



2004

DIARY DATES

April

Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Tuesday 6th Apr
Starts at 6 pm

Budapest: Public Speaking 'B' Friday 16th Apr
final Műszaki Egyetem Nemzetközi
Gimnázium – 10 am
Public Speaking National Final
at the British Embassy, Budapest
1 pm

Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Tuesday 20th Apr
Starts at 6 pm

Local Finals ...

Over the past week there have been local finals of the Public Speaking Competition in several different areas. There are finalists now from Pécs, Szombathely, Nyíregyháza, Győr and Budapest. In addition we await results from two other areas.

Last Year 20 entrants ...

We were very happy with the event last year when Horváth Valéria from the Műszaki Egyetem Nemzetközi Gimnázium travelled to the UK as the winner of the Hungarian final.



This Year 60 entrants...

This year's event had over 60 entrants and the competition has been very much stronger with a much higher standard overall. Pécs area, with its two organisers, Edmund Dudley from Britain and Bajnai Ágnes the Oxford University Press' representative in the Pécs region, managed to get no less than 30 contestants applying which had to be whittled down to 12 for the final.

Nyíregyháza, on the first occasion in which they have taken part in the competition managed 23 entrants and produced a wonderful final held in the local music school auditorium. The organiser, Bálint Beáta, was really surprised by the response and the support from the townspeople was excellent.



Szombathely, another newcomer to the event managed 13 contestants and was organised by Kovacsné Wagner Anikó who works at the British Council's English Teaching Resource Centre.

Disappointments ...

There was a disappointing response from both Győr, organised by Mándli Szilvia and Budapest organised by Beáta Pacsnik, despite their hard work where there were only a handful of contestants. Even so, the competitions were very enjoyable events and finalists were selected.



The 'B' Final

The final for the runners up will be held at the Műszaki Egyetem Nemzetközi Gimnázium from 10am on the 16th April. It is certain that at least 2 of the contestants will go through to the main Final to be held at the British

Embassy on the afternoon of the 16th at 1pm. Oxford University Press has generously agreed to provide prizes for the contestants in the 'B' final and some for the 'A' final too. MacMillans are offering prizes for the 'A' final as have British Airways and Kékkúti (ásványvíz) – some rather nice 'T' shirts. The winner and runner up will stay in hotels in London, which will be paid by the ESU headquarters for one of the winners and by the London branch of the ESU for the other. Winners will have to pay any other expenses themselves e.g. travel on the underground, entrance to museums etc.

The National Final

Originally there was to be a judge from Britain, however, due to a death in the family they will not be able to come and the jury will consist of three members from the British Council and British Embassy.

The Ambassador, H.E. Mr. John Nichols, will be attending the event and will welcome guests. The Embassy has to be very careful about security, however, **and anyone wishing to attend (it is open to all ESU members and supporters) should contact Steve Jones by e-mail or phone and give their details so they can be added to the list.**

The Final Programme

(Please note the slightly changed times)

- 1300** *Guests arrive at the Embassy*
- 1315** *Welcome by Mr. John Nichols, H.M. Ambassador*
- 1320** *Introduction by Jim McGrath, Director of the British Council*
- 1330** *First speaker*
- 1500** *Judges make their decision – address (?) from the Chair of the ESU*
- 1515** *Presentation of Certificates and prizes*
- 1530** *Finish*

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Simplified rules of the competition

- The speakers have between 4 minutes 15 seconds and 5 minutes 45 s to complete their speech.
- There will be warning bells at 4 minutes 15 s, 5 minutes and 5 minutes 45s.
- Speakers should remain in one place on the floor.
- Competitors should speak on the topic 'The Borderless World'
- Competitors will be asked to hand in a form with their name and school as it should appear on the certificate.

Judging

The judges will make a decision on the basis of the criteria specified for the competition and their decision will be final. Results will not be published, though a general de-briefing will be given by the chair of the judging panel.

'Singlish Folk'

Presents an
Evening of Songs in English
at

The HAUER Cukrászda
Rákóczi út 47-49
(near Blaha Lujza tér)
on

Tuesday 20th April

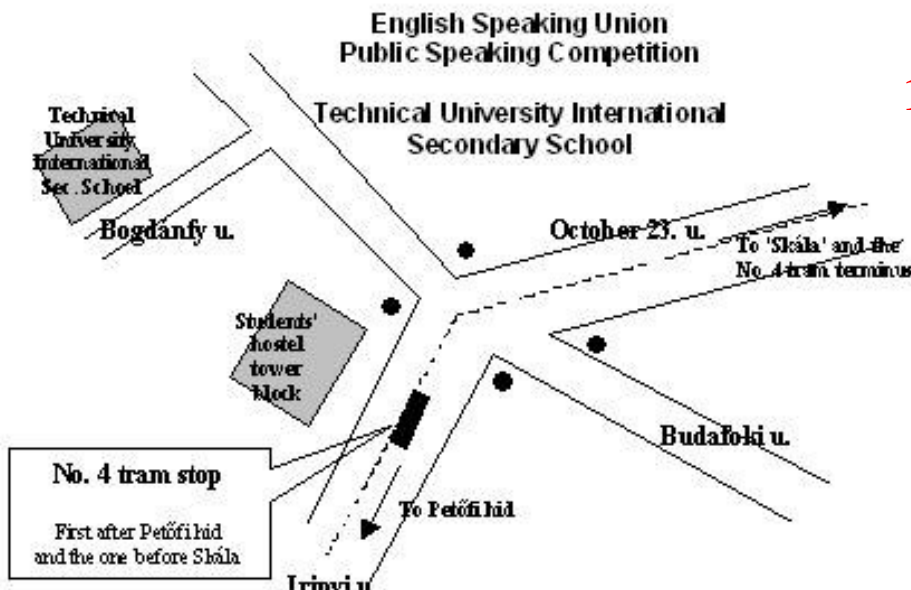
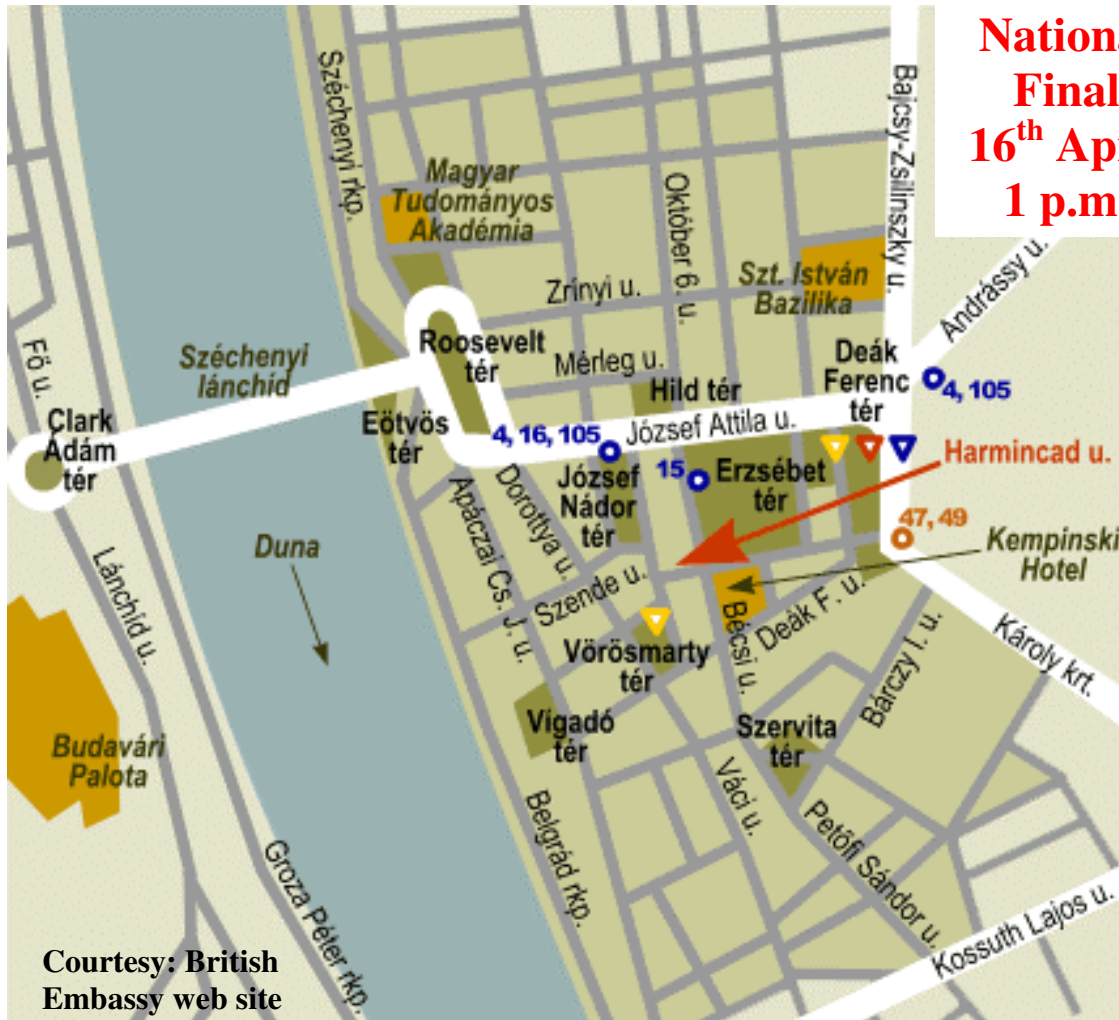
at 6 pm

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'B' Final
16th April
10 a.m.