

**The Péter Basa Award
American Hungarian Educators Association**

The Executive Board of the American Hungarian Educators Association
hereby presents this Award to

Katalin Vörös



whose outstanding contributions for the past two decades have left an indelible mark on the organization. She has been a very supportive and energetic organizer. The AHEA conference she hosted in Berkeley was one of the best we ever held, and certainly the one that received the most local support, both financially and in the number of people from the community attending the talks and even the banquet.

When the need for a Web presence was identified, she took the job, creating and to this day maintaining the Association's website with consistent and dedicated work and attention to detail.

Kati's absolutely unique and irreplaceable contribution to AHEA has been her role in the establishment and improvement of our journal, *Hungarian Cultural Studies*. Our journal started out as unedited Proceedings, and then several years ago when Louise Vasvári took over the editing we turned it into an open access online peer-reviewed journal. None of this would have been possible without Kati's technical expertise. After the journal's modest beginnings as a compilation of proceedings, when we decided to upgrade the scholarly presentation, Kati conducted research and consultation with various academic presses until she found a solution that was reasonably priced and compatible with our needs with the University of Pittsburgh Press. Nobody else could have pursued these negotiations to a successful conclusion and implementation as she did thanks to her persistence and mastery of the technical details. In the two years since our transition to the Pittsburgh platform, she has had to be constantly active with refinements to procedures, interacting with the Pittsburgh staff, making changes to our back issues, and posting the roughly thirty-five articles we publish each year.

Both the website and the journal are freely available, increasing the visibility of the association and providing value and prestige for the good work of members and contributors through our Web presence.

The important contributions of Katalin Vörös have shaped our Association to be accessible worldwide to scholars and others interested in Hungarian culture. Her contributions are large and sustained and demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the goals of the Association.

James P. Niessen
AHEA President

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