



## The Public Speaking Contest The Finals - 16th April 2004

After much planning the finals of the competition were held at the British Embassy in Budapest. In addition to the ten finalists, there were more than thirty guests from the ESU countrywide, including teachers and our sponsors, MacMillans and Oxford University Press, who supplied the prizes for the final.

### The New Patron ...



In his introductory speech, the Ambassador, Mr. John Nichols, was pleased to accept honorary membership and also the position as patron of the organisation. The

Director of the British Council, Mr Jim McGrath then opened the event with some well chosen words on the difficulty of the English language before taking on his additional role for the afternoon, as one of the three judges. Also judging the competition were Nigel Bellingham, from the British Council, who was a judge in 2003 and Jason Moore, from the Embassy, who had been instrumental in helping to set up the afternoon's events with his colleague Georgina Szilágyi.

New ESU and Tracey Hinsby who also judged the competition in Győr.

#### Contestants

<b>Füredi</b>	Eszter	Győr
<b>Hory</b>	Dávid	Nyíregyháza
<b>Hudák</b>	Zsuzsanna	Érd
<b>Mester</b>	Zsanett	Újfehértó
<b>Takács</b>	Godó	Pécs
<b>Takáts</b>	Dóra	Szombathely

The very high standard of competition made the task very difficult for the judges. Takács Godó took first place and Hudák Zsuzsanna and Füredi Eszter took the other two places in the final.



The 'B' final

Each of the contestants received a 4<sup>th</sup> edition Oxford dictionary and those who did not progress to the final also received the Oxford Guide to English Grammar.

#### 2004

#### DIARY DATES

##### April

**Budapest:** 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Starts at 6 pm

**Budapest:** English Conversation: Thursday 29th Apr  
Nyitott Műhely. Zita Stockwell

##### May

**Budapest:** 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Tuesday 4th May  
Starts at 6 pm

### The Morning Event ...

The 'B' final took place at the Műszaki Egyetem Nemzetközi Gimnázium with six participants, one each from Szombathely, Pécs, Győr, Budapest and two from Nyíregyháza. Judging were Steve Jones, Chair of the

### The Final ...

#### Contestants

<b>Bálint</b>	Anikó	Budapest
<b>Füge</b>	Kata	Pécs
<b>Füredi</b>	Eszter	Győr
<b>Gyurácz</b>	Veronika	Bük
<b>Hudák</b>	Zsuzsanna	Érd
<b>Mihalik</b>	Noémi	Nyíregyháza
<b>Mogyorósi</b>	Zsolt	Szeged
<b>Sápi</b>	Eszter	Nyíregyháza
<b>Szabó</b>	Zsuzsanna	Bábolna
<b>Takács</b>	Godó	Pécs

Each of the contestants spoke for approximately five minutes before being asked questions. The topic 'A Borderless World' was approached in ten different ways and it was remarkable how different the speeches were. The difficult task of deciding which two would go to London took some time, however, the judges came with a unanimous result in favour of Bálint Anikó, a student studying civil engineering in Budapest but originally from Nyíregyháza. Her mother and some of the family were there to see her collect her prize.

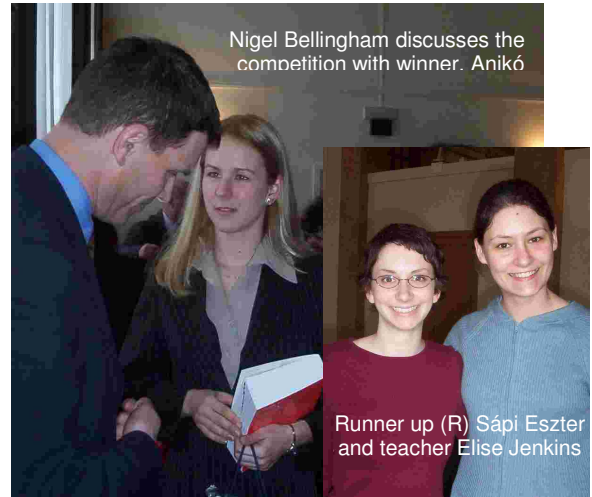
### ***A Double for Nyíregyháza ...***



Jim McGrath and winner, Aniko Balint

This was a proud moment for Nyíregyháza as the runner up, Sági Eszter, was also from the town.

The winner received a MacMillan's Advanced students' dictionary which won the International ESU award. She also received flights from British Airways and accommodation from the ESU in London. Eszter, the runner up received the same prizes and they will travel together to the final at Dartmouth House in London on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. We are confident that both will do exceptionally well in representing Hungary at the International competition.



Nigel Bellingham discusses the competition with winner, Anikó

Runner up (R) Sági Eszter and teacher Elise Jenkins

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