

AASHH

American Association for the Study of Hungarian History

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NEWSLETTER

1. Minutes of the Business Meeting

The 2nd Business Meeting for the calendar year was held concurrently with the AAASS Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, November 23, 2002.

The meeting was chaired by Alice Freifeld and began at 10.30 am.

Topics discussed:

a. The Hungarian Archives Law.

(The law can be found at http://www.natarch.hu/mol_e.htm) Some researchers working on material relating to 20th c. history have met unexpected obstacles in doing their research. A decision was reached that Alice Freifeld will write to the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and request clarification of the law from the minister, Gábor Görgey. (<http://www.nkom.hu/>)

b. The article prize

This year's article prize committee has decided to award the prize to Robert Nemes's "The Politics of the Dance Floor: Culture and Civil Society in Nineteenth-Century Hungary," *Slavic Review* 60, #4 (Winter 2001) and Mary Gluck's "The Modernist as Primitive: The Cultural Role of Endre Ady in Fin-de-Siècle Hungary," *Austrian History Yearbook*, XXXVIII (2002).

Alice Freifeld, the ex-officio chair of the committee as the president of our organization, read the following statement.

There was a sense several years ago that as the '56 generation began to retire and communism has folded in Hungary that the mission of Hungarian historians in America has ended. It was feared that the field lacked vitality. Certainly job prospects were poor, and the prominence of Hungarian historians at conferences was dwindling. Although America's blindness toward areas that are not immediate strategic interest remains, the quality and productivity of Hungarian historians in the past two years is remarkable. The article prize committee was pleasantly surprised at the number of articles (ten) and the high quality of this work. Hungarian history will be a major force in the study of the communist era. Both the Stalinist decades and the later reform periods are being examined in a variety of imaginative ways. Hungarian cultural studies have moved beyond just introducing English speakers to Hungarian arts and literature but also reveal the political and social struggles within Hungary that often charges the arts. The fact that a Hungarian Jew, Imre Kertész has just won the Nobel Prize in literature should boost interest in Hungarian literature and film and also open up a discussion of 20th century history and culture, which I trust we will be able to enrich.

The Prize Committee found deciding on the prize for this year to be exceedingly difficult task. Committee members suggested a number of articles as their first choice. Unfortunately, the list had to be winnowed. The committee agreed to present the prize jointly to two historians: Mary Gluck and Robert Nemes.

Congratulations from all of us!

Decision was made that all articles written in English will be considered for future article prizes as long as the author is a paid-up member of this organization.

c. Nominations

The terms of two members of the executive board is expiring on December 31. Following members have been nominated for these positions:

Paul Hanebrink (Rutgers U.), Katalin Fabian (Lafayette Coll.) and Béla Bodó (U of S. Florida)
A separate email ballot will be mailed out mid-December.

d. Spring Florida Conference

With the retirement of Professor Deme, the spring Florida East and Central European conference was terminated. As the U. of Florida is in the process of introducing an EU Studies Program, the U. is open to the idea of organizing/sponsoring a conference, possibly in 2004.

e. New homepage

To increase our presence on the web, the homepage of the AASHH will move in the near future. The current website (<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~habsweb/aashh.htm>) is not controlled by us and as a result it cannot be updated easily. When a new home is found for our website we will notify everyone.

f. The 2003 AAASS Conference

The 35th Annual Conference of the AAASS will be held in Toronto. (November 20-23, 2003). The theme of the conference is "Opening Doors: Opportunities and Innovations in Scholarship and Teaching in the Post-Communist Era". The proposal submission deadline is January 15, 2003. Panel and roundtable submission forms are downloadable from <www.aaass.org>.

Each organization is permitted to sponsor one panel. The decision was made that our sponsored panel would be on Imre Kertész. If you have ideas or suggestions for this panel, please contact Alice Freifeld at freifeld@history.ufl.edu.

Another panel was proposed on Hungarian-Russian Relations. The three panel members would be Peter Hidas (Russian Intervention in 1848), Jack Tunstall (Carpathian Winter War) and Peter Pastor (Russian-Hungarian Relations in the 1930s).

If you would like to organize a panel or looking for panel participants, please email me at glanz@stjohns.edu and I will try to coordinate the panels.

g. New members

We would like to welcome those new members who attended our Business meeting.

Zsuzsa Csergo, Asst. Prof., Political Science, George Washington U. (csergo@gwu.edu)

Brigit Farley, Assoc. Prof., History, Washington State U. (farley@oregontrail.net)

Peter Kenez, Prof., History, UC Santa Cruz, (kenez@cats.ucsc.edu)

Georg Michels, Asst. Prof, History, UC Riverside, (georg.michels@ucr.edu)

Jeffrey Pennington, Researcher, Kobe U., Japan. (JAPenningt@aol.com)

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Glanz

2. Publication by our members

Federigo Aregentieri reviewed Milan Jazbec's The Diplomacies of New Small States: The Case of Slovenia with Some Comparison from the Baltics, in the Fall 2002 issue of the *Slavic Review* (p. 608)

Istvan Deak reviewed Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's A Moral Reckoning: The Role of the Catholic Church in the Holocaust and Its Unfulfilled Duty of Repair in the December 19th issue of the *New York Review of Books*.

Andrew Felkay, Yeltsin's Russia and the West, Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2002.

Johanna Granville, "1956 Reconsidered: Why Hungary and Not Poland?" in *The Slavonic and East European Review*, 1 October 2002, vol. 80, no. 4, pp. 656-687(32)
_____, "From the Archives of Warsaw and Budapest: A Comparison of Events of 1956", *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol. 16, No. 2.

Peter Pastor, "Egy második kiadás margójára" (*ÉS*, 2002 nov. 11) <http://www.es.hu/0245/index.htm>;
_____, "Viszontválasz" (*ÉS*, 2002. dec. 13)

Béla Király, "Válasz" (*ÉS*, 2002 nov. 22) <http://www.es.hu/0247/index.htm>

Eric Weaver, "The Crucified Madonna: A Semiotics of Motherland Imagery in Hungary", *Slovo*, Vol.14. (2002) p. 54-76.

_____, "Madness in the Media in Countries in Transition: An anthropological approach with marginal notes on publishing in Hungary and Serbia" in *RFE/RL East European Perspectives*, vol. 4, no. 23 (<http://www.rferl.org/eepreport/>)

Ivan Sanders translated Imre Kertész's Nobel lecture, which can be found at www.nobel.se

Ed Wynot, "Captive Faith: The Polish Orthodox Church, 1945-1989," *East European Quarterly*, 36 (2002), 3: 323-40.

Béla Bodó, Tiszazug: A Social History of a Murder Epidemic. (East European Monographs), 280 p. 2002.

In 1929, no fewer than fifty inhabitants of the Hungarian village of Tiszazug were poisoned with arsenic, ostensibly by female relatives. While focusing on the trials that resulted in several death sentences and more acquittals, Bodó places the entire case within the context of the cultural differences between urban and rural Hungarian societies and the perceptions of and prejudices against peasant culture exhibited during the several trials lasting nearly two years.

Kosztolnyik, Z. J., Hungary Under the Early Árpáds, 890s to 1063, (East European Monographs), 520 p. 2002.

György Péteri, Global Monetary Regime and National Central Banking. The case of Hungary, 1921-1929. (Center for Hungarian Studies and Publications, Inc., East European Monographs), 200 p. 2002.

Béla Király, Lee Congdon, eds. The Ideas of the Hungarian Revolution Suppressed and Victorious 1956-1999. (East European Monographs), 352 p. 2003.

3. Members participating at the AAASS Convention in Pittsburgh

Federigo Argentieri, "Putin's Policy toward Europa and America: European Perspective" - roundtable
Bela Bodo, "The White Terror in Hungary, 1919-1921"

Zsuzsa Csergo, "'The Hungarian Status Law': A Post-Territorial Approach to Nation Building"

Andrew Felkay, "The Status Law: Does It Help or Hinder Hungary's Admission to the EU?"

Alice Freifeld, "Celebrity Monarchism as a Tool of State Definition: The House of Habsburg and Hungary in the Dualist Era"

Johanna Granville, "Kadar and the Normalization Process After the Soviet Intervention in 1956"

Beverly James, "Post-Communist Identities: The 1956 Museum and the Objectification of Memory"

Sarah Kent, "State Ritual and Ritual Parody: Croatian Student Protests in 1895 and the Faltering of Celebrity Monarchism"

Catherine Portuges, "Integrational Memory: Comparing Hungarian Cinematic Documents of World War II, 1956 and 1989"

Ferenc Tibor Zsuppan, "Terror During the Soviet Republic of 1919: The Lenin Boys".

Katalin Fabian, Peter Pastor, and György Péteri served as commentators

Edward Wynot and Louis Yurasits served as chairs.

4. Books of possible interest

Ignác Romsics, Dismantling of Historic Hungary: The Peace Treaty of Trianon, 1920.

The controversial Treaty of Trianon of 1920 whereby Hungary lost one-third of its territory and population to Romania, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia has been the focal point of Hungarian revisionism ever since its inception. This study clarifies both the character of the treaty and the bases of the controversy by reexamining the nationalities, conflicts of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, the war aims of World War I, the goals and decisions of the Paris Peace Conference, the terms of the Treaty and its execution.

Published by the Center for Hungarian Studies and Publications, Inc. and distributed by Columbia U. Press. 2002.

John C. Swanson, The Remnants of the Habsburg Monarchy, The Shaping of Modern Austria and Hungary, 1918-1922.

This study examines the Austrian and Hungarian governments' attempts to stabilize their international, domestic, and social conditions and legitimize themselves in the new European order after World War I. Austria and Hungary, as remnant states of the Austro-Hungarian empire and thus vanquished powers, were in precarious straits. Conventional wisdom, which focuses on their subsequent descent into fascism, ignores the fact that both states achieved stability by 1922; this book focuses on that achievement.

Published by the Eastern European Monographs and distributed by Columbia U. Press. 2001.

Robert Gabor and Vilmos Vass, Genuine Social Democracy Struggles against Fascism and Communism in Hungary, 1944-1948.

Published by the Eastern European Monographs and distributed by Columbia U. Press. 2001.

Andrea Pető, Women in Hungarian Politics 1945-1951. Budapest, CEU Press, 2002. 180 pages
963-9241-01-6 cloth \$39.95/£24.95; 963-9241-02-4 paperback \$21.95/£13.95.

András Gerő, László Varga, eds. Antiszemita közbeszéd Magyarországon 2001-ben/Anti-Semitic Discourse in Hungary in 2001, Budapest, Bnei Brith, 2002.

Margaret MacMillan, PARIS 1919, Six Months That Changed the World. Illustrated. 570 pp. New York: Random House. \$35.

Michael Beschloss, The Conquerors, Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941-1945. Illustrated. 377 pp. New York: Simon & Schuster. \$26.95.

Miklós Kun, Stalin - An Unknown Portrait, Budapest, CEU Press, 2003. 396 p. appr. 300 photos.

Csaba Békés, János Rainer, Malcolm Byrne, eds. [The 1956 Hungarian Revolution - A History in Documents](#). With a foreword by **Charles Gati** and an Introductory Essay by Timothy Garton Ash. Budapest, CEU Press, Dec. 2002.

5. From Béla Király's report on the recent achievements of ARP.

Az Atlantic Research and Publications közfeladat biztosítása céljából – határozatlan időre – mint kiemelkedően közhasznú KÖZALAPÍTVÁNY nyert bejegyzést.

I. Az ARP célja:

Tudományos kutatás, oktatás, közművelődéssel kapcsolatos feladatok ellátása. A humán tudományágak keretei között könyvkiadás angol és magyar nyelven. Előbbivel segíteni kívánja a magyar nemzet jó hírének világszerte való öregbítését, valamint a szomszédos nemzetekkel való békés egymás mellett élést és a jószomszédi kapcsolatok ápolását. A demokrácia fejlődésének a honvédelem kérdéseinek feltárása, ezen belül a civil-katonai szféra demokratikus elveken alapuló viszonyának ismertetése és kimunkálása.

IV. A munkát irányító kuratórium:

A magyar tudományos élet kiemelkedő tagjaiból és külföldi professzorokból áll. Chikán Attila, a BKÁE rektora; Gunst Péter, a KLTE tanszékvezetője; Hámori József, az MTA alelnöke; Horn Péter, a Kaposvári Egyetem rektora; Király Béla, a City University of New York emeritus professzora; Bennett Kovrig, a University of Toronto professzora; Kenneth Murphy professzor, a Project Syndicate (Columbia University, New York) elnöke; Niederhauser Emil akadémikus; Palánkai Tibor akadémikus, a BKÁE tanszékvezetője; R. Várkonyi Ágnes, az ELTE professzora; Veszprémy László, a Hadtörténeti Könyvtár igazgatója; Zimányi Vera, az ELTE professzora.

V. A 2002–2004. évekre szóló tervünk:

1. **Évenként nemzetközi tudományos konferencia szervezése.** A legközelebbi – 2003-ra tervezett – konferenciát három intézet közösen szándékozik megrendezni: az ARP Közalapítvány, a Zrínyi Miklós Nemzetvédelmi Egyetem és a Hungarian Research Institute of Canada (An Ancillary of the University of Toronto).
A konferencia tárgya: „Magyarok más nemzetek szabadságharcaiban és más nemzetek fiai a magyarok függetlenségi háborúiban”.
2. **Az ARP Közalapítvány publikációs programja (2002-2004):**
 - B) Kiadás alatt lévő kötetek és megjelenésük tervezett időpontja
 1. László Somlyódy (editor), *Hungarian Arts and Sciences, 1848–2000* (Nobel-díjasok, olimpiai aranyérmesek, feltalálók stb). (Nyomdára kész 2002 decemberében.)
 2. Gábor Gyáni, György Kövér and Tibor Valuch (editors), *Social History of Hungary from the Reform Era to the End of the Twentieth Century*. (Anyanyelvi lektornál van, nyomdára kész 2003 januárjában.)
 3. Domokos Kosáry, *Hungary and International Politics in 1848-1849*. (Nyomdára kész 2002 novemberében.)
 4. Emil Niederhauser, *A History of Eastern Europe since the Middle Ages*. (Angolra fordítása folyamatban, nyomdára kész 2003 májusában.)
 5. Emil Niederhauser, *The Emancipation of the Serfs in East and East-Central Europe*. (Előkészítés alatt, fordítás megkezdődik 2003 elején, nyomdára kész 2003 októberében.)
 - C) Új alsorozat indítása a „Majority–Minority Relations within Hungary and in the Neighbor States” tárgykörből
 - D) Meglévő „War and Society in East Central Europe” alsorozat folytatása

VI. Különösen figyelemre méltó kötetek (kiadásukra adományozót, szponzort vagy támogatókat keresünk):

Különböző tárgykörökben szeretnénk nagyobb publikációs projekteket megvalósítani, amelyek vagy az '56-os forradalom tanulságait tartják ébren, vagy olyan történelmi személyekkel, gondolkodókkal illetve eseményekkel foglalkoznak, amelyeknek angol nyelven való ismertetése a magyarság jó hírének öregbítéséhez nagyban hozzájárulna.

1. 1991-ben adtuk ki a XX. század legnagyobb lengyel történészének, Oscar Haleckinek a könyvét, címe: *Jadwiga of Anjou and the Rise of East Central Europe*. Ezt a magyar hercegnőből lett legnagyobb lengyel királynőt a múlt évben szentté avatta Róma. A kötetet lengyel és magyar történészek kiegészítették a szentté avatás történetével. Az így újra kiadott könyvet egy küldöttség átadná II. János Pál pápának. A bizottságban lehetne a kötet kiadását támogató adományozó, vagy több támogató.
3. Széchenyi István *Hitel* című munkájának angol nyelven való kiadása. A mű német nyelven megjelent, az angol nyelvű kiadás hézagpótló lehetne.
4. *Mátyás király életrajza* betekintést engedne abba, hogyan vált Corvin Mátyás udvara a magyar és a kelet-közép-európai reneszánsz központjává.
5. *A forradalom folytatása más eszközökkel* c. tanulmány-kötet az 1956-os forradalmi emigráció erőfeszítését mutatja be. Ezek között volt az ENSZ Ötös Bizottságának segítése az igazság feltárásában; a Forradalmi Tanács megalakulása; Nagy Imre kéziratának nyugatra csempészése; *A magyar nép védelmében* kiadása magyarul, majd angol, német, spanyol, francia és japán nyelven; magyar emigrációs szervezetek szervezése és a Szent Korona hazahozatala.

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6. Call for papers.

"Western Perception of East-European Identities", SOUTHWEST - TEXAS PCA/ACA REGIONAL MEETING, 24th Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 12-15 Feb 2003.

The panel "Western Perception of East-European Identities" accepts papers and ready panels treating any aspect of popular culture and academic thought about the construction of East-European identities in the western mind.

Details about this meeting of the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association are available on the web site where information about travel, registration, and other matters are at: <http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~swpca/>

Please send your abstracts and proposals to: Dora Panayotova, dora_panayotova@hotmail.com

7. Miscellaneous announcements

a. Teaching Fellowships in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union and Mongolia for 2003/2004. The Civic Education Project (CEP), is an NGO promoting innovation in post-communist higher education. CEP awards both Visiting and Local Faculty Fellowships to faculty, and advanced postgraduate students who have western graduate training in: economics, history, international relations, law, political science, public administration, and sociology.

CEP Local Faculty Fellows are academics from within the region, who have graduated from a North American or West European university with a postgraduate degree. CEP supports their efforts to stay in academia in their home country. Visiting Fellows are academics from outside of the region who teach at a CEP partner university for two semesters. Visiting Fellows teach in English.

All CEP Fellows also participate in CEP's academic network-building projects. Application deadline for the Visiting Faculty Fellowship: 10th January, 2003; Local Faculty Fellowship: 1st March, 2003

For more information and to download an application form please visit <http://www.cep.org.hu> or contact CEP at: Fax: 36-1-327-3221 Email: cep@cepnet.hu.



b. Please let your students know about the various graduate and Hungarian language programs at the **U. of Debrecen**. The U. offers 13 masters degree and 19 Ph. D. programs in English. The U. has a

Hungarian language program, which is offered several times a year. To find out more visit the U.'s website at <http://www.unideb.hu> or email the international admissions office intoffice@admin.unideb.hu.



c. Károly Nagy organized three programs commemorating the centenary of Gyula Illyés' birth, titled "Hungarians' Poet Laureate". On the writer's November 2 birthday the Hungarian Alumni Association sponsored Dr. Nagy's lecture and the Association's poetry recital at Rutgers University. The Hungarian Consulate General hosted the Hungarian Cultural Center's November 15 English language evening celebrating the creative genius, with Dr. Nagy's lecture titled: "Gyula Illyés: Hungarian Human Rights Champion". Actors, Nancy Nichols and Joel Leffert, of the New York Threshold Theater, read poems. The Passaic American Hungarian Museum was the host of the third program on December 1, where the lecture and the local Hungarian Literary Circle members' recitals were surrounded by the Museum's exquisite Hungarian folk art exhibit.



d. The Ohio State University's four Title VI National Resource Centers (East Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Slavic and East European) will award fellowships for Summer Quarter 2003 and Academic Year 2003-2004 FLAS fellows. Full-time graduate and professional students pursuing a course of study in advanced foreign language and area studies training are eligible to apply. A stipend of \$14,000 is awarded with the academic year fellowships and a \$2,400 stipend is awarded with the summer fellowships. In addition to the stipend, both summer and academic year fellowships cover the costs of tuition and fees. Fellowships may be used for study at OSU or other U.S. or foreign institutions. Applicants must be U.S citizens.

For Bulgarian, Czech, Modern Greek, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Turkish, Ukrainian, Uzbek, and Yiddish studies contact: Jason Vuic, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, 303 Oxley Hall, 292-8770, csees@osu.edu, www.osu.edu/csees

Applications are available from the Center or from the Office of International Affairs, 300 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43210. Applications are also available in a downloadable format at: www.osu.edu/oia (Please click on: "Grants for Faculty & Students").

Deadline for receipt of all application materials is 5:00 pm, February 7, 2003. (Applications should be mailed or hand delivered. Applications may only be faxed from overseas locations.)



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