

*26 January 2017*

## **General**

1. This conference is part of a larger event, the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences of Canada organized annually by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences with the participation of some 70-80 other academic associations, each with its own conference. The website of Congress: <http://congress2017.ca/> provides all information about location, travel and accommodation, registration, as well as other programs during Congress such as special lectures and events, publishers' display and other association programs (gradually the programs of all associations will be uploaded as they become available). The association number of HSAC is 210 and you may need to know or use this when registering on the Congress website.

## **Registration**

2. All participants to Congress and our conference have to be registered. This can be most easily done online at the Congress website, <http://congress2017.ca/register>, although it is also possible to register by mail or in person when you arrive. In this last case, you can only pay by credit or bank debit card; they do not accept cash or check at the registration area on site at Ryerson.

Online Registration to Congress is now open. Please note that there is a reduced rate for registration before March 31st. Congress registration fee this year is \$180 (Canadian) for full-time employed participants. However, students, retired, unemployed/ or not full time employed participant fees are \$70. (After March the 31st, fees go up to \$215 and \$90 respectively). This year for the first time Congress is adding a combined federal and provincial sales/ services tax of 13% to the above fees (which they pay to the respective tax authorities). In addition to the Congress fees (which cover the facilities, rental of rooms, exhibitor space, special programs and events), there is an extra part of the registration costs which is an "association fee" of \$30 which Congress charges as an advance-payment to cover part of the costs HSAC will have to pay to Congress for coffee

breaks and audio-visual equipment. Please note: this “association fee” is not a membership fee to either AHEA or HSAC. According to both AHEA and HSAC bylaws, all conference presenters need to be members of one or the other association.

### **Membership Fee**

3. Please make sure you pay the annual membership fees to your association. AHEA membership fees are: \$30 for full time employed, \$50 for couples and \$10 for students and retired persons. Membership fees for HSAC are \$45 for a full time employed individual or \$30 for a graduate student, unemployed, not full-time employed, or retired person. HSAC membership fee includes subscription to the Hungarian Studies Review, the journal of the association. You can pay this membership fee as usual to your respective association. (AHEA members can pay by PayPal online, <http://ahea.net/members/membership-information>) or in person at the conference, to Enikő M. Basa (AHEA) or Judy Young (HSAC).

### **Accommodations**

4. Accommodation and travel information is also on the Congress website. (<http://congress2017.ca/plan-your-trip/accommodations>) You may wish to book accommodation as soon as possible, especially for the less costly university dormitory style residence rooms as these go very fast but even hotel rooms are booked quickly and there is a date after which they are not available at the rate offered now. There are various shared room or apartment style residence accommodations so if you know someone you can share with, that is a good option. There are several off-campus residences listed: these mostly include breakfast and some also include kitchenettes. The earlier you can make your accommodation reservation, the better. On the Congress website there is information about local and international travel as well as a map of the campus and lots of tourism information for Toronto and area. Niagara Falls is about 90 minutes by car (and there is public transportation available). I would note for theatre lovers that there are two excellent theatre festivals near Toronto as well: the Stratford Shakespeare Festival <https://www.stratfordfestival.ca/> and the Shaw Festival in Niagara on the Lake <http://www.shawfest.com/>.

### **Expenses**

5. We have to inform you that all participants need to be able to cover their own expenses as we have no resources available to pay for travel and accommodation costs. We sincerely hope that you are able to find the assistance you need from your own institutions or other sources. (We have confirmation from the Hungary Initiative Foundation, <https://www.hungaryfoundation.org/2017-hif-conference-support-scholarships/> that attending the AHEA/HSAC conference in Toronto meets the eligibility requirement.) We are happy to send letters of invitation to those of you who need them. Please send Katalin Voros, AHEA (voros@eecs.berkeley.edu) or Judy Young, HSAC (judyyoung@drache.ca) an email if you need an official invitation and if there is any special information that such a letter should include.

## Conference Start

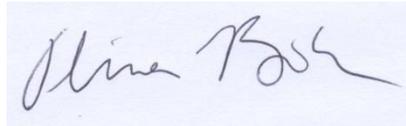
6. The conference will likely start at 3 or 4 pm on Saturday May 27th with an opening lecture and/or a panel discussion. So please plan to arrive to the campus by then so you can participate in the afternoon program. This opening will likely be followed by a piano recital and a reception to welcome participants to Toronto. The conference will then continue for the next two days, May 28th and 29<sup>th</sup>, roughly from 9am to 5pm each day. The conference banquet/dinner will take place on the evening of May 28th. We ask you to ensure that you can be present for the entire two and a half days of the conference if possible.

We look forward to seeing you.

Best Regards,



Dr. James P. Niessen  
AHEA President 2016-2018



Prof. Oliver Botar  
HSAC President