

News in Hungarian Studies

The Newsletter of the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada

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We are looking forward to the 32nd annual conference of HSAC which is being held jointly with the American Hungarian Educators' Association (AHEA) from May 27-29th, 2017 at Ryerson University, Toronto. The conference program is rich in content and can be found on the website of both associations: www.hungarianstudies.org and <http://ahea.net/conferences>.



President's Message

We have had a busy year preparing our joint conference with the American Hungarian Educators' Association, the first one in many years, to be held at Ryerson University in Toronto this May. Our conference at the University of Calgary was a great success last year despite the fact that our numbers were relatively small — which often is the case when we meet in Western or Atlantic Canada. We had the active support of the local Hungarian community, had colleagues attend the Conference from Romania, Slovakia, Hungary and the United States as well as Canada, and heard a strong set of papers in the wonderful setting of an intimate, round theatre on the U. of C.'s lovely campus. Our dinner at a Hungarian restaurant downtown — our first dinner at a Hungarian restaurant in some time — was delicious and the mood was good. Our long-term Treasurer Margit

Lovrics was honoured with the first (2016) “Nandor Dreisziger Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Hungarian Studies in Canada.” She has served our organization, and other Canadian-Hungarian organizations for many years, with quiet diligence and dedication. She is a great asset to Hungarian studies in this country. Alas, we have still not been able to produce an actual medal. Who would have thought it would be so hard to find an artist willing to take on the task of designing and arranging of the casting of one? I have not given up, however, and will not rest until we have an actual medal to award the recipients. (Those awarded the honour in the meantime, will receive copies once it’s produced!)

There is every indication that our conference in Toronto will be well attended and we are looking forward to reconnecting with our American colleagues, as well as with colleagues from Europe. There have been other developments this past year, some more felicitous than others. The HSR continues to thrive thanks to the efforts of Nandor Dreisziger. We are committed to maintaining neutrality in political matters, but we have been disturbed by developments concerning the Central European University in Hungary. As a result, I have written letters of support for the University. Many of us are academics in this organization, and an attack on one of our institutions is an attack on all of them. I would like to extend warm regards to all of our members, and to all members of the AHEA. Finally I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Judy Young Drache, Executive Secretary of the HSAC and editor of this Newsletter. Without her tireless efforts, this organization would not be able to achieve what it has.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HUNGARIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

University of Calgary, May 29th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by the President, Oliver Botar. The agenda of the meeting and the Minutes of the 2015 AGM, held at the University of Ottawa, were approved. This was followed by the Reports of the Executive and the various Committees.

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Report of the President (Oliver Botar)

The President reminded members that he had agreed to look for an artist to design “The Nandor Dreisziger Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Hungarian Studies in Canada” which had been proposed and announced at the 2014 annual conference of HSAC at Brock University in recognition of Nandor Dreisziger’s 40 years of work as editor of Hungarian *Studies Review (HSR)* and for his continuous outstanding contributions to Hungarian studies in Canada and beyond. It proved harder to find an artist than he had thought. He is continuing his search, having hoped originally to find an artist of Hungarian origin. He may put out a general call if the Executive agrees. He will circulate a draft to the Executive. In the meantime the Award will be presented for the first time at the annual conference dinner later this evening.

The 2017 annual conference will take place in Toronto at Ryerson University which has a stunning new campus. We are pleased that the American Hungarian Educators’ Association (AHEA) has agreed to have a joint conference with HSAC. The Executive Secretary will have more to say about that in her report.

Oliver noted with regret that not as many members as usual had come to the Calgary conference from the Eastern parts of the country: Quebec and Ontario. This is a pity as we need to maintain a national profile by participating in Congress nationwide to allow us to keep in contact with other scholarly associations, as well as

local communities who energize their surroundings and our association. Over the years we have had many successful conferences in less central locations and smaller cities such as Victoria, Fredericton, or Winnipeg, and here in Calgary also we have a very good program – even if not as many participants as usual. An additional reason to mention this is that after next year in Toronto Congress will take place at the University of Regina. We should start strategizing on how to bring people there! A long time ago, Regina had a large Hungarian community (among the first areas in Western Canada to be settled by Hungarians) though now that is no longer the case. We might think of including into that year’s program an expedition around the region to visit the remnants of the old settlements. It is important for us to maintain our presence at Congress. Oliver then asked the Treasurer to present her report.

Report of the Treasurer (Margit Lovrics)

Margit presented the financial statement for the fiscal year May 1st 2015 to April 30th 2016 and went over the revenues and disbursements in detail (see statement below the Executive Reports). She noted that HSAC received some grants and donations, eg from Congress 2015 for a keynote speaker (Katalin Kürtösi from the U of Szeged who had obtained a travel grant from Hungary and was able to share the Congress grant with two other speakers). Further donations were received from Mr Tom Mihalik of “Tom’s Place” in Toronto, the Canada-Hungary Educational Foundation, and Eva Tomory and her sisters to sponsor a student from Hungary to attend the conference. We are grateful to all for these donations. An opening reception was generously offered by the Embassy of Hungary. In addition several individual members of HSAC also made donations to ensure that our 30th anniversary conference would be a success and that some grad students and special guests would be enabled to attend through modest contributions to their travel costs. We had a large enough number of registrations to the conference to give us a modest surplus of about \$150 after the costs of coffee breaks and audio-visual equipment were covered. Margit listed and explained the details of the disbursements – and these can be found in the statement. Some of the grants received for the 2015 conference were reported in the financial statement for the previous fiscal year.

There being no questions, Eniko Basa moved to approve the Treasurer’s report and Marty Pack seconded it. Motion was carried.

Executive Secretary’s report (Judy Young Drache)

After a very successful 30th anniversary conference at the U of Ottawa in 2015, the good news is that we are having a good conference in Calgary and have agreed with the American Hungarian Educators’ Association (AHEA) to organize a joint conference in 2017 at Ryerson University in Toronto. Both associations are pleased about this. One of the questions is to think about the best and easiest way to develop the joint program. The suggestion that found acceptance was to have a joint program committee or have the existing program committees of each organization work together on developing the themes and sending out one call for papers - each association to its list of contacts. Once the abstracts are in, the joint or both program committees would discuss and decide on the abstracts to be accepted. Eniko Basa suggested that the conference would likely need parallel sessions and possibly a somewhat longer (3 full days?) conference. Judy suggested that likely administrative issues might be the only area where reasonable procedures may be helpful; the program development procedures of the associations are quite similar.

There were some questions about registration fees and costs; Judy explained the different Congress fees which will be decided in the fall by Congress (these vary depending on whether the participant is fully employed, unemployed, retired, or student, see website link above). There is also a 25\$ association fee (raised since the AGM to \$30 - which is not to be confused with the HSAC membership fee) charged by Congress on behalf of

each association to help cover the costs of coffee breaks and audio-visual equipment in the conference rooms. This reduces the admin work of participating associations. Judy will be available to Eniko and her colleagues at AHEA if further questions arise. With respect to registration costs, the exchange rate favours the US visitors. The theme for the 2017 Congress is "From far and wide, the next 150" which relates to the 150th anniversary of the coming into existence of the Canadian Confederation in 1867. A suggestion was made for next year's joint conference theme to relate to Confederation and Hungary's "Compromise" of 1867 with the Habsburgs. On another matter: a suggestion had been made by AHEA for HSAC to become an affiliate organization with them. This would allow someone from HSAC to be a permanent ex officio representative on the AHEA board. Within the US system of Non-profits such affiliation allows the affiliate to enjoy the same tax advantages that "501 c 3" organizations have in the US (similar to charitable status in Canada). For us in Canada there may be no special advantage to be gained from this and may have tax implications? It was decided that the HSAC Executive would discuss this issue further and report back to the membership.

A further point of information/ discussion was Magdi Velki's written proposal sent to Judy before the Calgary conference. Magdi is HSAC's VP and was unable to attend this year's conference but sent a proposal to make sure that at the 2017 meeting there would be at least one session devoted to language issues. Magdi has been trying to keep in touch internationally with people working on Hungarian language education. This year there is only one language related paper in the program. A question was raised about the Balassi Institute which has in the past helped in this area. Is the Institute still independent or are they now incorporated into the Foreign Affairs department of the Hungarian government? Magdi has been keeping in contact with them but with others also. Since AHEA conferences usually have several language oriented papers, it should be no problem for next year to have at least one session devoted to language topics.

A propos language, people can present papers in English, French, or Hungarian at the conference, though English is preferred to ensure participation in the conference by non-Hungarians. If a presentation is made in Hungarian, the speaker is asked to prepare and distribute a summary of the paper in English.

Judy then thanked all those who have been helpful in the organization of this year's event, especially Steve, the program committee and the graduate student representatives who have been helping and attending. Thanks are also due to the donors already mentioned, including the individuals named in the printed program.

As a final point of her report, Judy mentioned information she received from Publications Officer, Nandor Dreisziger (who regretfully could not attend this year's conference): he reports that the 2016 volume of the *Hungarian Studies Review* (HSR) is more or less complete and ready to be edited and printed [since sent out to subscribers and available on the HSAC website]. Any other papers he receives will have to go in the 2017 issue. A question was asked about the financial situation of the HSR. HSAC membership fees contain a portion which is the subscription fee for the journal. All paid up members of HSAC receive a copy towards the end of the year. The figure submitted to the editor for the printing costs of the 2015 vol was \$7000 (see the financial statement below).

Conference Committee (Steve Jobbitt)

Steve, who had been chair of the 2015 conference committee, started by commenting on the 2015 conference which had gone very well. Some minor logistical problems with the rooms and coffee breaks had been dealt with satisfactorily. This year we don't have these issues: schedules and conference sessions seem to be working well. RE a language education panel, he suggested that it should be included in the call for papers. Rita offered to help encourage others such as Katalin Bagi to help and participate. Steve noted that partnering with AHEA, there will inevitably be at least one language panel. From the floor, Oliver added that the 2015 conference had

been very successful and Ibi Gàbori's testimony was very moving. A pictorial report of the 2015 conference can be found here: <http://www.hungarianpresence.ca/hsac2015-conf-521.cfm> and Ibi's talk is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wZZMwV6jEo>. Eniko asked a question about who the contact person would be for the joint conference. Each association has its program committee, but there should be coordination. Such details will need to be worked out.

Elections: all current members of the executive are entitled to and have agreed to serve another term (2 years), including the Chair of the Program Committee, Steve Jobbitt. Steve's committee members also to remain the same: Christopher Adam, Marie Boglari, Kristen Csenkey (who could help with local coordination and special grad student sessions), Judit Szapor, and Eva Tomory (Congress Local Coordinator). Thus confirmed were: Oliver Botar as President, Magdi Velki as Vice President, Margit Lovrics as Treasurer, Judy Young Drache as Executive Secretary. For the Committees: Steve Jobbitt as Chair of the Program committee, Eva Tomory as Chair of Planning and Nominations, Nandor Dreisziger as Chair of Publications. **Oliver asked for a motion that the AGM accept the slate of nominees. Proposed by Kristen, seconded by Marie, all in favour.**

Other business

Margi wished to thank Judy for her work, and for the donations from the Canada-Hungary Educational Foundation. It may be Margit's last term coming up, it has been about 25 years... Margit brought greetings from Anna-Maria Bogyo who could not come this year.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Proposed by Margit, seconded by Kristen, all in favour.



Treasurer's Report

FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2015 - APRIL 30, 2016

Opening balance as of May 1, 2015 \$3,213.47

REVENUE

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| Membership fees | for 2015 | \$1,716.48 | | |
| | for 2016 | 361.05 | | \$2,077.53 |
| Sponsorship donation from Eva Tomory and sisters | | | | 2,500.00 |
| Grant from CHEF for 2015 conference | | 500.00 | | |
| Grant from CHEF for Keynote speaker of 2016 conference | | 1,000.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| Congress 2015 surplus (*) | | | | 147.99 |

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| Donations from members (**) | 264.62 | |
| Bank Interest on bank account | <u>0.97</u> | <u>6,491.11</u> |
| | | <u>\$9,704.58</u> |

* 2015 surplus was arrived as follows:

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| | Society Registration fees | | \$800.00 |
| less: | Catering | \$297.00 | |
| | Audio | 280.00 | |
| | HST | <u>75.01</u> | <u>-652.01</u> |
| | Surplus: | | <u>\$ 147.99</u> |

** Thanks to the following for their donations: Oliver Botar, Steve Kun-Szabo, Agatha Schwartz, Andor Tari, Judy Young Drache

DISBURSEMENTS

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| Remittance of 2015 subscription fees held in our account for HSR | | \$700.00 |
| 2015 Conference expenses: | | |
| Guest speaker, presenters | | |
| Accommodation | \$947.40 | |
| St. Joseph Parish, rental | \$65.00 | |
| Novotel, Equipment rental | \$118.65 | |
| Grants to Conference presenters (Katalin Kurtosi, Allison Somogyi, Izabelle Barati-Stec) | <u>1,100.00</u> | 2,231.05 |
| Tomory Scholarship to Anita Rattig | | 2,500.00 |
| Website hosting | | |
| -2015 | 142.33 | |
| -2016 | <u>170.96</u> | 313.29 |
| Website updates | | 160.00 |

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| Domain name renewal | \$28.25 | |
| Administration, Treasurer | 149.96 | |
| CFHSS annual membership fee (Jan.1/16 - Dec.31/16) | 500.00 | |
| 2016 Conference Keynote Speaker | 602.91 | \$7,185.46 |
| In Bank account as of April 30, 2016 | | <u>2,519.12</u> |
| | | <u>\$9,704.58</u> |

TOTAL ASSETS @ APRIL 30, 2016:
\$2,519.12



2017 CALL FOR PAPERS
For the joint meeting of the American Hungarian Educators Association (AHEA)
and the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)
Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, 27-29 May 2017

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 2017 CONFERENCE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITES OF HSAC AND AHEA, RESPECTIVELY AT www.hungarianstudies.org and <http://ahea.net> as well as at <http://congress2017.ca/>

The American Hungarian Educators' Association (AHEA) and the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada will hold jointly their Annual Conference from May 27 through 29 May 29, 2017 at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada. We invite participation by academics, independent scholars, other educators, and graduate students who are devoted to the teaching, research, and dissemination of Hungarian culture, history, folklore, literature, language, fine arts, and music. Presenters must be or become members of AHEA or HSAC.

The Joint Program Committee invites proposals for papers and panels focusing on the presenters' individual research and findings connected with this year's theme:

***Sovereignty, Compromise, and the
Making of Modern Hungary: 1867 and Beyond***

The Compromise of 1867 was a turning point in modern Hungarian history, and its 150th anniversary invites critical reflection on a wide range of topics dealing with the past, present, and future of Hungarian sovereignty and of Hungarian state and nation building more generally.

Much like Canada in the wake of Confederation (also in 1867), Hungary entered the modern era as a junior partner in a much larger imperial project. For the last 150 years Hungary has seen its own social, cultural, political, and economic destiny tied to broader transnational developments as well as to the geopolitical ambitions of neighboring great powers. Yet, though Hungary's sovereignty has often been compromised and even threatened, Hungarians have found and continue to create important spaces to exert their own particular agency, sometimes in concert with broader regional, continental, and global developments, and sometimes in opposition to them.

Topics for papers and panels may include, but are certainly not limited to, the significance, impact, and legacy of the 1867 Compromise; the challenges of state and nation building in Hungary and the former Austro-Hungarian Empire (and its successor states) since the late nineteenth century; European integration and the question of sovereignty and independence; the history and legacy of colonialism and imperialism; ideas about Hungary's place in and relationship to Europe; relations with ethnic minorities; the history and legacy of Jewish emancipation; immigration and the question of assimilation; and issues of identity and subjectivity in the modern era.

We also encourage proposals that explore the conference theme from a comparative perspective, and would especially welcome papers and panels that examine constitutional unions more generally and/or compare Canadian experiences since 1867 with those of Hungary and other successor states of the Habsburg empire.

As in past years, we look for proposals in any discipline in the humanities, social sciences, and arts, 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 theme outlined above are also welcome.

Abstracts should consist of 200-250 words; a brief scholarly biography, including degrees and scholarly fields (50-100 words) and full contact information. Proposals must be submitted online at <http://ahea.net/conferences/2017/submit-paper>. Due date is **January 5, 2017**. As part of the on-line submission process, you will be asked to select a general category for your proposal to be reviewed under: Arts, Cultural Studies, Education, History/Political Science, Language and Literature, Music/Folklore, Science/Economics. Please select the category you think best fits your proposed paper. If you would like to propose a complete panel of three papers, please submit paper proposals individually, and then e-mail your panel idea to Steven Jobbitt at sjobbitt@lakeheadu.ca.

A Joint Program Committee of AHEA and HSAC will review the proposals for acceptance. Only one submission per author will be considered for acceptance. Individual paper presentations are limited to twenty minutes and allow for ten minutes of discussion following the presentation. The primary language of the conference is English. Some sessions may be conducted in Hungarian, depending on agreement by the session attendees. Questions about proposal submissions or the conference more generally should be directed to Katalin Vörös (AHEA) (voros@eecs.berkeley.edu) or Judy Young (HSAC) (judyyoung@drache.ca).

AHEA Program Committee

- Cultural Studies: Louise Vasvári, New York University
- Education: Judith Kesserú Némethy, New York University
- History: Julia Bock, Long Island University Brooklyn, and James Niessen, Rutgers University
- Literature: Enikő M. Basa, Library of Congress
- Music/Folklore: Kálmán Magyar and Judith Olson, American Hungarian Folklore Centrum, NJ
- Science/Economics: Susan Glanz, St. John's University, NY

HSAC Program Committee

Steven Jobbitt (HSAC Program Committee Chair), Lakehead University
Christopher Adam, Carleton University
Marie Boglari, University of Ottawa
Kristen Csenkey, York University
Judith Szapor, McGill University
Eva Tomory, University of Toronto

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News and Events of Interest to Members

- **The 2016 annual conference of HSAC took place from May 28-30th at the U of Calgary** as part of the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences. The overall theme of congress was “Energizing communities” and as usual, HSAC’s Program committee interpreted this theme in ways appropriate to the association’s mandate and objectives. Thus the 60th anniversary of the 1956 uprising and the subsequent refugee movement to Canada was discussed from a number of perspective as an “energizing” event. Several of the doctoral students who participated in the conference put together some brief reports about a number of conference sessions including some photographs. These can be found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GqgJ-kNlBA4jbrFS4T24xtcF7pKvdmAuJlSZU_tsDp8/edit?usp=sharing . In addition, Kristen Csenkey of the U of Toronto and York University, has kindly set up a Facebook page for HSAC conferences and you can find information both about the 2016 conference and the upcoming 2017 one. Have a look at it, add your comments or just “like” it: <https://www.facebook.com/Hungarian-Studies-Association-of-Canada-1020664624642848/>
- The 2016 volume of *Hungarian Studies Review Vol XLII, Nos 1-2 (Spring-Fall 2015)* is out and was mailed at the end of 2016 to paid-up members of HSAC, HSA and other subscribers. You can find the 2016 issue (and earlier issues too) on our website: http://www.hungarianstudies.org/hung_review.html
- **The 2016 annual conference of AHEA took place at the U of Maryland Conference Centre, April 28- 30th** with the themes of “Migration and Emigration” as well as the 60th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian revolution. You can find information about it on the AHEA website: <http://ahea.net>
- Volume 9 (2016) of *Hungarian Cultural Studies*, the e-journal of the American Hungarian Educators’ Association is available on AHEA’s website: <http://ahea.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/ahea/issue/view/11> . In

addition to a wide range of articles of interest, the volume has a Special Cluster of articles on “The 1956 Revolution and its Aftermath Seen from Sixty Years On.”

- **The Fall 2016 Newsletter of the Hungarian Studies Association (HSA)** can be found on the organization’s website: <https://hungstudiesassoc.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/hsa-fall-2016.pdf> . Their spring newsletter will be available soon. In the meantime **Nominations are now being accepted until August 15th 2017 for the HSA prize for the best book in Hungarian Studies published in 2015-2016.** Nominated books are to be sent to each of the three adjudicators: Katalin Fabian (Chair), 103 Kirby Hall of Civil Rights, 716 Sullivan Trail, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18041 USA, fabiank@lafayette.edu ; Karl Brown, 156 N. Fremont St, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI 53190, brownk@uww.edu ; and Jeffrey Pennington, 260 Stephens Hall # 2304, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA 94720-2304, jpennington@berkeley.edu - For details write to Katalin Fabian.
- The Canada-Hungary Educational Foundation in partnership with the University of Ottawa’s Central and Eastern European Studies Research Group, Saint Paul University (Ottawa), the Canadian Immigration Historical Society, HSAC, the Canadian Museum of History, the Canadian Museum of Immigration Pier 21, and other institutions and individuals long involved in refugee work are jointly organizing a bilingual conference entitled “**Flight to Freedom: the Canadian Refugee Experience since 1957/ Fuir vers la liberté: l’expérience des réfugiés au Canada depuis 1957**” at Saint Paul University **October 21-23, 2017**. The conference is to coincide with the 150th anniversary of Canada’s Confederation and the 60th anniversary of the arrival and settlement of 38,000 Hungarian refugees in Canada during 1957 – designated by Canada as “an event of national historic significance.” The conference seeks to commemorate the arrival of the Hungarian refugees but also examine how this event influenced the development of subsequent refugee policies and programs, mainly those affecting the Ugandan Asian, Vietnamese and the recent arrival of the Syrian refugees to Canada. The conference will bring together academics, policy makers, NGO’s, students, refugee workers and refugees of various backgrounds. A rich and diverse cultural program is also being planned. Anyone interested in finding out more or participating, please write to judyyoung@drache.ca . A webpage will be established for this event in June.

Publications and related professional work by members of HSAC:

Please note that the following is not a complete list of publications and activities by members of HSAC. The Editor of this newsletter apologizes for omissions and will make a proposal at the upcoming 2017 AGM about maintaining a current list of publications and special presentations / professional activities by members.

- Over the past couple of years, **HSAC President Oliver Botar has published** “The Biocentric Bauhaus,” which appeared as the lead chapter in Charissa N. Terranova and Meredith Tromble's *Routledge Companion to Biology in Art and Architecture* (New York and London, 2016) and articles on “Biomorphism” and “Laszlo Moholy-Nagy” for the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism*, which has just appeared. He gave a Keynote Address entitled “Sensory Derangement or Training the Senses for Modernity: The Art of Ilinx and the European Avant-Garde” to the international symposium “Ceilings and Dreams: The Architecture of Levity” at the Washington Alexandria Architecture Center of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, in Alexandria, Virginia on 22 April 2017. Oliver also gave several conference papers, including “Our Representative in Germany: László Moholy-Nagy,” at the 34th György Ránki Hungarian Chair Conference held at the Department of Central European Studies of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana on 15 April 2017; “Raoul Francé: Navigating the Nazi Ecosystem,” which was held in the session “The Politics of Biocentrism: How Creativity Masks, Transforms, or Enhances the Politics of the Ecological Movement” which he co-organized with Prof.

Charissa Terranova at the Conference of the Society for Literature and Science in Atlanta, Georgia on 4 November, 2016; and “Alfréd Kemény: An Unknown Art Historian’s Difficult Career Come to Light,” for the 2016 HSAC conference at the University of Calgary on 29 May 2016. He participated in special “Scholars’ Days” at both the New York (Guggenheim Museum) and Los Angeles County Museum in conjunction with two showings at those institutions of the major retrospective exhibition “Moholy-Nagy: Future Present,” and he also participated in book-launches in both New York (Alma Gallery 24 May 2016) and Chicago (School of the Art Institute of Chicago, September 2016) for his facsimile edition of the 1936 journal *telehor* (Prof. Klemens Gruber, co-editor). His exhibition “Starting with Rodin,” was open at the Winnipeg Art Gallery from November to March 2016-17. He continues to hold a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grant for the project “Training for Modernity: Moholy-Nagy and the Onslaught of the Digital.”

- Editor of the HSAC journal, *Hungarian Studies Review*, **Nandor Dreisziger’s** major publication in 2016, *Church and Society in Hungary and in the Hungarian Diaspora*, a beautifully illustrated volume, was published by the University of Toronto Press. His paper "Reflections on the 'Dual Conquest' Theory of Hungarian Origins," was recently published in the Proceedings of the 2010, 2012, and 2014 Conferences of the Finno-Ugric Studies Association (FUSAC) of Canada. The article can be found on this page of the FUSAC website: <https://journals.library.ualberta.ca/fusac/index.php/fusac/article/view/7/17>
- HSAC Conference Program Chair, **Steve Jobbitt**, has been elected Vice-President of the Hungarian Studies Association (HSA), for which we congratulate him! His publications of the last couple of years include the book: Róbert Győri and Steven Jobbitt. (2016). *Fodor Ferenc Önéletírásai, 1939-1956*. (Budapest: Eötvös Collegium) and the articles: "Hungarian Martyrs, Refugees, and the Politics of Anticommunism in Salazar’s Portugal, 1956–1957" In: *Hungarian Cultural Studies* 9: 137-164. "Fodor’s Field Diary and the Writing of the Hungarian Imperial Self during World War I". *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* 17(3) <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweb/vol17/iss3/17/>
- **Agatha Schwartz**, Past President of HSAC, has had the following articles published during 2016: “Hybridity, Alterity and Gender in Marie Eugenie delle Grazie’s Autobiographical Prose.” *Journal of Austrian Studies* 49.1-2 (Spring-Summer 2016): 51-69. “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. “Narrating Wartime Rapes and Trauma in *A Woman in Berlin*.” *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* 17.3 (2015): <http://dx.doi.org/10.7771/1481-4374.2655>
- **Judy Young Drache**, Executive Secretary of HSAC, is the third member of HSAC (Steve Jobbitt and Agatha Schwartz are the other two) to have an article published in the special thematic issue of the *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* on Life Writing and the Trauma of War, edited by Louise O. Vasvari and I-Chun Wang in 2015 and published in 2016. "History or Fictionalized Truth in Fenyő's Diary Az elsodort ország (A Country Swept Away)." *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* 17.3 (2015): <http://dx.doi.org/10.7771/1481-4374.2690>

