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This issue of the Newsletter was prepared by Judy Young Drache and e-mailed on March 23rd 2011. 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 Fredericton

We are pleased to provide the Program of the upcoming HSAC conference in Fredericton. The Program Committee and other members of the executive have 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. We are pleased to see that some former members are coming to give papers and that a number of new members are also presenting.

Please note that everyone who is expecting to attend will need to register with Congress and that registration is cheaper if you do it before April 1st. You should have received your Registration Guide by mail in January but you can also register online at: <http://congress2011.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.

As you will see, we have 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 will present a lecture entitled “Franz Liszt as the Cultural Ambassador of the 19th Century” to be followed by a piano recital by Juno-award winning concert pianist Valerie Tryon on “Liszt the Voyager.” This event is being co-sponsored by the FHSSC and the host universities of Congress, as well as the Canada-Hungary Educational Foundation (CHEF) and is open to all Congress delegates and to the general public in the Fredericton area as well. We will be asking for a donation of \$7 per person at the door to help cover the costs. If any of our members wish to make a tax deductible donation (of \$25 or more) towards these costs instead of paying \$7 at the door, please get in touch with Margit Lovrics or Judy Young by e-mail.

We have had a promotional article prepared about the Liszt program by Kevin Burns, former CBC radio arts reporter. A short version of this has been sent to the Federation for placing on the website of Congress and a longer version will be uploaded on the websites of HSAC and of CHEF. I am attaching this longer version to this Newsletter.

We are still looking around for an appropriate venue for the HSAC dinner on May 29th; we are in touch with some of the local Hungarian community and hope to have their assistance in finding a place. We are also inviting them to attend the conference (and join the Association). We are working on arranging a “meet and greet” opportunity with them at 5pm on Saturday May 28th, before the opening lecture and recital. More details on that closer to the time.

If you have any questions about the program or any other aspect of the conference, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the members of the Program Committee or with me. We look forward to seeing you all in Fredericton!



Hungarian Studies Association of Canada
University of New Brunswick and St Thomas University
Congress of the Social Sciences and the Humanities
May 28-30, 2011

Saturday, May 28, 2011 (Location -- Memorial Hall)

19:00-21:30—Special Liszt Bicentenary event: a lecture by **Alan Walker** (McMaster University) “Franz Liszt as the Cultural Ambassador of the 19th Century” followed by a recital by Canadian pianist **Valerie Tryon**: “Liszt the Voyager.” Program to be introduced by Professor Gabor Csepregi of Collège universitaire de Saint Boniface, Winnipeg. Event is open to all Congress delegates and the public. Admission \$10 at the door.

Sunday, May 29, 2011 (Location -- McConnell Hall - 100)

9:00-9:10—Welcome and Opening by **Agatha Schwartz** (University of Ottawa), HSAC’s president

9:10-9:50—Keynote address by **Mária Palasik** (ÁBTL¹ – Budapest)
“Chess Game for Democracy: Hungary between East and West , 1944-47”

Panel 1: Gender , History, and Memory | Chair: Agatha Schwartz (University of Ottawa)

9:50-10:15--**Judith Szapor** (McGill University)

“Who Represents True Hungarian Women? The Politics of Gender in post-1919 Hungary”

10:15-10:40-- **Marlene Kadar** (York University):

"Difficult Learning, the Work of Forgetting and the Work of Women”

10:40-10:50--*Comments and Discussion*

10:50-11:05—Coffee Break

Panel 2: Hungarians in North America | Chair: Margit Lovrics (Toronto)

11:05-11:30--**Enikő Basa** (Washington):

“Migration and Immigration: Steven Budai Parmenius, a 16th century visitor to Newfoundland”

11:30-11:55—**Christopher Adam** (Carleton University):

“Microhistory and Canada’s Hungarian communities—A History From Below”

11:55-12:20—**Enikő Pittner** (University of Toronto):

“The Hungarian Canadian Press in the 1960s”

12:20-12:30—*Comments and Discussion*

¹ ÁBTL—Historical Archives of Hungarian State Security – Állambiztonsági Szolgálatok Történeti Levéltára

12:30-13:30—Lunch (Served in our conference room)

Panel 3: Diplomacy and Democracy – Canada, Hungary and the EU | Chair: Judy Young (CHEF)

13:30-13:55—**Tibor Frank** (Urban Innovative Solutions Inc., Toronto):

“Canada Assisting Local Democracy in Hungary, 1991-2004”

13:55-14:20—**Pierre Guimond** (Ambassador of Canada to Hungary 2007-10, DFAIT):

“Canada-Hungary Bilateral Relations”

14:20-14:45—**Tamás Király** (First Secretary - Embassy of the Republic of Hungary, Ottawa):

“The Hungarian Presidency of the European Union”

14:45-14:55—*Comments and Discussion*

Panel 4: Perspectives on Education | Chair: Bisztray György (Toronto)

15:00-15:25—**Katalin Bagi** (Hungarian Helicon Society, Hamilton):

“A magyar nyelv oktatásának helyzete Kanadában”

15:25-15:50—**Márton Pászti** (Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem):

“Elektronikus tananyagfejlesztés a Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetemen”

15:50-16:00--*Comments and Discussion*

16:00-16:15—Coffee Break

16:15-17:30—Hungarian Studies Association of Canada - Annual General Meeting (AGM). In order to vote, please be sure to pay your annual membership fee and register with the Congress.

19:00—Annual HSAC dinner—location TBD

Monday, May 30, 2011 (Location--McConnell Hall - 100)

Panel 5: Philosophy and Literature | Chair: Christopher Adam (Carleton)

9:00-9:25—**Oliver Botar** (University of Manitoba):

“Raoul Heinrich Francé as Biophilosopher”

9:25-9:50—**Gábor Csepregi** (Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface, Winnipeg)

“The Significance of Melchior Palágyi for Philosophical Anthropology”

9:50-10:15—**Agatha Schwartz** (University of Ottawa):

“Fin-de-Siècle Budapest in Two Novels by Tamás Kóbor and Terka Lux”

10:15-10:25--*Comments and Discussion*

10:25-10:40—Coffee Break

Panel 6: Hungarian Socio-Cultural History from the 17th to the 20th Century | Chair: Oliver Botar (University of Manitoba)

10:40-11:05—**Nándor Dreisziger** (Royal Military College – Kingston)

“The Impact of the Counter-Reformation on Protestant Village Life in Hungary, 1690-1790”

11:05-11:30—**Georg Michels** (University of California, Riverside)

“Preachers or Rebels? A Reassessment of the Expulsion of the Protestant Clergy from Hungary, 1670-74”

11:30-11:55—**Éva Tömöry** (University of Toronto)

“Diákélet a Pécsi Nagy Lajos Gimnáziumban (1687-1948)”

11:55-12:05-- *Comments and Discussion*

12:05-13:30—Lunch (Please consult Congress material for on-campus dining options at UNB.)
This will serve as a working lunch for the HSAC executive.

Panel 7: Liszt and The Development of Hungarian Music | Chair: Pál Pilisi (UQAC)

13:30-13:55—**Éva Kossuth** (Vancouver):

“Tiszán Innen, Dunán Túl—Rövid összefoglaló a magyarság zenéjéről az őskortól a XX. századig”

13:55-14:20—**Anna-Mária Bogyó** (Toronto):“Magyarország zenei élete ma és Liszt Ferenc idejében--A zene hatása a személyiségfejlődésre”

14:20-14:45-- **Mary Terey Smith** (Western Washington University):

“*Hírhedett zenésze a világnak’ (Vörösmarty): Liszt Ferenc kapcsolata Magyarországgal*”

14:45-14:55—*Comments and Discussion*

14:55-15:10—Coffee Break

Panel 8: Archives, History & Memory | Chair: Nandor Dreisziger (RMC - Kingston)

15:15-1:40—**Mario Fenyó** (Bowie State University):

"Mária Palasik, Róbert Gábor, and Hungary: can we blame the Cold War on Rákosi?"

15:40-16:05—**Mária Palasik** (ÁBTL-Budapest):

“The Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security and its Role in Researching the History of the 20th Century”

16:05-16:40—Roundtable discussion on the state of Hungarian archives, history and memory

16:40—President’s closing remarks – **Agatha Schwartz** (University of Ottawa)

Hungarian Studies Association of Canada – 2011 Conference Committee **Christopher Adam, Judy Young-Drache, Pál Pilisi, Enikő Pittner, Agatha Schwartz** | www.hungarianstudies.org

News and Events of Interest

- The Planning Committee of Oliver Botar, Eva Tomory, and Magdi Velki have had a number of SKYPE “meetings” to discuss ideas to propose to the AGM. Oliver writes: “we have been carrying on discussions since last May via SKYPE. Our principal idea is to set up a network of scheduled SKYPE conversations among members so that we keep in touch outside of conference periods. One major goal of these conversations is to have our membership at large identify and contact potential members and conference participants who can then be contacted by our membership. It would be useful if you could include a call to our members to provide their SKYPE addresses as a first step towards this goal.” We can gather this information at the conference as we update and prepare the new membership list for 2011-12.
- Good news for the *Hungarian Studies Review*: all past issues up to 2009 of the journal can be accessed on the website of The National Széchényi Library’s Elektronik Periodica Database (EPA) and the EPA is fully searchable. You can access this website through our own: http://www.hungarianstudies.org/hung_review.html Perseverance has finally paid off, Nandor!
- The American Hungarian Educators Association (AHEA) is having its annual conference in Cleveland this year. “Whither Europe? Whither Hungary? The Challenges of Pluralism in the Twenty-First Century” is taking place at the John Carroll University from 14-17th April 2011 with speakers from the USA, Canada, Hungary and other countries. The banquet keynote speaker is our own Nandor Dreisziger. Information about this conference can be found on the AHEA website: <http://ahea.net>
- Indiana University’s 31st György Ránki Hungarian Chair Symposium is taking place on April 2-3, 2011 in Bloomington, Indiana. The title of the conference is “Hungary and the Post-Communist World. Two Decades after 1989.” Details can be found here: <http://www.iub.edu/~ceus/hungarian%20symposium%202011%20flier.pdf>
- I wish also to draw your attention again to various Balassi Institute programs, especially those that offer scholarships for Canadian students of Hungarian origin to study in Hungary for ten months. But there are other opportunities also, including for researchers, musicians, artists. Information is available on the www.hungarianpresence.ca website or the website of the Balassi Institute at www.bbi.hu . In 2009 and 2010, some 15 Canadian students availed themselves of this opportunity. The current application deadline is May 2nd 2011 for courses starting in September 2011.
- We regret to announce the death of HSAC member Kálmán Opré of Vancouver, BC. in October 2010.
- We also inform you of the death in early 2011 of Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Central Eurasian Studies at Indiana University, Denis Sinor. Professor Sinor had also taught in Cambridge, UK and received many honours in his lifetime for his research, writing and teaching of Hungarian, Uralic and Altaic Studies.