possible interest to students, professors and researchers from outside of Hungary (and the EU - therefore Canadians are eligible) in various disciplines and with the possibility of scholarships. There are full MA programs (in International Economy and Business, or in Public Policy and Management, for instance) and short or longer term research opportunity for professors. There are deadlines for applicants in January 2011. If anyone is interested, there will be information about these programs soon on the [www.hungarianpresence.ca](http://www.hungarianpresence.ca) website. In the meantime you can write to the Secretary of HSAC, at [jy-abcd@cyberus.ca](mailto:jy-abcd@cyberus.ca) or directly to Valasek Gyöngyi at Corvinus University : [gyongyi.valasek@uni-corvinus.hu](mailto:gyongyi.valasek@uni-corvinus.hu)
- I wish also to draw your attention to various Balassi Institute scholarships, especially those that offer scholarships for Canadian students of Hungarian origin to study in Hungary for ten months. But there are other opportunities also. Again, information is available on the [www.hungarianpresence.ca](http://www.hungarianpresence.ca) website or from the website of the Balassi Institute at [www.bbi.hu](http://www.bbi.hu) . In each of 2009 and 2010, 7 Canadian students received scholarships to study in Hungary. There will be another application deadline in March 2011 for courses starting in September 2011.

## Membership List

This issue of the newsletter usually contains the mailing list of paid up members of HSAC. I am attaching the current list of members in an Excel spreadsheet to the e-mail containing this Newsletter. This is the version of the membership list that we were required to send to the Federation in October and it is accurate to the best of our knowledge. **However, there are a few members on the list who have not yet paid their annual dues; would you kindly do so now.** For your easy reference your cheques should be sent to our Treasurer, Margit Lovrics: 75 Graydon Hall Drive, Suite 1804, Don Mills, Ontario, M3A 3M5. Information about Membership fees, etc. can be found on the website at <http://www.hungarianstudies.org/membership.html>

**Could you also please check the accuracy of the information on the list and send me any corrections.**

For those of you who get a hard (printed) copy of the newsletter instead of the electronic version, the list will be printed and attached. If any of you would like to receive a list of members in Word format, please let me know and we will send it to you. Since this newsletter is uploaded to the website of HSAC, the detailed information containing addresses, telephone numbers and e-mails should in any case be detached from here for privacy reasons. We will place the new mailing list of members into the Members only section of the HSAC website where the last two years' mailing lists are already available. Remember, you need a password to access this page of the website. You can get it by writing to me.



Happy Holidays and all the best for a peaceful and successful new year!

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Bonne Année

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