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## **Report on the International Public Speaking Contest 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003**

The **National Final** of the **Public Speaking Competition** took place on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> April in Budapest beginning at 11am at the Technical University's International Secondary School. Participants came from Budapest, Győr, Pécs, Miskolc, Nagykanizsa and Balatonalmádi which made the competition truly national in character.

### **The 'B' Final**

Runners up from each region were eligible for the 'B' final held from 11 am. The format was exactly the same as that for the later 'full' or 'A' final with the winners going into the afternoon 'A' final. There were



seven contestants altogether in the 'B' final; Hudák Zsuzsa, Horváth Valéria and Sun Wei from the Technical University's International Secondary School, Tóth Flóra and Bacher Petra from Nagykanizsa, Kulcsár Enikő from Pécs and Czakó Balázs from Győr. Two candidates withdrew before the competition and Pécs and Balatonalmádi did not send runners up. The judges had great difficulty in deciding who to send

through to the 'A' final, however, five went forward. The unsuccessful entrants were the entrant from Győr and Bacher Petra from Nagykanizsa.

### **The 'A' Final**

This was the full final for local 'winners' and for the best in the 'B' Final. There were twelve contestants all of a very high standard. All of the contestants in the 'A' Final received a copy of the MacMillan's Essential Dictionary and a music CD from the British Council. The winners from each region were Hámori Dóra from Nagykanizsa, Gálosi Boglárka from Balatonalmádi, Szedlacsó Máté from Budapest, Takács Godó from Pécs, Juhász Viktor from Miskolc and Farkas Ádám and Kovács Lóránt both from Győr. With these were the five contestants from the 'B' final.

The chair of the judging panel was Nigel Bellingham from the British Council and he was assisted by two native speakers, Lyn Drummond an Australian and Gordon MacLean an American.

After a compelling final with each speech of a very high standard, a winner was chosen. Although the standard was high, one entrant's performance was clearly judged to be better than all of the others. The winner, who will be travelling to London for the International final on the 16<sup>th</sup> May was Horváth Valéria from Budapest.



BRITISH AIRWAYS is providing her flight and the English Speaking Union in London will provide her accommodation for the week. We wish her the very best of luck in the competition and are sure that she will represent Hungary very well.



## ***The Extra General Meeting***

The meeting was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at the Technical University of Budapest's International Secondary School in Bogdánfy u. The purpose of the meeting was to approve changes to the constitution and the administration of the ESU of Hungary to enable the submission to the court to be completed on time. The board elected at the previous general meeting in January needed to make changes recommended by the court, to whom all of the submissions had been made.

### ***Previous Constitution not submitted***

When the court was approached they informed us that the changes made at the last AGM in December 1998 had not been registered. They were very helpful and provided us with a list of requirements and gave us a reasonable deadline for completion. Márta Torda, the Chair, Ildikó Torda her daughter and Zita Stockwell, with the help of other friends and members of the ESU, in hours of work, put together all of the necessary material.

The meeting approved the changes to the constitution, listened to Steve Jones giving an account of the activities held since the AGM in January and the proposals for the future of the ESU, with its rapidly increasing membership and support.

The final item on the agenda was the election of officers and three proposals were made by Márta Torda, the Chair. Márta Torda was elected without opposition. The post of secretary was then put up for election and Barabás Miklós proposed Barczy Gizella. On finding that she was to be opposed by Apagyi Katinka he withdrew this proposal indicating that he wished her to stand against the Programme Director, Steve Jones.

Apagyi Katinka and Barczy Gizella were elected to the board and the acting Chair closed the meeting.

Members receiving the newsletter will be happy to learn that activities are continuing as normal, not least with

the meeting of the Budapest branch on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. We hope we might make this a musical evening if the Hauer approves.

## ***Support us, the ESU...***

We are asking for your support. All you have to do is come along to meetings and enjoy the programme we are planning together. It is your wishes which are paramount. The programme will include a variety of events to suit all tastes.

### **Meeting of the BUDAPEST BRANCH of the ESU of HUNGARY**

at the  
**HAUER CUKRÁSZDA**  
**Budapest, Rákóczi u. 47-49**

**Meeting from 18.00 to 24.00**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2003**

To set dates for the programme for the coming year.  
To enjoy some convivial company and conversation.  
FREE, so you just pay for what you eat and drink.

**Everybody is welcome.**

#### **DIARY DATES**

<b>Győr</b> Family day out. Meet at Győr station at 10.45 am. Return around 5 pm. Bring games, ball, packed lunch etc.	<i>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</i>
<b>Budapest</b> regional meeting at the Hauer, 6 pm till late.	<i>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</i>
<b>Győr</b> Drama groups performance (3 schools) from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Gyermekek háza, Aradi vértanúk utja 23.	<i>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</i>

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