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HUNGARY TAKES INITIATIVE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

The ISC Report for 1993 highlights several environmental programs in Hungary which have succeeded in involving volunteers, the private sector and both the local and national governments. ISC is the **Institute for Sustainable Communities** was founded by **Madeleine Kunin** to "promote sustainable development, environmental protection and participatory democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States." A pilot program for a curbside recycling program in Satoraljaújhely was highly successful in recycling glass, plastics, newspapers and yard waste in much the same way that American communities are only now approaching. In Mosonmagyaróvár the citizens targeted the clean-up of the Lajta River: citizens and local government have coordinated efforts to build sewers, eliminate illegal discharges, remove debris from the river and its banks, and create public spaces along the river. Several hundred volunteers participated in the clean-up days. A good example that volunteers can be involved and motivated in Hungary. Both projects

are viewed by ISC as "creating a framework for action that will serve Hungarians over the long term." An environmental education project has also been launched, known as Korlanc. It models a process for engaging all sectors of a community in developing environmental education programs in schools. Funded by ISC and the Ministry of Environment and Regional Policy, the Budapest office coordinates efforts and publishes a newsletter that keeps some 240 persons and institutions in touch with each other. Teaching materials from the Ministry of Education are distributed through this network, and a private Hungarian foundation is providing supplementary funds to support the development of the environmental education curriculum at teachers colleges. Additionally, a year-long intensive study program has been inaugurated. Free of charge to teachers, it enrolled 91 teachers in 1993, the first year of operation. The success of the ISC projects in Hungary has encouraged the organization to move into Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Russia.

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IN MEMORIAM

József Antall, the late Prime Minister of Hungary, will be remembered as the one who faced the challenge of leading the country after forty years of Communist rule. His task was to establish a democratic system in the political and social life of the country while also moving toward a market economy. He was committed to seeing Hungary regain its proper role in Europe, and he felt strongly that the leader of Hungary should also be concerned with Hungarians abroad.

Of this formidable agenda he accomplished much. The recognition of the Western powers and the respect of the leaders of the neighboring states attest to this. In many significant ways Hungary under Antall made progress toward his goal: a genuine multi-party system is gearing up for the next elections, the most difficult part of the economic transition is

probably behind the country now, and even in these hard times the radical elements—almost uniquely in the region—have remained fringe elements.

Antall was a man of vision and of strong convictions. There are those who did not agree with his vision or his convictions. There are those who did not agree with the means chosen to carry these out. But all must respect him for his dedication and hard work, for putting the country ahead of personal and family considerations. He had an agenda, and he deviated little from this. Political considerations, and playing to the media or popular opinion, could not deter him from what he felt to be right and good for the country. He might not have been a clever politician, but history will no doubt acknowledge him to have been a great statesman.

by Enikő M. Basa

FELLOWSHIPS

The Social Science Research Council Committee on International Peace and Security invites applications for the *1994 Visiting Scholar Competition*. These three- to six months fellowships allow junior scholars, journalists, public servants, lawyers and others to pursue innovative research on peace and security issues at universities and major research centers outside their home regions. Applications should be completed and returned to the Council by July 15, 1994. Awards will be announced in November 1994. For info and application materials contact: Social Science Research Council Visiting Scholar Fellowship International Peace and Security 605 Third Ave. New York, NY 10158. Tel.: 212 661-0280, Fax: 212 370-7896.

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The Council on National Literatures is preparing a 1994 volume of their annual *CNL/World Report* that will feature reviews of books, focusing especially on literatures not in the mainstream. They call for books to be considered for this volume. They accept copies of books and ads of books. For more info and rates call: 718/767-8380.

Volume 17 of the Review of National Literature now features Hungarian Literature edited by Enikő M. Basa. To order, send check of \$US23 to CNL, PO. Box 81, Whitestone, NY 11357.

The International Hungarian Filology Society announces its 14th International Congress on Hungarology in Rome-Napel in Sept. 9-14, 1996. The topic of the Congress is "Hungarian culture and christianity". For more info write to or call editor of AHEA Newsletter.

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SPRING 1994

REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE

At the 19th Annual Conference of the AHEA a variety of papers were read touching on numerous aspects of Hungarian culture. For the first time in the history of the Association, the presentations were taped and will be available on an edited video from Al Bauer, 34 Edgewood Terr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807. The papers presented will also be published by the Hungarian Ministry of Education and Culture. This is thanks to Ms. Margit Pap, who attended the conference as a guest of the Association.

"20th Century Hungary and the Great Powers", traced Hungarian history from 1914 to 1956, while a contribution by Jim White of Indiana University completed the picture with comments on United States policy towards the government of Romania in recent years. In "A Troubled Past and Options for the Future" presenters looked at the possibilities offered by Hungarian history. John Schiemann of Columbia University argued that intellectuals have less of a role now than in past transformations, while Ignác Romsics (ELTE and Indiana U.) demonstrated that the system of Versailles crumpled of its own accord. No major power wants to take responsibility for the aftermath, and in this context the future could hold a promise if coop-

eration among the nations in Central Europe could lead to a resolution of the problems. The chances are slim, but all manifestations of cooperation need to be encouraged and welcomed.

The Session on Film and Literature concentrated on women: a perceptive analysis of the works of Szabó Magda by Stefan Droughon placed her in the perspective of modern literature. Catherine Portuges (U. of Massachusetts) gave a brief yet comprehensive analysis of the Hungarian film industry in post-Communist Hungary and paid tribute to the many fine documentaries which will never be seen here. Literary themes were continued in the panel on "Artists and Spokespersons" in which Gyöngyvér Harkó and Julia Eddinger's bilingual recitation of Hungarian poems from Transylvania proved to be a moving and memorable experience.

János Horváth organized a session on "The Hungarian Economy in Transition: Constraints and Prospects" in which Pál Tar, Ambassador of Hungary, shared some of the latest statistics with the audience to demonstrate that Hungarian economy has turned a corner and should be able to recover from the decline of the 1980's because the

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legal framework for an open economy is now in place and a slow but steady growth has begun while unemployment is declining. The collapse of the Eastern export coupled with depression in Western Europe hit hard, as did the need to reform the banking system so that the government will not need to bail out banks. Pál Teleki, who until recently headed Hungary's privatization office, felt that privatization did not bring in the expected revenue, and the monies brought in were unfortunately not

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MINUTES OF THE AHEA MEETING APRIL 24, 1994

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, Enikő M. Basa called the meeting of the AHEA to order at 8:45 Sunday, April 14. There was no executive committee meeting preceding the general meeting as a quorum was lacking. Katherine Gatto had sent the results of the elections which were announced: the constitutional revisions passed with one negative vote and two abstentions. Copies may be obtained from the Secretariat: E.M. Basa, P.O. Box 4103, Silver Spring, MD 20914. The officers elected for the 1994-95 term are: President: Katherine Gyekenyesi Gatto; Vice-President: Attila Lantos; Secretary: Kay Scrimger; Treasurer: Enikő Molnár Basa. The 1994-1995 Advisory Board is: Nandor Dreisziger; Klámán Magyar; Susan Glanz; Martha Pereszlényi Pinter; Károly Nagy; Peter Pastor, and Ilona Lantos.

The Minutes of the 1993 meeting having been published in the Spring 1993 American Hungarian Educator; they were not read again. No corrections or additions were noted. The Treasurer reported that income for 1993 was \$1352.64; general expenses were \$895.59; conference income was \$1891.00 with expenses amounting to \$1320.92. Donations of \$270.78 to the general expenses and \$943.00 to the conference were made by E.M. and Peter Basa. Kay Scrimger also donated \$65.00 while the American Hungarian Coalition and the Itt-Ott each donated \$100.00 to the conference. The balance in the bank thus came to \$2,216.51 for 1993, of which \$1,000.00 was transferred to the Scholarship Fund where the total now is \$3,234.91. \$100.00 had been deposited when the check from the AHC for the cancelled human rights workshop was returned.—The Executive Director noted that requests for aid and information continue to come in. Some requests are referred to other associations; some are merely answered. There are requests for private projects and for living expenses that the Association cannot address. The Secretariat maintains contacts with governmental and private organizations to keep the AHEA visible in educational and cultural circles, and we have received books (some on display at the meeting) and information from them. For the third time E.M. Basa has been asked to assist in the Fulbright orientation, this time to co-chair the Hungarian sessions. The AHEA has also worked with the Hungarian Chair at Indiana University and facilitated the building of ties with the Hungarian Embassy. Visits by Ignác Romsics to

Washington and a meeting with Éva Tárnoky were arranged. Contacts are maintained with the Soros scholars in the DC area, the National Forum Foundation, the Frost Task Force for East European Parliamentarians, etc. The 1995 Conference will be held in Montreal, Quebec, in association with the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada. It will be in early June, probably June 1-3 as it will be concurrent with the Learned Societies Conference which will provide the logistical support. We will develop the program in cooperation with George Bisztray and the Canadian group. There was some discussion on having a meeting in Canada when it is our 20th anniversary. However, we have been committed to this venue for some years, so we are asking that members make early plans to attend. Information will be sent to all members both via the newsletter and special mailings as necessary.

The 1996 conference will be on both the 40th anniversary of the 1956 Revolution and the commemoration of 1100 years of the Hungarian state. In view of this, the members felt that the meeting should be in New Jersey where the concentration of Hungarian population and scholars could be to our benefit in organizing a special event. Peter Pastor expressed a willingness to organize it, and more details will be available later. The AHEA will probably be able to go to Indiana in 1997. On the motion of Károly Nagy, the AHEA established a Hungarian History Textbook Fund. The text, or texts, will be written within a committee of the Anyanyelvi Conferencia with the cooperation of Atlantic Research Publications. The AHEA has undertaken to serve as the banker for donations which can be sent to AHEA, P.O. Box 4103, Silver Spring, MD 20914. Checks should be marked: IAHLIC History Book Fund." The AHEA will make the entire amount available as needed to the publishers. Kálmán Magyar announced the programs of our affiliate, the American Hungarian Folklore Centrum: Pontozó 94, June 4 in New Brunswick; June 25-July 2 Hungarian Dance Symposium in Pittsburgh area; and the sponsorship of Csaba Ökrös Folk Music Ensemble and Kálmán Balogh for a North American tour. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

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reinvested, thus adding to the deficit which the government now faces.

As always, a session on Pedagogy presented innovative approaches to language instruction, with Katalin Nyikos showing the importance of teaching Hungarian instructors of English to allow the students to become involved learners not just passive recipients of the language. A demonstration of Hungarolingua 2 by Andrea Honigsfeld (Debrecen Summer School) showed the way in which texts, audio tapes, video and computers can enhance language learning. A full meeting was concluded with the Culture and Civilization session which ranged from an examination of the works of Sándor Bölöni Farkas for his views on national minorities to a history of Charles Feleky and his collection. The Feleky Collection came by circuitous paths to the Library of Congress and books from it also form important segments of the collections of Columbia, Rutgers, and Indiana.

The annual meeting of the AHEA and a festive banquet com-

pleted the conference. Dr. James T. Johnson, University Director of International Programs at Rutgers spoke at the banquet on the Institute of Hungarian Studies, its predecessors, and its future. Threshold Theater Company of New York City presented "Allegretto Barbaro" on Friday evening. Géza Páskándi's "Compact Explosion, or: Winter-Summer Bing-Bong" and Ferenc Karinthy's "Bösendorfer" were presented at the Hungarian American Athletic Club and drew a large audience from the community as well as from among the conferees. The local community welcomed the conference and it was gratifying to have so many interested persons from the area attend all or some of the sessions. Another encouraging sign was the number of speakers who had not participated in earlier meetings, or who were new to the Association. We hope to see them at future conferences and hope that future conferences will continue to involve both new members, non-AHEA members, and interested local audiences.

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The AHEA has received information on the Civic Education Project which sends Western academics to teach for a year at universities in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. While there, they assist the host university with a broad range of tasks, including assessing book and journal donations. This includes assessing the needs of the recipients, identifying donors, determining whether the books reach the recipients and whether they are then made accessible to the public they are designed to serve. For further information, contact: Dr. Jonathan A. Becker, Program Officer, Civic Education Project, P.O. Box 445, Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520; E-mail: cepinc@yalevm.cis.yale.edu.

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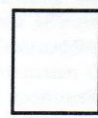
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings in the new year of '95. I hope you have enjoyed the holidays.

This year we will certainly hear even more about the Information Superhighway than during the previous years. In addition to what the Internet can contribute to teaching and learning we must also focus on other applications of computers in education. Our challenge, as educators is to explore this new electronic medium and find ways how it best can serve our profession in the future. Here I list some upcoming conferences that can be of interest to our membership.

Computer Support for Collaborative Learning '95, October 17-20, 1995, will be the first international conference devoted to the exploration of the uses of technology in collaborative forms of instruction and learning.

For more info: Office of Information Technologies, Franklin Hall 116, Indianan University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium/CALICO '95 Annual Symposium, June 19-23, 1995.

*Computers and Collaborative Learn-

ing" at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. For more info: ph: 919/660-3180, Fax: 919/660-3183.

National Educational Computing Conference will have its annual conference on "Emerging Technologies and Lifelong Learning". Baltimore, Maryland, June 17-19, 1995. Some ideas of the topics:

- University applications of learning with and about technology,
- Research and development of new educational technologies,
- Educating about computing and telecommunications,
- Technology and school restructuring,
- Technology and teacher education.

For more info contact NECC '95 ISTE 1787 Agate Str. Eugene, OR 97403-1923 or call 503/346-2834, fax: 503/346-5890 or Internet: necc95@ccmail.uoregon.edu.

Those who have access to the Internet can use different electronic services from Hungary, a number of them are from Hollosi Information Exchange. The different Internet services include:

E-mail: To get a detailed description (more than 600 lines!), send email to

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HELP@HIX.COM (There are 8 major services, I would like to mention just a few: Hirmondo — daily news (edited in Budapest) and Kepujsag — text news from the Hungarian Television .

Usenet News: You can find it under soc.culture.magyar

Gopher: You can connect to hix.elte.hu

Attila Lantos, President of AHEA

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FOUNDATION

Foundation for Székely Faluért Alapítvány has been established by:

Mr. Ödön Sándor
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to aid the Székely villages of Transylvania to purchase tractors. Working with the "Székely Faluért Alapítvány" established by Király Károly in 1993, the Foundation sees a strong economic base as a guarantee of a viable community. As is well known, the lands were restored to the former owners, but with no machinery to till them (and prohibitive rates exorted by the former state farms for rentals) this is not a solution to the problem of existence. The terms of the foundation specify that the proceeds can only be spent for tractors, and that funds will only be sent when sufficient to cover the cost of a tractor. No handling costs are assessed. The tractors being purchased are manufactured in Brasso and were recommended by local experts. They are 45-53 hp machines costing from \$5,300-\$6,000. Contributions are accepted in three ways:

-individual (or a partnership of two or more persons who agree to contribute the full cost of a tractor)

-organizational, in which an associaiton contributes the cost of a tractor

-group in which donations of any amount are sent to the above address to accumulate towards the price of a tractor.

Mr. Sándor will contribute \$500.00 to the amount donated by any organization that will undertake to purchase a tractor.

(Transsylvania, v. 35, no. 3)

TRANSLATION SERVICE: ENGLISH TO HUNGARIAN

Dénes Máthe, of Kolozsvár is seeking assignments to translate scholarly or general material from English to Hungarian. He is a teacher at the Hungarian Dept. of the Babes University in Kolozsvár, and contributor to several journals. I have asked him to do some work for me; the rates are negotiable. He is able to pick up the fee in Hungary, which is the preferred arrangement. If interested, please contact him at: 3400 Cluj, Str. Crisan Nr. 31, Romania.

RECOGNITION FOR ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Ferenc F. Androczi, retired professor of Library Science at West Virginia Wesleyan College, opened a winery in Buckhannon, West Virginia, and is now in a successful second career making Melomel, a mead from grape wine and honey. The wine was recognized in several journals, and he was also interviewed by West Virginia Public Radio. We congratulate him and wish him much success.

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The meeting will take place in the context of the Learned Societies Conference, but we
will have two days and can plan our meeting as we wish. The theme is open, so
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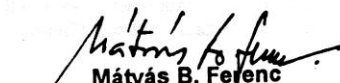
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For centuries, Kolozsvár has been a cultural centre of Hungarian statehood, of Transylvania and of Europe. Kolozsvár has played an essential role in the past and present of the Hungarian nation. The city's architectural core is of symbolic value to those, politically harassed, Hungarians who wish to remain in their native land.

What the administrators of the former totalitarian regime intent on destroying villages could not achieve, the agents of Rumanian chauvinistic nationalism are now openly trying to accomplish. Signs with the names of towns and cities are being smashed... The Rumanian parliament has again made Rumanian the compulsory language of instruction in the subjects of geography and history and imposed constraints on the operation of church schools. To this day, the first article of the Rumanian constitution makes no acknowledgement of the fact that there are nationalities living in the country other than the Rumanian nation. In sum, the idea of a nation state in Rumania is now being enforced again with a vigour surpassing anything that the communist dictatorship was able to muster up.

The mayor of Kolozsvár, renowned for his ultranationalism and cultural barbarism, has now targeted the city's main square, a place which has the official status of being part of the World Heritage. Under the pretext of starting archeological excavations to find "Roman relics", the mayor intends to destroy the sculpture of the mounted king Mátyás, a monument already defaced by an inscription falsifying history. The real objective of the planned measures is to transform the cultural and historical character of Transylvania's symbolic capital - to eliminate the Hungarian characteristics of the city centre and build, in its place, a new one advertising, with its "ancient Rumanian character", the obsession with the idea of a homogenous nation state.

Recalling the memory of the whole civilised world raising its voice against the Rumanian policy of destroying villages, we repeatedly call upon every decent citizen and institution of the Carpathian Basin, of Europe and of the entire world interested in the preservation of cultural values and achieving a future free of conflicts to protest so that we can prevent another act of cultural vandalism and falsifying history whose intention it is to drive away two and a half million Hungarians living in Transylvania.


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