

News in Hungarian Studies

The Newsletter of the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada

Executive for 2014-16

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Reminder: The deadline for submitting proposals for the 30th anniversary conference (May 30th – June 1st at the University of Ottawa) is fast approaching: **December 15th 2014**. The Call for Papers was sent out to members and circulated in early October. For easy reference it has been included on p 6 of this newsletter and can also be found on the HSAC website's home page: <http://www.hungarianstudies.org/> . We look forward to an exciting program and your participation!

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HUNGARIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (HSAC)

Brock University, May 25th 2014

The meeting was called to order at 15:30 by the President, Agatha Schwartz. The agenda of the meeting and the Minutes of the 2013 AGM, held at the University of Victoria, were approved. This was followed by the Reports of the Executive and the various Committees.

The President noted the challenges faced by HSAC for the future: attracting new and younger members and retaining them; and organizing a special 30th anniversary conference for 2015. These are also opportunities for the association. The Executive has already started planning, approaching potential partners, and sharing ideas; they welcome suggestions from members. A larger than usual Program Committee will need to be established.

The Treasurer passed around copies of her annual report for 2013 and presented it for the approval of the AGM. A copy of it is below the Minutes. Margit not only manages the finances of HSAC, she acts as a membership

secretary (gentle reminder to those who have not paid their 2014 dues, please do so, details below the financial report). The AGM thanked Margit for her steadfast work and approved the report (proposed by Eva Tomory and seconded by Oliver Botar).

The Executive Secretary reminded members in her report that HSAC has been going through a positive process of transition in the last few years. We became members of the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences in 2010. While still maintaining a core of older, long-time members, there has been a steady addition of younger scholars, more international participation at our conferences, and a more diverse disciplinary representation. We have also enlarged the association's outreach by adding three Members at Large and a formal liaison position with AHEA. The annual conferences are our major way to attract new members and increase the vitality of the organization; another important avenue is *Hungarian Studies Review (HSR)* which marks the 40th anniversary of its existence this year. With next year's 30th anniversary conference we have an opportunity to continue on this path and the Executive has been discussing future plans both for HSAC and *HSR*. We need to enlarge such discussions through a dynamic committee membership and ensuring active participation by as many interested members as possible. A special enlarged committee will be set up for the 2015 conference and more regular communication take place among the Executive and the various committees.

After her report, Judy thanked the Chair of the 2014 Program Committee, Judith Szapor and the Local Arrangements Coordinator, Elizabeth Vlossak for their excellent work in helping to organize the 2014 conference.

Enikő Molnár Basa, our **Liaison with the American Hungarian Educators' Association (AHEA)** whose Executive Director she is, gave a brief report about AHEA's current projects. The 2015 AHEA conference is taking place in Cluj-Napoca (Kolozsvár) from July 9-11th at the Babeş Bolyai University. For detailed information about the conference please see this page of the AHEA website: <http://ahea.net/home> . There is a link from there to the conference page where the Call for Papers and other useful information can be found. The overall theme of the conference is "Identities Beyond Borders" and the deadline for submitting proposals is March 2nd, 2015. Note that abstracts have to be submitted online. There are two bus tours planned for interested participants, one before and one after the conference.

Enikő also mentioned AHEA's electronic journal, *Hungarian Cultural Studies. E-journal of the American Hungarian Educators' Association* which is now in its 7th year of publication and is an open access peer-reviewed scholarly journal available here: <http://ahea.net/e-journal> . The journal is now managed out of the University of Pittsburgh. [Our member and 2015 conference Program Chair, Steve Jobbitt is on the journal's editorial board and is co-editing a special thematic cluster of the 2014 volume on "Space, Place, and the Making of Modern Hungary."]

The Chair of the Publications Committee reported that the 2014 special issue, *Gender and Nation in Hungary Since 1919*, edited by Judith Szapor and Agatha Schwartz was published and distributed at the beginning of the year. He is thus collecting papers for a 2015 volume. Steve Jobbitt has volunteered to guest edit a special volume on the Post War Years (tentatively subtitled "A Time of Uncertainty") for 2016. Nandor noted that OSZK, which has a number of volumes of *HSR* online on their website, has updated the site so additional volumes are available. EBSCO which catalogues our journal is also making the uploading of material on their site more accessible. Among the less positive news Nandor mentioned the rising costs at Canada Post for mailing the print version of the journal. This year therefore, he has sent out electronic versions rather than the printed ones to subscribers and members overseas. He has been gathering information on making the journal into an electronic one - and indeed there has been some discussion among members of the Executive on this – but likely this

would only work with some institutional backing or support. We might consider re-establishing a more formal advisory/editorial board or secretariat such as existed earlier on in the Journal's life.

Elections for 2014-16. The Planning and Nominations Committee had submitted its proposed list of nominations for the Executive which had been circulated to the membership with the agenda of the AGM. The slate proposed by the committee was accepted by the AGM and accordingly, the following were elected or re-elected:

President: Oliver Botar (Winnipeg) starting in early 2015 (Agatha Schwartz acting for Oliver until then)

Vice-President: Magdalena Velki (Montreal)

Treasurer: Margit Lovrics (Toronto)

Executive Secretary: Judy Young Drache (Ottawa)

Chair of Publications Committee: Nandor Dreisziger (Kingston)

Liaison with AHEA: Enikő M. Basa (Washington DC)

Other positions were filled by volunteers and nominations from the floor. Thus:

Chair of Planning and Nominations Committee: Eva Tomory (Toronto); other members are Katherine Magyarody and Magdalena Velki

Chair of the Special Conference Program Committee: Steve Jobbitt (Thunder Bay); Local Arrangements Coordinator: Agatha Schwartz; committee members: Christopher Adam, Oliver Botar, Judit Szapor, Eva Tomory.

Members at Large: Katalin Fábian, Marlene Kadar, Eva Kossuth

Under "Other Business" there was some discussion around the organization of the 2015 conference and the importance of having all Conference program committee members (plus any other committee members or any interested HSAC member) participate in making the 30th anniversary conference an enjoyable and special event.

[To start planning this there was a brainstorming meeting at the end of the conference to develop ideas such as having panels on special topics relating to significant anniversaries in Hungarian history or Hungarian studies in Canada (eg. the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII, the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Hungary and Canada, the 30th of the existence of HSAC, the 40th of *HSR*, recognizing those individuals who over the years had been involved in the development of Hungarian studies in Canada, etc.). Other ideas mentioned included collaboration with other academic associations, preparing a souvenir booklet or commemorative program, perhaps a Festschrift. Several members agreed to work on developing some of these ideas further and we hope a number will materialize. Some have already been included in the Call for Papers.]

The AGM was adjourned at 16.45, proposed by Nandor Dreisziger and seconded by Margit Lovrics.



HUNGARIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2012- APRIL 30, 2013

Opening balance as of May 1, 2013 \$3,978.21

REVENUE

Membership fees	for 2013	\$1,531.22		
	for 2014	764.41		\$2,295.63
Donations	Oliver Botar	55.00		
	Agatha Schwartz	50.00		105.00
Donations received through CHEF towards the 2013 conference				1,200.00
Grant for Keynote Speaker (CFHSS)				1,000.00
Bank Interest on bank account			0.85	4,601.48
				\$8,579.69

Our thanks to the following donors for their valuable support via Canada-Hungary Educational Foundation and direct:

Imre Babinski	Leslie Laczko
Eniko Basa	Imre Otvos
Oliver Botar	Agatha Schwartz
Nandor Dreisziger	Mary Terey-Smith
Zoltan Kiss	Judy Young
Eva Kossuth	Canada-Hungary Education Foundation

DISBURSEMENTS

Remittance of subscription fees held in our account for HSR as per last year's Treasurer Report (Note 1)	1,005.00		
Balance paid for 2013 HSR	<u>840.00</u>	\$1,845.00	
2013 Conference expenses			
Catering, Audio Visual, etc	732.63		
Keynote Speaker	2,120.80		
Dinner/Accommodation for guests	718.44		
Printing of program brochure	<u>101.70</u>	\$3,673.57	
Administration, Treasurer		169.05	
Domain name renewal		\$28.25	
Website Hosting			
- 2013	121.84		
- 2014	<u>130.41</u>	\$252.25	
Website updates		100.00	
CFHSS annual membership fee (Jan.1/14 - Dec.31/14)		742.14	6,810.26
In Bank account as of April 30, 2014			<u>1,769.43</u>
			<u><u>\$8,579.69</u></u>

TOTAL ASSETS @ APRIL 30, 2014:
\$1,769.43

Please make sure you have paid your annual dues for 2014; the fees have not changed from last year. And while you are at it, why not pay the dues for 2015 too? The easiest way is to print the membership application form on our website: http://www.hungarianstudies.org/APPLICATION_FOR_MEMBERSHIP.pdf and mail it with your cheque to Margit whose address is provided on the form. Thank you.

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC) is holding its 30th Annual Conference in conjunction with the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences of Canada at the University of Ottawa from May 30 to June 1, 2015.

The Program Committee invites members of the Association and interested scholars to submit proposals for individual papers and panels of three papers. We especially encourage proposals that address the Congress theme “Capital Ideas / Le capital des idées” as it relates to Hungarian studies. According to the Congress call, the theme “invites us to reflect on the power of ideas: ideas captivate our hearts and minds; ideas connect people and ignite discussions and debates; ideas create knowledge and spark discoveries.” Topics for papers and panels might include, but are certainly not limited to, the role and perception of Budapest (and, in general, the relationship between city and countryside) in Hungarian history and culture, intellectual exchanges between Budapest and other European and world capitals; the impact of global intellectual movements on the development of Hungarian society, culture, and politics; or examinations of ground-breaking ideas pioneered by Hungarians.

In addition, because we are also celebrating our 30th anniversary, we also welcome proposals that revolve around recent anniversaries relevant to Hungary and Hungarian studies. Beyond presentations on the founding of the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada in 1985, we would welcome papers and panels dedicated to the 100th anniversary of World War I, the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Hungary and Canada, or the 25th anniversary of the end of communism in Hungary in 1989-90.

As always, we look for proposals in any discipline in the humanities and social sciences, including those that might address themes from a cross-disciplinary perspective and thus bring fresh or enriched insights. Papers that do not relate to the overall themes outlined above are, as usual, also welcome.

Submissions should include a **maximum 300 word abstract and a brief 100 word bio which can be used to introduce the speaker**. Since both the abstract and the bio will be published online, they should be prepared in Word format using Times New Roman font 12. **Abstracts should be sent electronically both** to the Chair of the Program Committee, Steven Jobbitt (sjobbitt@lakeheadu.ca) **and** to the Secretary of HSAC, Judy Young (judyyoung@drache.ca). Proposals are preferred in English or French but will also be accepted in Hungarian. Please keep in mind that presentations at the conference should be no longer than 20 minutes with an additional 5-10 minutes for discussion. The deadline for submission is December 15, 2015. We will notify authors of the Committee’s decisions by January 15, 2015. Committee members are listed on p. 3 above in the Minutes of the AGM held at the 2014 conference.



News and Events of Interest to Members

- Agatha Schwartz and Judy Young Drache participated in the first Planning meeting of the 2015 Congress at the University of Ottawa on September 24th 2014. The Congress dates are May 30th- June 5th, 2015. Our own conference dates are Saturday, May 30th starting at 6pm with a special opening lecture or a

cultural event and closes at about 5 pm on Monday, June 1st. The AGM will be held on Sunday May 31st. As noted in the Minutes of the 2014 AGM and the Call for Papers, we are looking forward to a rich and rewarding program which will mark the 30th anniversary of the association's existence. Your Program Committee is working hard to bring a varied and interesting program with speakers from Canada, Hungary, the US, and Central Europe. The Congress website at www.congress2015.ca is fully functional and has all the important information about the various associations, special programs and events, the location, travel and accommodation, and registration. Online registration will be open from mid January 2015 and as usual, we recommend that those interested in attending make their reservations early to ensure they can get what they want both in travel and accommodations. If you have suggestions or questions, please get in touch with the Chair of the Program Committee, Steve Jobbitt at sjobbitt@lakeheadu.ca, any other members of the Program committee or with the Executive Secretary, Judy Young Drache at judyyoung@drache.ca as soon as possible. The next issue of the Newsletter will appear in the spring of 2015 and will have the details of the conference program and other relevant information. However, the Secretary will stay in touch with members and conference participants by e-mail as and when needed.

- We congratulate Oliver Botar for “Sensing the Future: László Moholy-Nagy, the media and the arts,” a major exhibition he curated for Berlin’s Bauhaus-Archiv Museum für Gestaltung which opened on October 10th and continues till February 2nd, 2015. A version of the exhibition had been shown at Winnipeg’s Plug In Institute for Contemporary Art in the spring. The book *Sensing the Future: László Moholy-Nagy, the Media and the Arts* accompanying the exhibitions was launched in Winnipeg at the end of November by the Zürich-based publishing house, Lars Müller Publishers in both German and English. Oliver has just returned from a second trip to Berlin where he gave several lectures which were promoted by the Canadian embassy. At our 2014 conference at Brock University Oliver presented a paper on Moholy-Nagy based on his many years of research on the artist and the preparation for the two exhibitions.
- We remember our long-term colleague and friend, Mary Terey-Smith who died on July 30th 2014. The obituary prepared by Eva Kossuth was circulated in August to the membership. We plan to add an “In Memoriam” section to the website to place this and other obituaries of significance to the membership.
- The Secretary of HSAC has been invited to represent the association on a sub-committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences which plans to share information and cooperate - if the occasion arises - with Hungarian academic associations outside of Hungary and outside of the Carpathian region. The name of the subcommittee (rather tortuously) is “Magyar Tudományosság Elnöki Bizottság Magyar Tudományosság a Kárpát-medencén Kívül Albizottság.” After consulting with our Executive and the two other North American partner associations (AHEA and HSA), we decided to accept and asked for further details about the possible goals and work of such a subcommittee. We will keep you informed of developments.
- As mentioned in the Minutes of the 2014 AGM above, **the 2015 annual conference of our sister organization, AHEA** is taking place in Cluj-Napoca (Kolozsvár) from July 9-11th at the Babeş Bolyai University. For detailed information about the conference please see this page of the AHEA website: <http://ahea.net/home>. There is a link from there to the conference page where the Call for Papers and other useful information can be found. The overall theme of the conference is “Identities Beyond

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- The December 2014 Newsletter of the Hungarian Studies Association (HSA) can be found on the organization’s website: <http://www.hungarianstudies.info/news/2014-12.pdf>. There are many items of interest to HSAC members, such as the Call for Papers for the 2015 ASEES annual convention which is taking place in Philadelphia, Nov 19-22nd. The theme of the convention is “Fact.” Information can be found at <http://www.aseees.org/>. Deadline for individual paper submissions is Jan 15th 2015 and for panels, or roundtable discussions Feb 15th 2015. The HSA now has a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/hungarianstudiesassociation>
- Also mentioned in the HSA newsletter are details of new academic/cultural courses to be offered in English during the summer of 2015 by The Debrecen Summer School. Those interested should look on the HSA website as the Debrecen School’s website is under construction and will only be available in January 2015. Otherwise you can write for further information to debrecen@nyariegyetem.hu or to the Director, Dr Peter Szaffkó at peterszaffko@yahoo.com
- Lynn Hooker, Associate Professor of Hungarian at Indiana University has forwarded information about a **Tenured position in Contemporary European Studies** at Bloomington Indiana with an application **deadline of December 31st 2014**, as follows:
The Department of Central Eurasian Studies in the School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University Bloomington seeks an associate or full professor for a tenured endowed chair position in contemporary Central European Studies. Applicants must be specialists on contemporary (post-World War II) Central European studies, preferably with expertise in one or more of the following fields: diplomacy and/or diplomatic history, security studies, social and economic transitions and policies, human rights, and Cold War and Post-Communist studies. Applicants must have a distinguished record of publication in his or her specialized field of Central European studies.
The appointment begins August 1, 2015. Proficiency in at least one Central European language, preferably Hungarian, is necessary. Proficiency in other European languages and/or Russian is expected. In addition to maintaining an impressive research program, the holder of this position must possess strong teaching credentials. She or he is expected to teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels on relevant aspects of contemporary Central Europe.
Candidates should have the PhD at time of appointment and demonstrate commitment to research, teaching, public engagement, and working on program development with Indiana University’s world-class faculty of Central Eurasian studies in conjunction with colleagues and institutions in Central Europe, as well as with the School of Global and International Studies.
Application materials including letter of interest, career statement, curriculum vitae, names and contact information for at least eight senior scholars who IU could request serve as referees, samples of published or in-press work, syllabuses, and teaching evaluations should be submitted online at <http://indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/1231> . Inquiries and any hard copy submissions can be directed to Ms. Jackie Breeding, CEUS, Goodbody Hall 157, 1011 East Third St., Bloomington, IN 47405-7005, or jmbreedi@indiana.edu . Applications received by December 31, 2014 are assured full consideration.

- Also from Lynn Hooker comes information about a Balassi Institute funded Graduate Fellowship in Hungarian Studies at Bloomington, Indiana University's Department of Central Eurasian Studies. The Fellowship will be given to a student who has been admitted to the Department of Central Eurasian Studies and the University Graduate School at Indiana University-Bloomington and is primarily engaged in research falling within the field of Hungarian language and area studies, including but not limited to Hungarian culture and history. Indiana University is a research university with world-class programs in both area studies and the disciplines; its libraries hold the richest university-based Hungarian collections in the US. All applicants are welcome, but citizens of the US and Canada are strongly preferred. Annual fellowship benefits include tuition remission, health insurance, and a fellowship stipend of a minimum of \$12,000; the fellowship is renewable. Applicants should submit a letter of interest to Balassi Institute Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee, IU CEUS, 1011 E. Third Street, Goodbody Hall 157, Bloomington, IN 47405-7005. Include your full name, UID#, IU degree program and department, description of your research and two letters of recommendation. Applications received by February 1, 2015 will receive priority for consideration. If you do not have an Indiana University UID#, tell us the expected date of your admission to IU or intention to apply. For more information please write to Professor Hooker at lhooker@indiana.edu
- **Call for Papers, European Studies program at the University of Guelph.** Undergraduate student researchers are encouraged to submit paper proposals (of approx. 250 words) for a one-day conference organized by the European Studies program at the University of Guelph. Papers are welcome that deal with any aspect of European literature, art, history, philosophy, business or political science. **Deadline for Proposals:** January 31st, 2015. An adjudication committee will select the papers to be included in the conference. Students with accepted submissions will be contacted shortly after the submission deadline. **Conference Date:** Saturday, March 21st, 2015. This one-day conference will give students an opportunity to present their research, with faculty members and graduate students serving as moderators. They will also have the possibility of working with graduate student mentors in the preparation of their papers. Students will have 15 minutes to present their work and a short discussion period will follow. The Conference will be held in Guelph, Ontario at the University of Guelph. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance and the best presentations will be awarded prizes. Plenary speaker: Dr. Karen Fricker, Brock University, on the Eurovision Song Contest. *Please send your proposals to:* undergradeuroconference@gmail.com
- **Last but not least:** please send me your news so we could include them in the next Newsletter.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE AND BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR!