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This issue of the Newsletter was prepared by Judy Young Drache and e-mailed on March 22nd, 2013. For those members who have no e-mail address, paper copies will be mailed. The next issue will be prepared and sent out in September 2013. *Please remember to send me any news you would like to include in the next issue.*

2013 HSAC conference update

We are pleased to inform you that we have an interesting line-up of presentations for the annual conference taking place at the University of Victoria from June 1st – June 3rd. The draft program is below. **Please note that the conference is starting at 6 pm on June 1st and will end at 5 pm on June 3rd. We hope that all those of you who intend to participate will remain for the duration. The AGM is taking place at 2 pm on Sunday June 2nd. The Agenda will be sent out to all members in advance of the meeting. While the AGM is open to all interested conference participants, only members in good standing (i.e. having paid their annual dues for 2013) can vote.**

All information about Congress and our own conference can be found on the Congress website: <http://www.congress2013.ca/home>. This includes detailed information on the programs of other member associations, the publishers' exhibit, and special events organized by Congress during the week of June 1-8. You may find lectures and events of interest in the programs of other associations. For instance, the special lectures of the Big Thinking series are the following:

Speaker	Date	Time
Louise Arbour	Saturday, June 1	12:15–13:20
Dany Laferrière	Sunday, June 2	7:45–8:55
Margaret McCain	Sunday, June 2	10:00–11:00
Ben Levin	Sunday, June 2	12:15–13:20
Joy Kogawa	Monday, June 3	7:45–8:55
Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond	Monday, June 3	12:15–13:20
Doug Saunders	Tuesday, June 4	7:45–8:55
Daniel Weinstock	Tuesday, June 4	12:15–13:20
Judith Heumann	Wednesday, June 5	12:15–13:20
Richard Sennett	Thursday, June 6	12:15–13:20

Registration. The easiest way to register is online at: <http://www.congress2013.ca/register> - although you can also register by mail, fax or in person at the Congress site. Please make sure that you register for our association and note that the **deadline for reduced rate registration is March 31st!** After that date the registration fee is higher (the full rate fee goes up to \$195 from \$160 and the student, retired, unwaged to \$80 from \$60). Registering gives you access to all Congress events. A reminder from the previous Newsletter: when you register you have to pay an “association meeting fee” as well as the registration fee. This meeting fee is not to be confused with the HSAC annual membership fee which you pay directly to our Treasurer, Margit Lovrics. The meeting fee is \$25 and this helps to cover the cost to HSAC of refreshments breaks, the room and audio-visual expenses. This \$25 fee is very modest compared to other associations. For annual membership fee you can consult our website: <http://hungarianstudies.org/membership.html>. Membership fee includes a subscription to *Hungarian Studies Review*. All conference speakers (except for the invited keynote) have to be members of the Association (as per our by-laws).

Travel and Accommodation. You can find all needed information about that here: <http://www.congress2013.ca/plan-your-trip/accommodations>. Please note that most hotels are a little distance from the university campus in Victoria so you may want to make your room reservations early if you want to stay on campus.

Conference program. We are pleased once again to inform you that our keynote speaker this year is Professor Attila Pók of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Columbia University. His topic is “Hungarians: ‘a ferry nation’? In the Heart of Europe or on the Fringes of Two Worlds?” Professor Pók’s lecture will survey Hungary’s geographic position as reflected in 20th century Hungarian historical and political thought. Hungarian self-perception will be reviewed within a European and global context using as sources the works of politicians, social scientists, writers, artists, musicians and filmmakers. This keynote address relates to the overall Congress theme “@the Edge” and will be open to all Congress participants. Professor Pók’s lecture is at 9 am on June 3rd. Information about it has been on the congress website for some time now, promoting both his lecture and our association. Here is the link: <http://www.congress2013.ca/program/events/hungary-ferry-nation-heart-europe-or-edges-two-worlds> .

You will note that many of our conference papers tie in to the overall congress theme “@the edge – @ la fine pointe.” As noted before, this theme - and elaborations of it - fits particularly well with the variety of disciplines and fields of study represented by our membership and covers a broad range of topics. We are very pleased to greet a significant number of scholars from Hungary and the neighbouring countries; their papers will be extending the boundaries of our scholarly dialogue.

For the opening evening we will welcome back Maria Palasik who will talk about the forced peregrinations of a number of mostly engineering students from the Technical university of Budapest at the end of WWII, some of whom ended up in Canada where they have made valued contributions. We hope to have one or two of these former students with us at the conference.

The conference program is below. Session chairs will be announced later as we finalize the program. Please note that titles of papers are in the language in which they will be presented. **In the case of presentations in Hungarian, we have translated the title into English and are asking the presenters to please bring some copies of a one page English summary of their presentations.** In some cases, at the suggestion of program committee members, we have shortened the title of papers. Presenters should feel free to provide the whole title at the conference. **Please note the location of our conference sessions: Elliott Building, Room 061. The Congress website has links to a campus map as well as a map of Victoria.**

We are planning to have the annual Dinner at 7 pm on the evening of June 2nd at Camille’s restaurant in Victoria. More information will be forthcoming on this.

And last but not least we are making efforts to inform members of the local Hungarian community in Victoria (and Vancouver) about the conference and hope some will attend our sessions. If you know anyone who might be interested, please inform them. They may even like to become members!



Draft Program of the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada
At the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences 2013
University of Victoria , June 1-3rd, 2013
All session in Elliott Building 061

Saturday, June 1st

18:00 - 18:15 Welcome and introduction

18:15 - 19:15 Opening session

Mária Palasik (Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security-ÁBTL, Budapest)

A kitelepített egyetem. Magyar műegyetemisták odüsszeiája a nagyvilágban. 1944-46. [An expatriated university. The odyssey of Hungarian engineering students in 1944-46]

Lecture in Hungarian but with English Power Point presentation. In the presence of at least one of the students who eventually made his life in Canada.

19:15 – 20:30 *Welcome reception*

Sunday, June 2nd

9:00 – 10:30 Session 1: *Centre and Periphery I. Transylvania in the 19-20th Centuries*

Attila Gidó (Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

Válaszúton az erdélyi zsidóság. Mit hozott az 1918-as impériumváltás az erdélyi zsidó lakosság számára? [Transylvanian Jewry at the cross-roads. The effect of the 1918 imperial change on the Jewish population of Transylvania]

Judit Pál (Babes Bolyai U, Cluj-Napoca)

Elitek harca a Birodalom perifériáján. Erdély uniója és az erdélyi nemzetiségek [The struggle of the elites on the periphery of the Empire. Nationalities and the union of Transylvania]

Albert Zsolt Jakab (Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

From the Centre to the Periphery – and Back; the Functions of Commemorations in Cluj/Kolozsvár (Romania) in the 20th Century

10:30 – 11:00 *Break and Refreshments*

11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: *On the cutting edge: Hungarian Artists and Writers In and Outside Hungary*

Oliver Botár (U of Manitoba, Winnipeg)

On the Cutting Edge: László Moholy-Nagy and Media Art

Mary Terey-Smith (Western Washington U, Bellingham)

Goldmark Károly (1830-1910), egy mára "elfelejtett" magyar zeneszerző [Károly Goldmark (1830-1910), a now "forgotten" Hungarian composer]

Éva Zsizsmann (PhD student, ELTE, Budapest and U of Alberta, Edmonton)

Negotiating history and memory. Tamas Dobozy, *Siege 13*

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:00 Session 3: *Centre and Periphery II. Historical perspectives*

Georg Michels (U of California, Riverside)

Hungarian Exiles on Ottoman Territory and the Destabilization of Habsburg Hungary during the Late Seventeenth Century

Roman Holec (Comenius U, Bratislava) The glass half full or half empty? The economic interests of the Hungarian minority in Czechoslovakia (1918–1938) and Slovakia (1939–1945)

15:00 – 16:00 *HSAC Annual General Meeting*

16:00 – 16:15 *Break and Refreshments*

16:15 – 17:45 Session 4: *Politics, Society, and Economics @ the edge*

Bálint Tolmár (PhD student, CEU, Budapest)

Labor Migration between Eastern Europe and the Third World: the Case of Cuban Guest-Workers in Socialist Hungary, 1980-1990

Tanya Watson (PhD candidate, U of Ottawa)

Women without Children in *Nők Lapja* Magazine

Stecné Baráti Izabella (Corvinus U, Budapest)

Unorthodox politics and Hungary's local/municipal governance

19:00 **HSAC Dinner**, Probable location: **Camille's Restaurant, 45 Bastion Square**

Monday, June 3rd

9:00 – 10:00 *Conference Keynote Address*

Attila Pók (Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Columbia U)

Hungarians, “A Ferry Nation”? In the Heart of Europe or on the Fringes of Two Worlds?

10:00 – 10:30 *Break and refreshments*

10:30 – 12:30 Session 5: *Centre and Periphery III. Hungarian Minorities, Multiethnic Societies*

Márton Tonk (Sapientia U, Cluj-Napoca) and **Tünde Székely** (PhD student, Corvinus U Budapest)

Oktatáspolitikai és kisebbségpolitikai. Esettanulmány a romániai magyar nyelvű felsőoktatásról

Judit Zágorec-Csuka (University of Maribor and librarian, Bilingual high-school, Lendava, Slovenia)

The edge: A szlovéniai magyar nemzetiség: helyzetképe, perspektívái, akadályai, identitása, együttműködése Magyarországgal

Stefania Toma (Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

The Roma in the eyes of Hungarians: The everyday politics of alterity in multiethnic communities in Romania

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30 – 15:00 Session 6: *Hungarian Émigré Churches and Communities, Canada and the U.S.*

Rev. Ferenc (Frank) Szatmári

The role of Canadian Hungarian churches in integrating newcomers from Hungary

Nándor Dreisziger (Royal Military College, Kingston, ON)

The Decline of the Churches of the Hungarians in the Diaspora

Margit Balogh (Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

Mindszenty József bíboros érsek két kanadai útja: 1947 és 1973. Két utazás- két korszak [Cardinal József Mindszenty's two Canadian visits: 1947-1973. Two journeys – two eras]

15:00 - 15:30 *Break and refreshments*

15:30 – 17:00 Session 7: *Centre and Periphery in Hungarian literature*

Enikő Molnár Basa (AHEA and Library of Congress, Washington)

Center vs. Periphery in Hungarian Literature

Éva Kossuth (Editor of *Tárogató*, Vancouver)

Szabó Magda: Debrecennek igaz leánya [Magda Szabó: a true daughter of Debrecen]

Oszkar Roginer (PhD student, U of Pécs)

Identification Shift in the Hungarian Literature of Vojvodina (1992-2010)

NOTE: We would like to ask members to consider making a small donation to enable us to make however modest a contribution towards the accommodation /hospitality costs of our overseas guests. Some are able to obtain grants but others are making a sacrifice to get to faraway Victoria. We are looking around for other sources as well; I can confirm that the Canada Hungary Educational Foundation (CHEF) is once again willing to contribute an amount at least equal to whatever contributions we can raise from the membership. Amounts of \$50 or more should be sent to Judy Young (judyyoung@drache.ca) with cheques made out to CHEF. A tax receipt will be sent to the donor. If you send less than \$50, please send a cheque made out to HSAC to our Treasurer, Margit Lovrics (margitlovrics@gmail.com). Please drop either Margit or me a note if you intend to donate.

Thank you.



News and Events of Interest

- Another bit of sad news: we regret to report the death in early January 2013 of longtime member and a generous supporter of our organization, Mr Jenő Horvath of Vancouver. After a career in accounting, Jenő was a well-known private scholar in bibliophile matters and an expert in Haban ceramics together with his late wife Maria Krisztinkovics. He edited and published – frequently at his own expense - a number of HSAC’s “Lectures and Papers in Hungarian Studies.”
- We warmly congratulate longtime member John Miska on his receiving a high Hungarian state award, “The Officers’ Cross of the Order of Hungary” on March 15th of this year in Budapest. This was in recognition of his many years of literary, bibliographic and cultural work in Canada in the interests of promoting Hungarian studies and culture. Here is the official text in Hungarian: “Miska János író, műfordító, bibliográfus részére a kanadai magyar kultúra és magyarságtudományok terén elért kimagasló eredményeiért, a kanadai magyar szellemi élet szervezése és a nemzeti kultúra népszerűsítése érdekében végzett tevékenysége elismeréseként.” Bravo John!

Publications

- Congratulations to Professor Judith Szapor whose co-edited book *Jewish Intellectual Women in Central Europe 1860-2000: Twelve Biographical Essays*. (Ed. by Judith Szapor, Andrea Pető, Maura Hametz and Marina Calloni, Mellen Press 2012) was just launched in Budapest with a special roundtable discussion held on March 18th at the Andrassy University. The book is described by the event organizers in this way:

“This collection of scholarly essays deals with female Jewish intellectuals throughout Europe from 1860 until 2000. Topics range from women in music, to pioneers of Zionism, to others including a woman who was instrumental in the Russian Revolution. These women forever changed European culture and politics. The volume brings us one step closer to understanding how they gained influence considering the limited roles women played during that period in history... The essays collected in this volume show the complex lives and identities of Central European Jewish women born between 1860 and the early 20th century.”

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- Congratulations are also due to Dr Mária Palasik for a new publication: *Big Brother's Miserable Little Grocery Store. Studies on the Hungarian Secret Services after World War II*. Edited by György Gyarmati & Mária Palasik. Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security-L'Harmattan, Budapest, 2012.
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- Another congratulatory note to Professor Nándor Dreisziger who has just had a new article published: "The Impact of World War I on Canada's and Hungary's Evolution," *Kaleidoscope*, 11, 1 (Jan.-Feb. 2013): 18-20. It would be useful to have copies of the above publications available for display at the conference in Victoria.

Events

- Oliver Botar has sent us information about this fall's upcoming conference in the series of joint projects between the University of Manitoba and the University of Szeged. A Call for papers has been issued by the U of M's Office for International Relations. The theme of the conference is "*Place, Time and their Significance*." Papers delivered at previous meetings have focused on topics as varied as technology and change, history, politics, economics, agriculture, social work, education, gender studies, art, music, literature, Canadian and European identity formation. The organizers invite papers in these disciplines and would welcome contributions from fields such as physics, mathematics, food-sciences, biosystems engineering, conflict and disaster management – all of which are well-represented in Szeged University. The dates of the conference are October 10-11th 2013 and proposals are to be submitted by May 31st, 2013 to the Office of International Relations, 541H University Centre, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2. Tel: 204-474-6656; Fax: 204-474-7648.
- The American Hungarian Educators Association's (AHEA's) 38th annual conference is taking place this year at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ from May 2-5th. As usual, they have a wide-ranging program of scholarly papers, keynote lectures, and cultural events. Opening the conference is a screening of *The Door*, István Szabó's adaptation of Magda Szabó's semi-autobiographical novel *Az Ajtó*. Some HSAC members are presenting papers at this conference. The complete program is available here: <http://ahea.net/sitefiles/2013.conf/2013.prog.3.23.pdf>

- For information only, since this event is taking place as I am about to send out the Newsletter: The 32nd György Ránki Indiana U Hungarian Chair conference is taking place March 23-24 with the title *Hungary on the border-Land of two world powers: the Habsburgs and the Ottomans*. For information, write to Professor Lynn Hooker at lhooker@indiana.edu
- For those interested in applying for scholarships for the 2013 summer course in Hungarian offered by the Balassi Institute, the deadline for applications is April 19th. Information is available on the Balassi website: <http://balassi-intezet.hu/hu/palyazatok01/call-for/354-call-for-scholarship-applications-balassi-summer-university> . Scholarships are also available for summer Hungarian language courses at a number of universities (such as the University of Debrecen) through the Balassi's Hungarian Scholarship Board which also offers scholarships for other research and educational courses in a wide range of areas. Their website is not the greatest but you can start by looking here: <http://www.scholarship.hu/Englishsite/Generalinformation/tabid/185/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

