

The Péter Basa Award American Hungarian Educators Association

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has been an active and supporting member of the American Hungarian Educators Association since 1982. She has made our journal, *Hungarian Cultural Studies*, into a respected peer reviewed journal. Her many hours of editing, revising, and turning manuscripts into academically acceptable publishable form, as well as the organizational work of getting the journal together are admirable. She has put in many hours on the work of junior scholars and especially scholars from Hungary to make the papers conform to American scholars' expectations. Her tireless work for the journal inspires the admiration and gratitude of all who have worked with her. Her dedication to the work of young scholars, including those from Hungary, is outstanding. Open internet access to the journal (*not* restricted by a paywall) helps integrate Hungarian culture and scholarship and make it available to the entire world.

Lujzi has served several terms as Vice President of our association and has also been a frequent presenter at our conferences. She has brought fresh ideas to the AHEA board. She has been a perennial contributor in program planning, serving as chair for Cultural Studies or Literature sessions numerous times. She has helped the Program Committee to meet and discuss the program for conferences for many years, setting up the agenda and facilitating the smooth flow of discussion. She produces a preliminary outline and tentative break-down of the sessions, and frequently welcomes the Committee meetings in her home.

She has taught in Hungary with two Fulbright scholar awards for the University in Szeged and also had an appointment to the Central European University, sharing her US background and studies with the larger Hungarian and European community of scholars.

She has been supportive of the Hungarian Forum of the Modern Language Association and has also been active in the Hungarian cultural life of New York City.

For her contribution to the AHEA, and in particular for her leadership in making our journal a recognized and respected scholarly publication of which we can all be proud, we are pleased to name her as the recipient of this year's Péter Basa Award.

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