

HSA Hungarian Studies Association

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Newsletter

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1. Business Meetings

a. AAASS Convention

The 38th National Convention of the AAASS will be held on November 16-19, 2006, in Washington, DC, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. A printed copy of the preliminary program is included in the August 2006 issue of *NewsNet* and can also be found on the AAASS' website (www.aaass.org)

Our business meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17th at 7:15 P.M. in Suite 530. Please mark your calendar. We will serve a light dinner.

Nominations for the article award.

The article award was not given in the past year. The article award committee members are Paul Hanebrink, (hanebrin@history.rutgers.edu), Árpád von Klimó (aklimo@zedat.fu-berlin.de) and Steven B. Vardy (Svardy@aol.com). The suggestion was made, and was accepted, at the last business meeting, that the award be given to young scholars. Please forward nominations to the committee.

A list of our members presenting papers at this convention:

Kadar-Lynn, Katalin (Independent Scholar) - *First Aid for Hungary*
Felkay, Andrew (Kutztown U (Emeritus)) - *How the Suez Crisis Doomed the 1956 Hungarian Uprising*
Argentieri, Federico (John Cabot U., (Italy)) - *Was the 1956 Revolution Right or Left?*
Nemes, Robert (Colgate U) - *Strangers Among Us: Soldiers, Spies, and Refugees in World War I Hungary*
Gati, Charles (Johns Hopkins U, SAIS) - *Failed Illusions: The U.S. and Hungary in 1956*
Sanders, Ivan (Columbia U) - *Strange Bedfellows: 'The Friendship of Laszlo Nemeth and Karoly Pap'*
Bodo, Bela (Grand Valley State U) - *Liberal and Socialist Press in Interwar Hungary*
Portuges, Catherine E. (U of Massachusetts, Amherst) - *Jewish Identities in Hungarian Cinema of the 1930s*
James, Beverly A. (U of New Hampshire) - *Raising the Curtain: Filmic Representations of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution in the Late Communist Era*
Harko, Gyongyver (Middlesex County College) - *Five Continents Salute the Hungarian Revolution*
Vardy, Agnes Huszar (Duquesne U) - *Quest for Freedom and Independence: Hungarian Poetry of the 1956 Revolution*
Wynot, Jr., Edward D. (Florida State U) - *Reorientation: The Polish Orthodox Church, 1945-1955*
Fabian, Katalin (Lafayette College) - *Domestic Violence Laws and Regulations in Central Europe*
Ivan, Emese (Ball State U) - *The 'Hidden Competition' of International Relations - The Changing Face of Central European Sports System*
Hanebrink, Paul A. (Rutgers U, New Brunswick) - *1956 and the Politics of Religion*

Swanson, John C. (Syracuse U, Utica College) - *The German Minority in Hungary and Its Links to Germandom in the 1930s*

Lorman, Thomas (U of Cincinnati) - *Hungary and the Sudeten German Question, 1931-1938*

Frey, David S. (US Military Academy) - *Serious Film for a Serious People. Incorporating the Masses into Hungarian Wartime Film, 1941-43*

Winters, Stanley B. (NJ Inst of Technology) - *Conflicted Partners--Czech Opposition to the U.S. Occupation of Western Bohemia in 1945*

Patterson, Patrick H. (UC, San Diego) - *Defenders of Christendom? Christian Politics and the Challenge of Islam in Europe after 1989*

Niessen, James P. (Rutgers U) - *The Persistence and Decline of German Scholarship in Hungarian Libraries, Publications, and Academy in the Twentieth Century*

Farley, Brigit A. (Washington State U, Tri-Cities) - *'We're Approaching Communism and People Have Nowhere to Live!' Restorers and the Contradictions of the Khrushchev Regime, 1960-1964*

Pastor, Peter (Montclair State U) - *The First Purged: Hungarian Victims of the Chistka in the USSR*

Nagy, Edit (U of Pecs, (Hungary)) - *Sabotage Lawsuits in Hungary 1947-1956*

Michels, Georg B. (UC, Riverside) - *Popular Revolts in the Wake of the Wesselenyi Conspiracy (1670-1678)*

Mazsu, Janos (U of Debrecen, (Hungary)) - *Aspects of the 1848 Revolution that Made the Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867 Possible*

Pittaway, Mark (The Open U (UK)) - *Culture, Political Legitimacy and the Everyday Experience of the State(s) in Hungary's Moson and Sopron Counties, 1938-1949*

Deak, Istvan (Columbia U) - *The Retribution against Heads of State and Prime Ministers: Vidkun Quisling, Ferenc Szalasi, Laszlo Bardossy, Ion Antonescu, and Philippe Petain in Court after World War II*

Freifeld, Alice (U of Florida) - *Jewish Survivors and the Hungarian War Crimes Trials*

And, the following members will serve as commentators or chairs: **Mario Fenyo, Anne Dropick, Andrew P. Fodor, Sarah Kent, Thomas Sakmyster, Zsuzsa Csergo, Attila Pok, Gabor Vermes, Judith Fai-Podlipnik, and Steven Bela Vardy.**

b. The annual business meeting concurrent with the **2007 AHA convention** has been scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2007 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Atlanta, GA, Hilton Hotel's, Paulding Room.

For more information visit the AHA's website, <http://www.historians.org/annual/2007/index.cfm>

Please mark your calendar and attend the meeting if you are at the convention!



2. Presentations, Publications, Honors

Federigo Argentieri will present two papers at upcoming European conferences commemorating 1956. "Western European Intellectuals on the Hungarian 1956" on Sep.7, 2006 at the Budapest conference organized by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

"Ungarn 1956 und Italien" at the October 4-6, 2006, Berlin conference titled "The Hungarian Revolution 1956: Context - Impact - Legend".

János Bak is one of the editors of *Decreta Regni Mediævalis Hungariæ* series. Volume 5

"The Customary Law of the Renowned Kingdom of Hungary: A Work in Three Parts, the Tripartitum" by Istvan Werboczy, Janos M. Bak, Peter Banyo, Martyn C. Rady was published by Charles Schlacks.

Istvan Deak – received an honorary doctorate from ELTE U in May 2006. Congratulations from all us.

Emese Iván will present a paper "The 1956 Revolution and the Melbourne Olympics from a Historical Perspective" at the Ottawa Conference on 1956 in October 2006.

Árpád von Klimó will chair a session at the October 4-6, 2006, Berlin conference titled "The Hungarian Revolution 1956: Context - Impact - Legend".

Charles Gáti was interviewed by *Népszabadság* on May 20, 2006. <http://www.nol.hu/cikk/404556/>

_____, *Come Clean in Hungary, Behind the '56 Revolt* was published in *The Washington Post*, Wednesday, June 21, 2006; Page A21

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/20/AR2006062001442.html?sub=AR>

_____, *Az USA segíthetett volna* was published in *Népszabadság* on June 22, 2006.

<http://www.nol.hu/cikk/408276/>

_____, *Failed Illusions: Moscow, Washington, Budapest, And the 1956 Hungarian Revolt*. Washington D.C.: Woodrow Wilson Center, 2006.

Thomas Lorman, *Hungary, 1920-1925, Istvan Bethlen and the Politics of Consolidation*

To be published by East European Monographs and distributed by Columbia U. Press, January, 2007.

This is the first book in English to comprehensively examine the crucial first five years of Istvan Bethlen's premiership when, following the catastrophe of 1918-1920, he began the reconstruction of the country. Thomas Lorman argues that from 1920 to 1925, Bethlen engaged in a protracted and closely fought struggle to restore political, social, and economic stability. Bethlen achieved his objectives by re-constructing the governing party, which had been employed so effectively by Kálmán and István Tisza prior to World War I. Like the Tisza model, Bethlen's governing party was designed not to carry through a particular ideological agenda but rather to dominate Hungarian politics, which allowed Bethlen to consolidate the regime and restore stability.

Mark Pittaway will be the keynote speaker at the Ottawa Conference on 1956 in October 2006.

Ivan Sanders' article *Cifra paloták* was published by *Élet és Irodalom* on May 26, 2006. Can be found at <http://www.es.hu/pd/display.asp?channel=PUBLICISZTIKA0621&article=2006-0528-2017-32LXHJ>.

_____'s article *Ilyen (is) a magyar?* was published by *Élet és Irodalom* on May 3, 2006. Can be found at <http://www.es.hu/pd/display.asp?channel=PUBLICISZTIKA0609&article=2006-0305-2018-00GKEU>

Andrea Pető – **Judit Szapor**: “From Teaching of a “Discriminative” Women’s History to that of Gender Studies in Hungary” in *Teaching Gender Studies in Hungary* ed. by Andrea Pető, Budapest: Ministry of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, 2006 (pp.75-85)

Zoltan **Tarr's** review of Mária Ormos' book (*Ormos Mária: A történelem vonatán. Európa és Magyarország a 20. században*. Budapest: Múlt és Jövő Könyvkiadó, 2005. ISBN 963 9512 18) - was published in *Népszava*, June 2, 2006.

Gabor Vermes, *Eighteenth-Century Hungary: Traditionalism and the Dawn of Modernity, Austrian History Yearbook 37* (2006): 121-140.

ARP Atlanti Kutató és Kiadó Közalapítvány, Bp., published 5 bulletins (small booklets) on the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. These are:

#1. Janos Rainer: Imre Nagy, the Leader and Martyr of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956

#2. **Karoly Nagy**, ed., *Significant Documents of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956*

#3, **Lee Congdon**, ed., *The Opinions of Non-Hungarian Personalities on the Hungarian Revolution of 1956*

#4, **Bela K. Kiraly**, ed., *The Responses of Foreign Governments and the United Nations to the Hungarian Revolution*

#5, Mihaly Bihari and **Béla K. Király**, eds, *The Final Victory of the Ideas of the Revolution of 1956: The Constitutional Change of Regime, and NATO and EU membership*.

Béla Király also reported that he participated/will participate in the following events, activities in memory of 1956

March 15. Interview with BBC/ARTE France, and with the St. Petersburg TV

March 28. Előadás a Pázmány Péter Egyetem angol nyelvű hallgatóknak 1956-ról.

April 1. Szöcs Géza. Szelényi András. Grant Film.

April 4. Das Erste Hessischer Rundfunk Frankfurt a.M. (Dr. Alexander Stenzel. TV. interju.)

April 5. Interju Rudolf Gruber Schwabische Zeitung / Des Bund, Bécs.

Hans-Joachim Deckert *Koelner Stadtanzeiger*, and *Mitteldeutsche Zeitung*

May 12. Tata Helyőrség Nyugállományu Klubjában: V-ik Katona Nemzedéki Találkozó. Beszéd: "A Forradalom és Szabadságharc Tíz Igazsága.

22. Wessel de Jorg Netherlands TV interju.

26. Mossfilmskaja Moszkva TV. interju J.I.Malashenkó táborniokkal való kapcsolatáról.

28. Máltai lovaggá avatás a Rend budapesti székházában.

29. A Duna TV közreműködésével Kanada TV számára interju az 50. évfordulóról.

June 1. Bali Sándor TV interju

13. Katona Zsuzsa film szerkesztő "Emlékezés Sárközy Mártára".

16. Per Nyholm dán újságíróval interju több lap számára.

22. Ebéd George W. Bush USA elnökével.

July 13. "A Tábornok" Buják Attila beszélgetése Király Bélával "168 óra" XVIII. évfolyam 28. szám.

15. Bécs Rádió számára interju Dessewffy Marianna

22 10 és 13 óra között beszélgetés 56-ról a Juventus Rádió-ban (élő adás).

24. interju *The Daily Telegraph*, London, európai szerkesztőjével David Rennie-vel.

25. interju a Moszkva ("Rosszija") TV reporterével Viktor Jerkin-nel. Tolmács Dunai Péter Népszabadság

August 2. Alex Kingsbury, *U.S. News and World Report*, interju egy külön számban való közlésre.

Sept 28. konferencia az Olasz Kulturintézetben a Centre for Democratic Transformation rendezésében

Saját előadás az első napon. Közreműködnek USA, Australia, Canada, Franciaország, Svájc, Olaszország és Svédország nagykövetségei.

30. A *Spiegel* magazin Münchenből jön interjut készíteni.

Oct. 1-3. Madrid Tóth Gábor nagykövet rendezésében Spanyol Tudományos Akadémián eszemcsere a magyar forradalomról és szabadságharcáról.

16. MTA Történettudományi Bizottsága tudományos konferenciája "Az 1956 évi magyar forradalom ötven év után" Köszöntő mondas.

19-20. Holló altábornagy konferenciája MTA Hadtörténelmi Bizottság IX. ülése.

21. Beszéd és TV interju Barcs város fő ünnepségén.

25. NATO Center, Brüsszel: A Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum mozgó kiállításának megnyitó beszéde.

26-28 Koppenhága a Magyar Nagykövetség, a Dán Kulturális Intézet és a Dán Külpolitikai Társulat közös rendezésében 26-án előadás "Az 1956-os Magyar Forradalom Jelentősége."

30. Angol nyelvű rendezvény a Magyar Tudományos Akadémia és az ARP közös szervezésében: Könyvbemutató Lee Congdon, Béla K. Király and Károly Nagy (Editors): "1956. The Hungarian Revolution and War for Independence".

Miklós M. Szabó (Rector of Miklós Zrinyi National Defense U.) "Military Higher Education in Hungary 1947-1956".

B. Scholarly Conference on "How the World Viewed the Hungarian Revolution Then. Scholars from the USA, Romania, Serbia, Poland, and the Czech Republic".



3. Call for papers

a. **EAST CENTRAL EUROPE/L'EUROPE DU CENTRE EST** (Eine wissenschaftliche Zeitschrift - ECE), a trilingual refereed international journal of the social sciences and humanities with a focus on the region "between the Baltic and the Adriatic," invites the submission of original and high-quality articles of approximately 8,000 to 10,000 words for its next thematic issue on "Fascism in East-Central Europe: A Reappraisal."

For any scholarly material to be considered, it must be submitted via electronic mail (ece@ceu.hu) by the **December 1, 2006**. For additional information please visit Pasts Inc.'s website:

<http://www.pasts.ceu.hu/ece> or contact us at ece@ceu.hu.

b. **The European Union Studies Association (EUSA)**, (<http://www.eustudies.org/>) is the premier scholarly and professional association, worldwide, focusing on the European Union, the ongoing integration process, and transatlantic relations. Founded in 1988 (and formerly called the European Community Studies Association), EUSA now has almost 1000 members throughout North America, all EU member states, and on

all continents, representing the social sciences, the humanities, business and law practitioners, news media, and governments on both sides of the Atlantic

The EUSA Biennial International Conference will be held in Montreal, Canada (May 17-May 19, 2007) at the Le Centre Sheraton. The deadline for **receipt** of paper and panel proposals is **Friday, September 22, 2006**. The Program Committee's decision will be made by December 15, 2006. Proposals may be submitted online or by mail. (European Union Studies Association, 415 Bellefield Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, USA)

c. *Feminism and Popular Culture* conference will take place at University of Newcastle on 29th June- 1st July 2007. The focus of the Conference will interrogate how the popular and feminism has been understood, articulated and represented both in contemporary cultures and throughout history. Interdisciplinary in its approach, the conference will bring together scholars working in the arts, humanities and social sciences. As the popular straddles disciplines, an aim of this conference will be the drawing together of research that might otherwise remain discretely sited. **Please send 300-word abstracts or 1000-word panel proposals by December 1, 2006 to fempopcult@ncl.ac.uk. (<http://www.fwsa.org.uk>)**

d. 57th Political Studies Association Annual Conference, titled Europe and Global Politics, will be held April 11-13, 2007 at **University of Bath, UK**. Deadline for all paper and panel proposals is **September 30, 2006**. Submissions can only be made via the website: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/esml/conferences/psa2007/index.htm>.

e. Eleventh annual conference of the European Business History Association will be held at the University of Geneva, **September 13-15, 2007. Conference theme is "International Business, International Organizations and the Wealth of Nations"**.

The First and even more the Second World War led to increased state intervention and its international corollary, the rise of government agencies which, directly or indirectly, affected the course of international business – from the Economic and Financial Organization of the League of Nations to the WTO (World Trade Organization) and the other multiple Programs, Commissions, Organizations and Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (ILO, FAO, WHO, ITU, World Bank), as well as regional interstate agreements (ECSC, EEC and then EU in Europe, Mercosur in Latin America); to which must be added non government international movements such as ISO (International Organization for Standardization), or the World Economic Forum in Davos, but also its antithesis, the World Social Forum, or even ATTAC, not to mention a myriad of both pro- and anti-business NGOs, which haven't left the business world indifferent.

The department of economic history of the U. of Geneva invites you to send drafts for papers or sessions. While welcoming papers on all aspects of international business (exports and imports, foreign direct investment, foreign correspondents and so on) in all sectors (natural resources, manufacturing industry, trade, shipping, banking and finance, and other services), this conference would like to encourage participants to look more closely at the links between international business activities, their mediation through international organizations, and the wealth of nations.

Proposals for panels should contain the abstracts of the individual papers as well as a short summary explaining the rationale of putting these together in one panel. Suggestions for chairs and discussants of the panel will also be welcomed. Please e-mail your abstracts or panel proposals till January 15, 2007 to Gilles Forster or Ileana Radianu. Email ebha2007@histec.unige.ch (<http://www.ebha.org/conferences.html>)

f. A conference titled “Language, Discourse and Identity in Central Europe”, will be held at the U. of Southampton, UK in July 6-8, 2007. Application submission deadline is Feb 1, 2007. More info at <http://linguistlist.org/callconf/browse-conf-action.cfm?ConfID=33892>



4. Books of possible interest:

Szántó Miklós, *Életutam - Hétrendszerváltáson át* (Denis Sinor Institute for Inner Asian Studies, Special Unnumbered Volume of Indiana University Uralic & Altaic Series, 2006, Special Unnumbered Volume of Indiana University Uralic & Altaic Series, 2006, ISBN: 0-933070-55-1, 595 pages, Price: \$59.00 US. To order download and complete the order form (www.indiana.edu/~rifias) or e-mail: rifias@indiana.edu.

ISzántó Miklós neve jólismert a magyar diaspora berkeiben. 1960-tól 25 éven át a Magyarok Világszövetsége lapja, a *Magyar Hírek* főszerkesztője, az „anyanyelvi mozgalom” egyik kezdeményezője volt. 1916-ban született, 1940-től négy éven át munkaszolgálatos. A Rákosi-rendszerben, szakszervezeti vezető, minisztériumi osztályvezető. Majd leváltják és egy megyei tanácshoz kerül. Végig a művelődés területén működve volt alkalma találkozni például Rákosi Mátyással és különösen Révai Józseffel, tehát a főszereplőkkel és életrajza bepillantást nyújt a kor szövevényeibe. 1956. október-végi napjaiban, - a Köztársaság-téri, budapesti pártházban - Mező Imre mellett, dolgozik. Súlyosan megsebesül. Ez a sokk befolyásolja pályaváltását. Újságíró-szerkesztő lesz, az emigrációs- politika szakértője. Közben a magyar szociológia egyik alapítójaként dolgozik e sok vihart elszenvedett tudományterületen. Szántó érdekes képet fest a rendszerváltás reformer-mozgalmairól, az utóbbi másfél évtizedről is.

Szántó élete és munkássága különös érdeklődést kelthet az amerikai magyarság legkülönbözőbb köreiből. Ezért történt a döntés, hogy e lebilincselő korkép helyet kapjon Indiana University “Uralic and Altaic” Series-ében. Ez az első eset, hogy a több mint 170 kötetes sorozat egy magyar nyelvű könyvnek helyet adjon.

Szántó Miklós a Magyar Tudományos Akadémia szociológiai doktora és a Szociológiai Intézet nyugdíjas, de még mindig aktív tagja.

Bobbie Kalman, *Refugee Child*, NY: Crabtree Publishing Co., Hardcover, ISBN: 0-7787-2760-2;
<http://www.crabtreebooks.com/>

October 23, 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, an important event for millions of North Americans of Hungarian descent. *Refugee Child* is the compelling story of children’s author Bobbie Kalman’s experiences as a young girl during the Hungarian Revolution. A touching roller-coaster ride of emotions, Kalman writes her story from the perspective of a nine-year-old. She relives both her frightening experiences, as well as some warm and funny memories of her family, her flight to freedom, and her life-changing adventures as a refugee. (www.bobbiekalmanrefugeechild.com)

László Eörsi, *The Hungarian Revolution of 1956, Myths and Realities*.

Published by the Center for Hungarian Studies and Publication, and distributed by Columbia U. Press.

Published on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the revolution, this groundbreaking book reexamines the events of the uprising and the activities of some of its well-known participants, presenting them as historical actors rather than mythological figures.

Gergely Romsics, *Myth and Remembrance, The Dissolution of the Habsburg Empire in the Memoir Literature of the Austro-Hungarian Political Elite*.

Published by the Center for Hungarian Studies and Publication, and distributed by Columbia U. Press.

Gergely Romsics analyzes the political myths created by writers in their descriptions and explanations of the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. His work illuminates the ways in which remembrance is a social and collective process.

Tamás Krausz, *The Soviet and Hungarian Holocaust, A Comparative Essay*.

Published by the Center for Hungarian Studies and Publication, and distributed by Columbia U. Press.

Based on newly available archival sources, Krausz examines the holocaust in the Soviet Union and contrasts it with the genocide in Hungary. He studies the roots of Soviet anti-Semitism and its impact on politics before the holocaust. He also explains why the holocaust was a taboo subject in Eastern Europe before the collapse of communism.



5. 1956 websites of possible interest

http://www.kolozsy.com.au/1956/1956_kolozsy.htm
<http://www.magyarmult.externet.hu/km/gyujt/foto56/index.htm>
<http://otvenhatoskepek.fw.hu/>
<http://www.19562006.hu/kalendarium/index.php>



6. Miscellaneous

a. Gyukics Gábor műfordító, költő *Contemporary Hungarian Poetry* című angol nyelvű antológia társszerkesztője, a *Last Smile* verseskötet szerzője újabb antológia kiadására készül.

Az antológia 25 amerikai költő kb. 100 versét tartalmazza, ismerteket és ismeretleneket egyaránt, pl. Simic, Pinsky, Ira Cohen, Rita Dove. Hat év munkája fekszik az antológiában, két éve befejeződött a fordítás, de mivel nem talált támogatót a közönség segítségével kéri az antológia kiadásához. Gyukics Gábor korábbi amerikai vers antológia válogatása (Félmeztelen múzsa) a boltokból teljesen elfogyott, így ez az újabb antológia is sikerre számíthat. (gyukics@gmail.com)

b. A Princeton melletti *Grounds for Sculpture* szoborparkban 2006 áprilisa óta Hollósy Gyuri magyar szobrász Kathy B elnevezésű szobra állandó kiállításra került. **Harkó Gyöngyvér** és Sohár István riportja Hollósy Gyuriról <http://www.gimagine.com> honlapon található.

[18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619 (Tel: (609-586-0616)]

Hollósy Gyuri szoborterv kompozíciója egy 1956-os emlékmű, melyet az Amerikai Magyar Szövetség felkérésére készített és amely az AMSZ honlapján található:

http://www.americanhungarianfederation.org/images/hollosoy_1956_statue_lg.JPG

c. ASECS Women's Caucus Editing and Translation Fellowship

The ASECS Women's Caucus Editing and Translation Fellowship, is an annual award of \$1000 to support an editing or a translation work in progress on a feminist or a Women's Studies subject. The award is open to all members of ASECS who have received a PhD. The award is meant to fund works in progress, commensurate in scope from a scholarly article-length project to a longer scholarly and/or a classroom edition with a strong scholarly basis for which research and work is well under way, rather than work that is already completed.

To be eligible for the prize, projects must translate and/or edit works by women writers or works that significantly advance our understanding of women's experiences in the eighteenth century or offer a feminist analysis of any aspect of eighteenth-century culture and/or society.

Applications must include a curriculum vita, a 3-5-page proposal outlining the project, two letters of recommendation sent directly by the referees to the ASECS office, and a budget explaining the candidate's plans for using the funds. Send 5 copies of eligible proposals directly to the ASECS office, 2598 Reynolda Rd., Suite C, Winston-Salem, N C 27106. Submissions must be received by **January 15, 2007**.

(<http://asecs.press.jhu.edu/awards.html>)



d. Alice Freifeld received an *Aide Mémoire* of the discussions she had at the OSA Archives on March 20, 2006. Also present were Dr. Aranka Berecz, NKÖM (Nemzeti Kulturális Örökség Minisztériuma), Dr. Lajos Gecsényi, MOL (Magyar Országos Levéltár); Ferenc Künstler, NKÖM; Andras Mink, Open Society Archives; Dr. Attila Péterfalvi, adatvédelmi biztos, (Data Protection Commissioner); Dr. Máté, Szabó EKI; Dr. Iván Székely, OSA; and Dr. Sára Trócsányi, ABI

Below is a very brief summary of the discussions.

The summary of the complaint was Alice Freifeld, who wanted to do research in the Hungarian archives for the 1945-1949 and was hindered in her work. (see previous Newsletters)

The goal of the meeting was to find a solution for third country researchers to do their work and meet the data protection needs of Hungarians, and the cost of making the information anonymous.

Attila Péterfalvi and Máté Szabó were open to the solution that the researchers sign a statement (countersigned by a notary – közjegyző) of keeping personal information secret, as this can be viewed as a legally enforceable contract.

Lajos Gecsényi stated that his institution would redact the documents requested by third party researchers who must bear the cost of this work. As his institution is mandated to follow the law, if the law is judged to be outdated, it must be changed; but he cannot do it.

Ferenc Künstler stated the Archives cannot be responsible for the researchers keeping their word on data protection.

Attila Péterfalvi suggested that at the next meeting of the EU data protection commissioners this issue should be raised and a unified answer should be given. Iván Székely suggested raising the issue at the EU Council.

The solution according to Aranka Berecz and Máté Szabó is for researchers to file lawsuits in Hungarian courts. **In essence, no solution was reached.**

(Just for your information, the website of the data protection commission in Hungary is <http://abiweb.obh.hu/abi/index.php?menu=0>, and that of the EU data protection commission's is http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/fsj/privacy/index_en.htm)



e. Several Hungarian TV stations can be viewed via the internet <http://www.wwity.com/portal.htm>. Then pick Hungary from the listing on the left hand side. **Bookmark it and enjoy!**



f. Websites of possible interest from the AAASS' *Newsnet*:

a. **H-Nationalism** is a forum for conversation across academic and national frontiers. To join send email to listserv@h-net.msu.edu and only this text: sub H-Nationalism firstname lastname, institution.

b. *Spaceofidentity* is a multidisciplinary web-journal dedicated to issues of tradition, cultural boundaries and identity formation in Central and Eastern Europe. www.spaceofidentity.net

c. *Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe* is a peer-reviewed academic online journal. <http://rs.as.wvu.edu>

d. The Second World War Historical Society has a new website at www.freewebs.com/tswwhs

e. Literature Network, an online site for translations can be found at www.online-literature.com/author_index.php.



Have a great semester!

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