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Hungarian Studies Association of Canada 2009 Conference Carleton University Preliminary Programme

Friday, May 22

University of Ottawa, Arts 509 (70 Laurier East, 5th floor)

19:00-21:00

An evening with Tamás Szabó (in Hungarian), curator of the Móra Ferenc Museum from Szeged:

*A HUNGARIAN ANNUNCIATION ÉS A RÉGI SZEGEDI KÉPZŐMŰVÉSZETI
GYŰJTEMÉNY*

(Shortly after the conference, Giorgio Vasari's painting, *The Annunciation*, will be exhibited at the National Gallery of Canada.)

Saturday, May 23

Carleton University, Herzberg 4351

8:45: Opening remarks

9:00-11:00 Panel 1: Education

Chair: George Bisztray, University of Toronto

1. Márton Pászti, Budapest University of Technology and Economics / Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem: Magyarország csatlakozása a "bolognai folyamathoz": A felsőoktatás átjárhatósága az Európai Unióban
2. Róbert Takács, Institute for Political History / Politikatörténeti Intézet, Budapest: Társadalmi megkülönböztetés az oktatásban Magyarországon 1949-1963
3. Andor Tari, University of Guelph: Gifted Education in Hungary, part II: The Educational Process
4. Erzsébet Molnár, University of Miskolc: Sámuel Brassai, the Last Transylvanian Polymath

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30- 12:30 Panel 2: Literature and Biography

Chair: Agatha Schwartz, University of Ottawa

1. Klára Bencsics, Montreal: Babits Mihály évfordulójára
2. Ferenc Andai, Ottawa: In Memoriam Radnóti Miklós 1909-2009

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 Panel 3: Art and Music

Chair: Judy Young, Canada-Hungary Educational Foundation

1. Oliver Botar, University of Manitoba: A Bauhäusler in Canada: Andor Weininger in the 1950s
2. Éva Kossuth, Vancouver: Géza de Kresz (1882-1959)
3. Mary Térey-Smith, Western Washington University: Gróf Erdődy János pozsonyi opera társulata (1785-89)

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Panel 4: History and Politics

Chair: Andor Tari, University of Guelph

1. Mária Palasik, Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security / Állambiztonsági Szolgálatok Történelmi Levéltára: Mi történt a gyömrői járásban 1945 tavaszán?
2. Nándor Dreisziger, Royal Military College: Recent Genomic Research and its Implications for the Historiography of the “Hungarian Conquest”
3. Christopher Adam, Carleton University: The Activities of Hungarian State Security in Canada, 1956-1989

Evening programme

University of Ottawa, Senate Room (Tabaret Hall 083, 75 Laurier East)

“An Evening with Anna Porter”

Reception at 18:30 for registered participants and special guests only.

At 20:00 Anna Porter will talk about and read from her recent books. This part of the evening is open to the public.

Sunday, May 24

Carleton University, Herzberg 4351

9:30-10:30 Keynote address by His Excellency, Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary in Canada, Pál Vastagh, followed by a discussion:

“Diaspora Communities in a Global World: Canada-Hungary Relations Today”

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Special Panel on Identity, Diaspora, Minorities and Multiculturalism

11:00-12:30 Part I: Diasporas in Hungary, Hungarians in the Diaspora

Chair: Christopher Adam, Carleton University

1. Peter Hidas, McGill University: Popular Anti-Semitism in Hungary in the 1850s
2. Márta Mihály, London, ON: Szórványmagyarság

3. Éva Martonyi, Pázmány Péter Catholic University / Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem,
Budapest: Migration et identité à travers quelques exemples d'auteurs hongrois
considérés dans le contexte francophone contemporain

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 Special Panel Part II: Hungary and Europe

Chair: Nándor Dreisziger, Royal Military College

1. Lisa Turkewitch, University of Toronto: The Europeanization of Hungarian Foreign Policy
2. Margit Mészáros, Vancouver: A multikulturalizmus, multietnicitás néhány biztonság-
politikai vonatkozása, különös tekintettel Európára és Magyarországra
3. Emese Iván, Ball State University and Adrian Pandev, McGill University: National and
Transnational Identity Building through Sport

15:30-16:30 Annual General Meeting

17:00 Reception at the Hungarian Embassy, 299 Waverley Street

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IF YOU ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, PLEASE BRING
THIS TO THE GENERAL MEETING:

AGENDA OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Hungarian Studies Association of Canada – Twenty-third Annual Conference

May 24, 2009 * 15:30 – 16:30

1. Call to order.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2008 General Meeting.
3. Report of the Executive:
 - a.) President
 - b.) Vice-President
 - c.) Treasurer
 - d.) Secretaries.
4. Report of the Committees:
 - a.) Conference
 - b.) Publications
 - c.) Planning (and Nominations, 2010)
5. Future conference sites.
6. Other business.
7. Adjournment.

NEWS . . .

. . . from the Treasurer

Please pay your dues for 2009! Remember: only members in good standing can vote. Also, the Conference Committee asked all participants who are on the program to join the Association.

Many thanks to Éva Kossuth for her donation of \$ 25.

. . . from the Secretaries

1. Magdolna Velki, past manager of our web site, has abandoned both the Association and her voluntary work. In our times electronic communication is a basic necessity. The Secretaries intend to raise this issue under “Other Business”. We ask all members to think of possible solutions.

2. IF YOU ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, KEEP IN MIND THAT REGISTRATION FEES ARE LOWER BEFORE APRIL 1! YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE AT THE www.fedcan.ca/congress2009 HOME PAGE.

. . . from the Planning (and Nominating) Committee

This committee was set up by the AGM of 2008 to consider the state of the Association, propose new policies, and nominate officers at the next nominations in two years. Members are: Judy Young , chair, N.F. Dreisziger, E. Pittner, A. Schwartz, M. Tiltins.

The Chair has corresponded with members to remind them of the mandate and they will be arranging a teleconference call before or a meeting at the 2009 conference where an updated report will be provided to the AGM. Members should know that while preparing the 2009 conference program, Agatha Schwartz and Judy Young (with the help of Christopher Adam who is a member of the Program committee) reached out to promote the association to old and new members. The increase of membership is one of the tasks of the Planning Committee. In addition, a database is being prepared of past and current members as well as potential members to whom outreach needs to be made. At the same time we would like to ask all members of the Association to think about and pass on to the Committee Chair any ideas and suggestions they have for the committee to consider. Any names of potential members to approach would also be useful. It is in the interests of all members to help ensure the effective continuation of HSAC as a flourishing academic association which provides opportunities for lively exchange of ideas about Hungary , Hungarian society and culture, as well as about Hungarians in Canada.

. . . from our members

The interdisciplinary and international conference "Gender and Modernity in Central Europe: The Austro-Hungarian Monarchy and its Legacy" (www.gam.uottawa.ca) was held at the University of Ottawa between May 16-18, 2008. The conference was co-organized by Agatha Schwartz and Judith Szapor, and attracted scholars from several countries, including Hungary.

**Conference committee: Nándi (pres.) Ádám,
Szapor**