

NEWS IN HUNGARIAN STUDIES



The Newsletter of the Hungarian
Studies Association of Canada

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President's Message

Dear members, it is with great pleasure that I'd like to introduce this, the first edition of our newsletter edited by Kristen Csenkey. We are very pleased that Kristen has taken on this task. Thank you Kristen! We had an eventful year: Our annual conference was held at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences which took place this year at Ryerson University in the heart of Toronto. What was special about this meeting is that it was the first joint conference that the HSAC and the American Hungarian Educators Association have held in some two decades. This made for a highly complex organizational process, all the hard work for which (thanks Steve Jobbitt, et al.!!) yielded the reward of a well-attended, eventful and, yes, I would say, exciting, conference. Special thanks go to Enikő Basa, who served as the main liaison with AHEA, and who has been awarded the János Arany Medal for her fifty years of service in the U.S. Hungarian community this year. Well deserved, Enikő!

A special moment at this iteration of our conference series was when our Executive Director Judy Young Drache was honoured with the second Nandor Dreisziger Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Hungarian Studies in Canada. Let me tell you that it was not easy to keep the deliberations of the Nominations Committee around this nomination of our Executive Director secret from her, but keep it secret we did! It came as a complete surprise to her, which made the moment all the more special. There are very few people who have contributed more to Hungarian studies in Canada than Judy has, through decades of hard work in varying capacities, from government to running the HSAC. Thank you Judy for all your work and support! An actual (physical) medal was not yet available to present to Judy, but I am happy to announce that, thanks to the generosity of Toronto artist Andrew Benyei, and the efforts of Artcast and Margit Lovrics, we now have a prototype bronze medal in place, and have ordered that an initial edition of ten be produced for past and future awardees!

This is a great relief to me, as I've been working on this project for some years now. Despite the fact that I'm an art historian, I'm surprised at the extent to which medal-making and design has receded into obscurity over recent decades, especially given the role that Hungarian artists such as Dora de Pedery Hunt, Julius Marosan and Andrew Boszin played in the development of this medium in Canada during the 1960s and '70s.

I am happy to report that thanks to the efforts of Prof. Nandor Dreisziger, the Hungarian Studies Review continues to thrive. Finally, I would like to note that while the HSAC, as an organization, is committed to maintaining political neutrality, we expressed our concern publicly in the form of a series of letters about the situation of Central European University in Hungary. An attack on academics in Hungary is an attack on us all.

I would encourage everyone to attend our upcoming conference at the University of Regina. Regina is a surprising city in the heart of the Canadian Prairies. We have a very special program planned for this conference: we will take a day to visit the old Hungarian Roman Catholic stone church at Kaposvar near the town of Esterhazy, as well as the old Hungarian Reformed Church at Bekevar near Kipling. We have guided tours planned for both National/Provincial Historic Sites, and we hope that the visits will also offer opportunities to present relevant papers on site. Best to all, and see you in Regina!



Oliver Botar, HSAC President

New Newsletter!

Üdvözöljük! I am pleased to bring you the new and updated version of the HSAC Newsletter. In the recently created position of Secretary of Communications, I will be sharing news, articles of interest, and other information in forthcoming issues. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and I welcome feedback.

A special thank you to Judy Young Drache, Margit Lovrics, and Eva Tomory for their assistance in the production of this newsletter.

If you are interested in submitting content or would like to share an event or publication, please contact me at kristen.csenkey@gmail.com



Kristen Csenkey, Secretary of Communications

Hungarian Studies Review (HSR) Sneak Peak

The 2017 volume of the Hungarian Studies Review (Vol. XLIV) will contain articles by Anna Menyhért, Agnes Széchenyi, András Becker, Vilmos Erős, and Zoltán Fejős. It will also feature sixteen pages of book reviews. Because of computer troubles and other problems the volume will be late in appearing in print.



Dr. Nándor Dreisziger, Editor of the HSR

Judy Young Drache Wins the Nándor Dreisziger Award for Outstanding Contributions to Hungarian Studies in Canada

Originally suggested by our Past President Agatha Schwartz, the idea was taken up enthusiastically by the Nominations Committee, which was unanimous in proposing our Executive Secretary Judy Young Drache for this year's award.

It may seem a bit odd that we're been offering this award to members of our own Executive (last year to our long-time treasurer Margit Lovrics and this year to our Executive Secretary), but I can think of no one more deserving of this honour than our very own Judy Young. I have known Judy since the early 1980s, having met her through our mutual friend, founding Director of the HSAC George Bisztray, whom I had come to know as an undergraduate student at the University of Alberta in the late 1970s. When first George and then I moved to Toronto, I kept hearing about this kind of "agent" those of us interested in Hungarian Studies seemed to have in the Federal government in Ottawa. When I finally got to know her, I was surprised to be faced with a highly intelligent, young and strikingly pretty woman with a soft British accent and perfect Hungarian. I had never met anyone like her!

Her commitment to Hungarian Studies has been unwavering. In 2005 she founded the Canada-Hungary Educational Foundation, which operates a wonderful website and contributes significantly to educational ties between Canada and Hungary, and it is during her tenure as Executive Secretary of the HSAC that our organization has entered into what I like to think of as its “second golden age” of organization and activity. She is an author, and her writing reflects her long-standing commitment to educational projects that, as one of her short biographies states, “help fight racism and promote social justice.”

She is also a member of the Committee for the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Judy, we're truly grateful for all that you've done for us, for your continuing commitment to Hungary, Hungarian culture and Hungarian studies in Canada. We're all very lucky to have you in our midst. Congratulations on this well-deserved honour.



Oliver Botar, HSAC President



Photo Essay of HSAC at the
Congress of Humanities and Social
Sciences
May 27-29, 2017



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The 2017 Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences was held at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario. Our friends from the American Hungarian Educators Association (AHEA) joined us for our joint conference.

We welcomed presenters from around the world on a variety of topics. Our keynote speaker, Éva Kovács (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) provided an excellent lecture. The Roundtable discussion, "Nation and Narrative; Challenges Moving Forward" was especially stimulating. We were treated to a piano recital by Judit Gábos and Mary Kenedi at the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, followed by a reception generously hosted by Dr. Stefánia Szabó (Consul General of Hungary).



Recent Publications and Related Professional Work by Members of HSAC

Schwartz, Agatha. "Creating a 'Vocabulary of Rupture' Following WWII Sexual Violence in Hungarian Women Writers' Narratives." *Hungarian Cultural Studies. e-Journal of the American Hungarian Educators Association*, Volume 10 (2017) DOI: 10.5195/ahea.2017.281

<http://ahea.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/ahea/article/view/281>

This article explores selected Hungarian narratives (Alaine Polcz; Kovács Judit; Radnóti Miklósné Gyarmati Fanmi) about wartime rape in light of their representation of the traumatic experience, of the perpetrators of the violence and strategies of coping with the trauma.



Schwartz, Agatha. "Austro-Hungarian Multiculturalism and Hybridity in Marie Eugenie delle Grazie's Short Prose." U carstvu reči – jezici i kulture. Zbornik u čast prof. dr Jovana Đukanovića / Im Reich der Wörter – Sprache(n) und Kultur(en)/Festschrift für Prof. Dr. Jovan Đukanović. Eds. Jelena Kostić -Tomović, Annette Đurović, Nikolina Zobenica and Branislav Ivanović. Belgrade: FOCUS – Forum za interkulturalnu komunikaciju. Fall 2016. 262-276.

<http://komunikacijaiakultura.org/E-books/U%20carstvu%20reci.pdf>

This chapter examines the representation of multiculturalism and hybridity as two dominant aspects of Austro-Hungarian identity in selected lesser-known narratives by delle Grazie, a German-speaking writer from the southern Hungarian region of the monarchy (Ungarisch Weißkirchen/Fehértemplom/Bela Crkva) who later achieved literary fame in Vienna. The analysis focuses on orientalist stereotyping of internal Others: Serbs, Hungarians and "Gypsies".

Agatha Schwartz and Helga Thorson. "The Aesthetics of Change: Women Writers of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy." *Crossing Central Europe*. Eds. Carrie Smith-Prei and Helga Mitterbauer. Toronto UP, 2017. 27-49.

This paper challenges traditional literary historiography as well as theoretical scholarship on literary modernism in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy by addressing the role women writers played in shaping literary modernism throughout the ethnically and linguistically diverse regions of the monarchy. The Hungarian Terka Lux is one of the featured four writers.



Dreisziger, Nándor. "Footprints: The Hungarian Legacy in Canada" Hungarian Studies Review. 2017.

A compact history of the arrival, settlement, and contributions of Hungarian immigrants to Canada since the early beginnings in the 1880's to the post 1956 decades. The book was conceived to honour Canada's 150th anniversary and its printing supported by the Hungarian Embassy in Ottawa.



Call for Papers

Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)
2018 Annual Conference: Building Diverse Communities? Hungarians
at Home and Abroad

Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities
University of Regina, May 26-28 2018.

The deadline for submission is January 15, 2018.
Please go to the end of this newsletter for the complete CFP!

AHEA — American Hungarian Educators Association

<http://ahea.net>

43rd Annual Conference

April 12-14, 2018

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio

Proposals must be submitted online at

<http://ahea.net/conferences/2018/submit-paper>, no later than January 15, 2018.

Please visit their website for more information

About the HSAC

The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC) is a multidisciplinary scholarly organization devoted to the study of Hungary, Hungarian society, culture, and history.

Established in 1985, HSAC sponsors annual conferences, supports publications by members, and issues a newsletter on a regular basis. In addition, the internationally noted scholarly journal *Hungarian Studies Review* is edited and published under the aegis of HSAC.

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HUNGARIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2016 - APRIL 30, 2017

Opening balance as of May 1, 2016 \$2,519.12

REVENUE

Membership fees for 2016	\$1,494.31		
for 2017	<u>373.44</u>	\$1,867.75	
Grant from CHEF for scholarships		600.00	
Lunch contribution from Mr. Arthur Szabo, Q.C. Honourary Consul		468.00	
Surplus re: dinner in Calgary		23.13	
Donations from members (*)		220.00	
Grant from CFHSS for Keynote Speaker of our 2017 conference		800.00	
Bank Interest on bank account		<u>0.58</u>	<u>3,979.46</u>
			<u>\$6,498.58</u>

* Our thanks to the members for their donations:

Oliver Botar
Agatha Schwartz

Andor Tari
Judy Young

DISBURSEMENTS

Remittance of 2016 subscription fees held in our account for HSR		\$760.00	
2016 Conference expenses:			
	\$1,382.1		
Catering, Audio-Visual services	5		
Guest speaker travel	\$400.01		
Guest speaker accommodation	\$304.70		
Grants to Conference presenters (Marie Boglari, Kristen Csenkey, Derakhshan Qurban-Ali)		2,686.8	
	<u>600.00</u>	6	
Website hosting - 2017		165.95	
Domain name renewal		28.25	
Administration, Treasurer		137.64	
Website updates		50.00	
CFHSS annual membership fee (Jan.1/17 - Dec.31/17)		500.00	
Bank draft fee	\$7.50		
Cheque order charges	<u>116.68</u>	124.18	\$4,452.88
In Bank account as of April 30, 2016			<u>2,045.70</u>
			<u>\$6,498.58</u>

TOTAL ASSETS @ APRIL 30, 2017: \$2,045.70

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**Draft Minutes from Annual General Meeting of the
Hungarian Studies Association of Canada
29th May 2017**

The Annual General Meeting of the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada called to order at 9.10 AM.

1. Approval of Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting (Moved: E. Tömöry, Seconded: S. Jobbitt)
2. Approval of Agenda for 2017 Annual General Meeting (Moved: M. Lovrics, Seconded: S. Jobbitt)
 - a. Discussion of 2018 conference location added to agenda
 - b. Request to discuss concept of mutual AHEA and HSAC membership
 - c. Amend agenda with discussion of N. Dreisziger Medal funding

Reports:

1. O. Botar: The HSAC President noted that this was the first joint HSAC and AHEA conference in some two decades. Reflecting on last year's conference, the president noted that numbers in Calgary were smaller, but positive angles of this conference were that there was an excellent program, wonderful atmosphere, local community involvement, and that after many years, HSAC held its dinner at a Hungarian restaurant. It was noted that M. Lovrics was honoured with the first Dreisziger Medal at the Calgary conference and has been a great asset to HSAC for so many years. An actual (physical) medal has yet to be produced. Those awarded prizes can expect to receive medals retroactively. O. Botar added that E. Basa served as the main liaison with AHEA, and that she has been awarded the János Arany Medal for her fifty years of service in the U.S. Hungarian community. The president's report also noted that the Hungarian Studies Review continues to thrive. He added that HSAC, as an organization, is committed to maintaining political neutrality, whilst still expressing concern about the situation of Central European University in Hungary. An attack on academics in Hungary is an attack on us all--noted O. Botar. The president thanked J. Young for her tireless work and expressed thanks as well to E. Tömöry and M. Lovrics as well for their involvement in the local organizing of the conference.
2. J. Young: Several HSAC and AHEA members contributed to help fund some graduate students attending the conference. There were also individual grants received by four conference participants from Hungary from the Hungary Initiatives Foundation (HIF). J. Young clarified, however, that these grants, for which only Hungarian scholars can apply on an individual basis to attend US based conferences (or US based scholars to attend conferences in Hungary), were made possible through AHEA's intervention with HIF to ensure that the conference was considered to be eligible even though it took place outside of the US. Eight scholars applied and 4 received grants: Judit Gabos, Eszterhazy University, Eger; Arpad Hornyak, U of Pécs,; Tamas Kovacs, National Archives of Hungary; and Eva Petras, Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security. J. Young emphasized that the organization of a joint conference proved to be

a challenging process, though the conference itself was a success. The logistics of organizing the Ryerson conference were quite complicated, coordination required a lot of time and effort. One of the results of the extra work involved was that only one newsletter was published since the Calgary conference, noting that help was needed in order to continue publishing these in a timely manner. HSAC's social media presence has been developed, thanks to K. Csenkey, who set up a Facebook page. K. Csenkey may be able to assist with the newsletter as well. A discussion followed about the possibility of creating a new role, namely "Secretary - Communications." A motion was ultimately adopted creating such a position. (Moved: O. Botar, Seconded: S. Jobbitt.)

3. M. Lovrics: Margit presented her financial report for the HSAC fiscal year which goes from May 1st 2016 to April 30th 2017. In her report M. Lovrics recognized an individual contribution from Hon. Consul Arthur Szabo in 2016 in Calgary and a grant received from the Canadian Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences for the international keynoter speaker. She also commented that very few renewals of memberships have come in until April 2017, which was a concern but not unusual.
4. N. Dreisziger: The 2017 issue of HSR is presently behind schedule, initially there were too few papers. Two papers have been accepted, both written in Hungarian, one of which still requires translations into English. Translation work is extremely time-consuming. As of May, there are enough papers for a new volume, likely to appear by the end of the calendar year. N. Dreisziger has also produced a draft of a book on the history of Hungarians in Canada, at the request of the Hungarian ambassador in Ottawa, but publication is on hold, due to a lack of adequate funding.
5. Reports accepted (Moved: E. Tömöry / Seconded: C. Adam)

Others Reports and News:

1. M. Lovrics intends to retire from Treasurer role after 28 years of service. She has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found.
2. S. Jobbitt: K. Fábíán did a wonderful job last year as keynote in Calgary.
3. It was agreed that the Conference Organizing Committee from 2017 would also organize the 2018 conference.
4. Regina conference: A discussion ensued on the 2018 conference in Regina, with some expressing concern about anticipated lower attendance. O. Botar suggested that a field trip to the Hungarian settlements of Esterhazy/Kaposvar could be arranged, given the proximity to Regina. It was unanimously agreed to pursue the organization of such a field trip as part of the HSAC conference.
5. Concern expressed by some members about the nature of joint conferences and the equitable treatment of HSAC members in these instances. HSAC began a discussion on this and on the possibility of joint/dual membership with AHEA, but had to adjourn prior to the completion of a fulsome discussion on the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 10.14 AM (Moved: E. Tömöry, Seconded: J. Young.)

Minutes drafted by: C. Adam

Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)
Call for Papers for the 2018 Annual Conference

Building Diverse Communities? Hungarians at Home and Abroad

The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada invites proposals for individual papers or complete panels for our annual conference to be held in conjunction with the Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Regina, May 26-28 2018.

As in years past we will consider proposals on any topic related to Hungary and Hungarian Studies, though in keeping with the Congress theme "Gathering Diversities" we especially encourage presentations that deal with questions of community, not just in Hungary and its surrounding region, but also within the Hungarian diaspora. We invite presenters to think broadly about the ways in which Hungarians have gathered in the past, how they organize themselves and think about community in the present and the future, and how they have sustained themselves—and continue to sustain themselves—individually and collectively in communities of various types over both the short and long term. We also encourage papers that help us to think more critically about the idea of community itself, and about how communities are built and maintained on the local, national, and/or transnational level.

In addition, we welcome papers that explore issues of diversity at home or abroad. Beyond looking at how Hungarian emigrants have contributed to the diversity of communities in Canada and other countries around the world, we especially encourage papers that look critically at the notion of pluralism itself, and at how diversity has been managed at the local, national, and/or international level. Given the current discussions in Hungary around notions of diversity, and questions surrounding global migration and the future of the European Union, papers on such topics would be of particular interest.

Please note: our Sunday (May 27) program will consist of an all-day trip to see two of the most significant sites of Hungarian settlement in Canada: Kaposvar Historic Site (Roman Catholic stone church and complex near Esterhazy, Sask.) and Bekevar Presbyterian Church Historic Site (near Kipling, Sask.). The trip will include tours of both historic sites with lunch in Esterhazy (plus coffee/dessert at a nice cafe) and dinner in Kipling at a home-style restaurant. We would leave at 9 AM and arrive back in Regina by 9:30 PM. There will be opportunities in both locations to present conference papers.

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 if an English language abstract is also provided.

Presentations at the conference are no longer than 20 minutes with an additional 5-10 minutes for discussion. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2018. We will notify authors of the Committee's decisions by January 30, 2018.

The HSAC Conference Program Committee for 2018 is chaired by Steve Jobbitt of Lakehead University. The other members are:
Christopher Adam (Carleton U)
Marie Boglari (St Paul U, Ottawa)
Kristen Csenkey (Wilfrid Laurier U)
Judith Szapor (McGill U)



University of Regina

Congress 2018 - Scholarships & Awards

Graduate Student Travel Award

Description: This award is for graduate students who wish to participate in the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Regina, SK, May 26 to June 1, 2018 but may face financial difficulties in doing so.

Up to 400 Graduate Student Travel Awards are funded through the President's Planning Committee for Congress 2018 and will provide assistance to fully-qualified graduate students to facilitate attending Congress 2018 to present papers, posters, or other creative works related to their research. Awards are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Value: Up to \$500 each

Eligibility:

- The student must be in good standing and enrolled in a graduate program at a Canadian university at the time of application;
- The student must be presenting a paper, poster, or creative work at Congress 2018;
- The presentation must be based on research completed as part of the student's program;
- The student's primary place of residence must be more than 100km from Regina.

Applications: Students must submit the Congress 2018 Application for Graduate Student Travel Award (coming January 15, 2018).

Award distribution: Successful applicants will be notified by the Congress 2018 office. In order to claim their award, successful applicants must submit the following:

- Proof that a paper or poster has been accepted for presentation at Congress 2018;
- Proof of registration for Congress 2018.

Coverage: Subsidies of up to \$500 will be applied toward:

- Up to four nights of accommodation in University of Regina Housing while attending Congress 2018;
- A meal card of up to \$150 for use at University of Regina food vendors during your stay;
- Up to \$75 credit for use at the University of Regina Bookstore.

Deadlines: January 15, 2018 — applications open
February 28, 2018 — applications close
March 30, 2018 — proof of registration for Congress 2018 and proof of acceptance submitted

Contact Us: TravelAward.2018@uregina.ca