Program of the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada
At the 2014 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences
Brock University, May 24-26th, 2014

Saturday, May 24th Location: Student Alumni Centre, Skybar

18:00 - 18:15 Welcome and introduction by Agatha Schwartz, President of HSAC
18:15 - 19:30 Conference Opening Session:

“The Mingling of Borders: a Dialogue with Tamás Dobozy”
A reading and discussion with the award-winning Hungarian - Canadian author and professor of English at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario.

19:30 – 20:30 Welcome reception

Sunday, May 25th Location: International Centre 107

9:00 – 10:00 Session 1: Borders and Identities

Chair: Nándor Dreisziger
Georg Michels (U of California, Riverside): Dangerous Border Crossers: Hungarians Accused of Turkishness (Törökősség) During the Seventeenth Century
Judit Pál (Babes Bolyai U, Cluj-Napoca): A közigazgatási határok és az elitek a 19. századi Erdélyben [Elites and Borders in Public Administration in 19th century Transylvania]

10:00 – 10:30 Break and Refreshments

10:30 – 12:00 Session 2: Hungarians in Europe: Cross Border Initiatives

Chair: Steve Jobbitt
Izabella Barati Stec (Budapest Business School): Administrative centralization in Hungary in an EU context
Tamás Gémes (CTP Youth Business Program, Budapest): Entrepreneurship education across borders in Central Europe
Magdolina Velki (Kanadai Magyar Műhely, Montreal): A magyar mint idegen nyelv oktatása a közös európai referenciakeret szintjei szerint [Teaching Hungarian as a Foreign Language According to the Levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)]

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 Session 3: Historical Memory and the Birth of Environmentalism in the 19th Century

Chair: Andor Tari
Roman Holec (Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia): Nature knows no boundaries: „Discovering“ the Tatra Mountains and the birth of enviromental protection in the 19th century
Albert Zsolt Jakab (Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, Romania): Epoch, Boundary and Historical Consciousness. The Effects of the Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867 on the Commemorations in Cluj/Kolozsvár

14:30 – 15:15 Session 4: A Fine Line between Art and Technology

Chair: Judy Young Drache
Oliver Botár (U of Manitoba, Winnipeg)

15:15 – 15:30 Break and Refreshments

15:30 – 16:45 HSAC Annual General Meeting

17:00 – 19:00 Brock U President’s Reception. Location: Congress Centre (Walker Complex)

19:00 HSAC Dinner (Location: “Alphie’s Bistro” - the Faculty Club).

Monday, May 26th Location: International Centre 104

9:00 – 10:30 Session 5: Hungarian Jews Before, During, and After the Holocaust

Chair: Elizabeth Vlossak
Attila Gidó (Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, Romania): Boundaries and Ties: Changing Hungarian-Jewish Relations in 20th Century Transylvania
Agatha Schwartz (University of Ottawa): Éva Heyman, the Hungarian Anne Frank: Writing against Persecution and Trauma
Christopher Adam (Carleton U, Ottawa): Memories of the Holocaust in Canada’s Hungarian Diaspora

10:30 – 11:00 Break and refreshments

11:00 – 12.30 Session 6: Hungary’s Foreign Relations from WWI to after WWII

Chair: Oliver Botar
Joseph Imre (Policy Analyst, Government of Ontario, Toronto): Counter-Revolutionary Hungary, Burgenland and the Banat Leitha Republic
Andras Becker (U of Southampton, UK): A Step too far: The implications of the German ‘military passage’ through Hungary on the Anglo-Hungarian relationship, April 1940
Margit Balogh (Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences): „Isten szabad ege alatt”: Állami egyházpolitika és katolikus egyház a szovjet érdekszférába kerülve (1945–1948) [“Out into God’s sweet air”: Church policy and the Catholic Church in the Soviet sphere of influence, (1945-1948)]

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break
14:30 – 16:00 Session 7: The Challenges of Globalization

Chair: Agatha Schwartz


Krisztina Rácz (PhD candidate, U of Ljubljana and Visiting Fellow, U of Belgrade): Discourses and Practices of Multiculturalism: Hungarian Youth in Vojvodina

Natalya Timoshkina (Lakehead U, Orillia Campus, Ontario): Human Trafficking and Smuggling from Hungary to Canada

16:00 Closing Remarks by Agatha Schwartz current President of HSAC

16:00 – 17:00 Wine and Cheese Reception by the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences. Location: Expo Event Space.

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