



The ESU Public Speaking

Competition Final 2005

At the British Embassy 15th April 2005

A huge success ...

Twelve young competitors impressed an audience of over fifty with their wonderful command of the English language.



Left: L to R: Attila Kriaster (Develor) with Máté Gőcze (Runner up), Zsófia Czeglédi (Winner - home) and Anna Laskai (Winner - Open/Overall)

Develor presented medals to the top three competitors and expressed their wish to continue to support the event in the future. Attila Kriaster was on hand to do the presentation. The ESU in the UK once again provided huge support with the London and Essex branches of the ESU offering accommodation at a hotel for our two winners who will travel to the International Final which takes place on 12th May 2005 in London.

The Judges ...

... were Jim McGrath, Director of the British Council and Chair of the panel, Simon Wilson from the British Embassy and Keith Parker from Develor. They commented on the quality of the winners and the difficulty of the choice.

Thirty Schools ...

.. and over 100 students took part in the competition. Held in two sections to ensure that those without the advantage of a bilingual education, native parents or long stays abroad still had an opportunity of winning the top prize.

Each year the number of participants has risen. From 30 in 2003 and 70 in 2004 there were no less than 120 in 2005. Perhaps we can get over 50 schools and 200 students involved next year.

'Singlish Folk'

Presents an
Evening of Songs in English
at

The HAUER Cukrászda

Rákóczi út 47-49

(near Blaha Lujza tér)

on

Tuesday 3rd and 17th May.

at 6 pm

ENTRY FREE

Everybody is welcome



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New ESU of Hungary

Further photographs and details can be found on the website www.hunenglish.net if you go to the New ESU section.

Once again we must thank our commercial sponsors Oxford University Press, Macmillans Publishers, Cambridge University Press, British Airways, Develor Management Training Inc. and Kékkúti ásványvíz.

New Dictionary ...

Oxford University Press also used the event to present their new Advanced Learner's Dictionary to all of the participants, a gesture which was well received.

2005**April**

Budapest: 'English Tea Club' - *Friday 22th Apr.*
Nytott Műhely - Starts at 6 pm –
FREE TO ALL

Budapest: 'Language Games
Night' - Hauer - Starts at 6 pm –
FREE TO ALL *Tuesday 26th Apr.*

Budapest: 'Bardroom' - Nytott
Műhely - Starts at 7.30 pm –
FREE TO ALL *Wednesday 27th Apr.*

May

Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - *Tuesday 3rd May.*
Hauer - Starts at 6 pm – **FREE**
TO ALL

Budapest: 'Yorkshire Night' - *Tuesday 10th May.*
with Ian Shires Hauer - Starts at
6 pm – **FREE TO ALL**

Applications: Globe Seminar *Deadline 12th May*
to Steve Jones

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Games Night 26th April 2005

As well as the 'Singlish Folk Nights', which have been a regular feature of the programme in Budapest, we are looking to provide some alternative evenings and this is the first.

Language Games ...

There will be different sorts of language games which should be suitable for a range of language abilities. We hope that lots of people will come and try out some of the ideas and enjoy an entertaining, not too serious, evening of English.

Yorkshire Night 10th May ...

We have a guest this evening – straight from Yorkshire via Budapest – who will attempt to put the Yorkshire and other dialects into context. We hope to be able to offer such handouts as Yorkshire 'Phrase books' and Yorkshire 'Dictionaries' for your assistance and entertainment. So 'get thi'sen 't t'Hauer on't 10th at six

an' do some larnin'. (Translation: Please come to the Hauer on the 10th at 6pm to do some studying).

Opportunities for Correspondents

**The English-Speaking Union
International Relations Conference
Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd July 2005
Oriel College, Oxford**

There are possible scholarships for this conference and those interested should contact Steve Jones for an application form and further information.

This is a conference which is suited to 30 to 35 year olds but people as young as 22 years old have been successful participants.

The New ESU supports other events and organisations

Although the organisation here in Budapest is keen to set up its own programme it is happy to support other organisations. We hope that both our members and correspondents will find these interesting and useful.

We have always tried to advertise events in our Newsletters which feature the language in its different forms as well as create a forum for all sorts of learners to practise the language.

We do not ask anyone to pay for any of our events except the Burns Supper and such events are simply organised on a cost only basis.

We would like to thank ...

... the Hauer Cukrászda on Rákóczi út for their continued support where they offer us rooms free for our meetings. We would also like to thank the Scottish Mission, Kékkúti ásványvíz, Oxford University Press, Macmillan Publishing, Cambridge University Press, Develor Inc., British Airways, the British Embassy and all of those who work so hard to organise the events.

***The ESU Shakespeare's
Globe Cultural Seminar***

14 - 20 August 2005

This one-week course will provide teachers with insights into the crafts involved in creating a production for the Globe Theatre. Participants will be introduced to Globe Education's approaches to teaching Shakespeare to students of all ages and will meet and work with Globe Theatre staff and Globe Education practitioners.

Applicants should return a completed application form which will be e-mailed to you if you contact us. This does not automatically mean that you will be awarded a scholarship. Final selection will be made by the ESU in London and all nominees will be notified directly as to whether or not they have been successful. ***All scholarship applications, from whatever ESU, will be judged against each other on the basis of merit.*** Any application form returned after the deadline will be considered at the discretion of the organisers. Nominations must be sent to London by **6 June 2005**. ***Applications from Hungary must be sent to Steve Jones to arrive by 12 May 2005.***

Scholarships cover the tuition, theatre trips, and accommodation (breakfast included) for the duration of the seminar. We are not able to cover the costs of any travel involved in getting to, or from, the seminar.

If you are currently a student, you must be enrolled in postgraduate study and able to show that this seminar would be relevant to your studies and future field of work.

Delegates are advised to ensure that they take out adequate health and travel insurance. Accommodation will be in single bedrooms but bathrooms are not en suite and will be shared between two delegates.

We regret that it is not possible to include scholars' partners in any part of the seminar.

Other Supported Events

The English Tea Club - 22nd April

... is again 'swinging into action' and will meet on the **DAY OF THE EARTH** on the 22nd April at 6pm in Nyitott Műhely in Ráth György u 4. for a chat.

We would like you and friends to come along with ideas and your plan to **SAVE THE EARTH** and your vision of the future. How we could all benefit from some new invention? Can we just act on impulse to get a better future for all of us?

There will be nibbles and all you have to do is come. The second entrance will be open so you don't have to go through the jazz evening which is so popular on Fridays!!

Contact: Zita Stockwell zitastockwell@hotmail.com

The Bardroom – 27th April

Featuring Ali Langston and Kathy Mangan

At the Nyitott Műhely, Ráth György utca 4

The reading by Kathy Mangan will be a delicious taster of American academic poetry. Mangan has been teaching American literature and creative writing for 28 years at McDaniel College in Maryland. She has published in prestigious magazines such as Gettysburg Review, Southern Review, Georgia Review, Shenandoah and Pushcart Prize. Her collection of poems, *Above the Tree Line*, was published by Carnegie Mellon University Press in 1995. One reader said it contained "vividly honest, sensual poems that deal with the losses we all share."

Florida-based Ali Langston, also known as "The World's Greatest," will be a complete contrast. He has been involved in performance poetry since his college days, when he joined a group of poets which became known as Black on Black Rhyme. He has been a successful participant in competitive poetry slams. He came first in the All Florida Listen Up Slam 2003, and in the same year he took third place at the Southern Fried Region Poetry Slam. The following year, he finished fifth in the Individual World Poetry Slam. He has recorded an album of his poems, "Signature Pieces."

Anyone with any poetry, prose, song, comedy or other type of performance to share with the audience (in English) can claim a five-minute open-mic slot by talking to one of the hosts.

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