



New ESU letter



New ESU of Hungary
Newsletter
Number 46 Dec 2006

2007
January

Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' – RBIF
Office - Starts at 6 pm – FREE
TO ALL

Tuesday 2nd Jan
Tuesday 9th Jan
Tuesday 16th Jan
Tuesday 23rd Jan

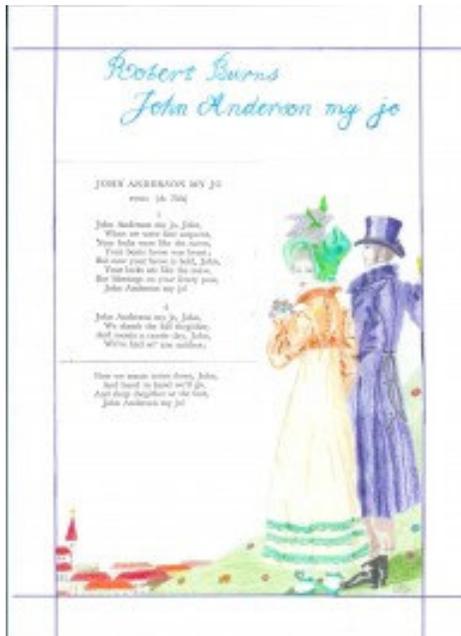
Budapest: 'Burns Supper' –
Scottish Mission – Vörösmarty
utca 51 - Starts at 7 pm – 4000
Ft which includes everything

Tuesday 30th Jan

Robert Burns International Foundation www.rbif.org Competition Winners

Students were asked to create a page for a songbook containing song words by Robert Burns.

In this case the winning entrant, Sándor Anita produced not one but several similar illustrations all of a very high standard. The jury agreed that this was the best. All of the entries, the winners and the winner's certificates can be seen on the www.singlish.hu website.



Winner: (Open Age) John Anderson My Joe by Sándor Eszter Anita from Szent-Györgyi Albert Gimnázium,

Claim Your Prize ...

The winners will be contacted but if they e-mail Steve Jones stevejones@t-online.hu we will arrange for your prizes and certificates to get to you.

We extend a big thank you to our regular major



sponsor, Oxford University Press which has offered prizes for winners in each section.

Burns Supper 2007

This year the 'Little Burns Supper' will be held on the 30th January 2007 at the Vörösmarty utca Scottish Mission. Those who wish to attend will need to contact either Steve Jones or Debbie Moss who are the organisers. Debbie will organise the members at the Mission and will be responsible for the programme whilst Steve will be organising the food, drink and pipers.

This year there will be a contribution of 4000 Ft per person to cover the cost of food, drink and entertainment. Any profit will go towards ESU and Mission work.

ESU Public Speaking

Competition 2007

"Dynamic Earth"

Each year the English Speaking Union's International Public Speaking Competition takes place in May. In 2007 the competition date is **Thursday 17th May** and the rules are the same as in previous years.

This year the title is '**Dynamic Earth**' and competitors will have to look to create a new and imaginative view on this topic.

The speech must be 5 minutes long and should be delivered using brief notes only. The New ESU of

Hungary hopes to send two to this final, subject to financial considerations. We are looking for sponsors to cover the costs of the competition locally and for the winners to travel and stay in London.

Dates and deadlines will be published in January 2007 on the www.singlish.hu website.

The rules, regulations and information for the Local competitions and the Final in Budapest are different from those for the International Final. The information for these competitions is given below.

Regulations – National and International Competitions

1. You must be **16 to 20 years** of age on **Thursday 17th May 2007**
2. You must be in full time education in a school or college.
3. You must agree to abide by the rules of the competition below.

Local and National Rules

1. You will be given the topic of your speech at least 20 minutes before you have to speak. (You have 20 minutes to plan what you have to say and may use a bi-lingual or mono-lingual dictionary but **NO OTHER MATERIAL** - any notes you make at this time may be taken into the competition hall with you)
2. Schools should supply suitable dictionaries at the local competitions.
3. You have to speak for between 1 min 45 sec and 2 min 15 sec. (A bell will ring at these two times) Note: If your speech is longer or shorter than this the judges may take this into account with their scoring. On hearing the first bell you should start to 'wind up'.
4. Teacher assistance is not permitted at any stage during the actual competition.
5. If a winner agrees to attend the final in the UK and withdraws without good reason they will be liable for any additional costs incurred as a result.

Essential Information

1. Entries should be sent through your teacher to stevejones@t-online.hu and should include your name, date of birth, name of school, school address, telephone number, fax number, mobile number, your e-mail (or teacher's e-mail)
2. The winners will be required to travel to the UK unaccompanied (there will be two winners providing we get sufficient sponsorship). As entrants have to be over 16 years of age they should be able to travel together to the UK. Whilst in the UK they will be supervised by the ESU administration and will have a full and active programme. At the end of the competition they will be able to spend the weekend with a family at no cost to themselves.

Assistance from schools and teachers

The ESU is not able to pay for rooms, teachers, expenses etc. as it is an entirely voluntary organisation. If schools can attract local sponsorship (e.g. schools, native speakers, teachers, local companies) this is quite acceptable.

If your school and teachers are able to offer a venue or their services free please let Steve Jones know.

We strongly advise all entrants to read the competition rules for the International Competition before they enter. This handbook can be downloaded in pdf format from the www.singlish.hu website.



There is a trophy (see page 2) which is presented to the winner and is on display at the Robert Burns International Foundation offices (Vaci ut 99). The New ESU of Hungary works closely in co-operation with the RBIF on matters concerning education, competitions and the English language.

Two Categories ...

... of entrants are invited; 'open' and 'home'.

Open Category

Entrants should be of the correct age (see regulations), Hungarian and in full time education but may also have had an extended education outside Hungary in a native English environment. These students would normally be excluded from Hungarian OM competitions.

Home Category

Entrants should be those who satisfy all of the normal requirements of OM competitions and the additional regulations of the competition regarding age and education.

Providing sponsorship is available, two students will travel to the UK for the competition in May. If you cannot travel or do not wish to travel to the UK for any reason there is no objection to your entering, **only you should be sure to inform us beforehand.**

The winners of the 'open' and 'home' categories will be those invited to the International Competition. It is possible that both will be from the 'home' category as the 'open' category includes all contestants.



OUP Christmas Conferences

With Ben Wetz, December 2006

Once again the OUP Conferences gave the New ESU of Hungary and the Robert Burns Foundation an opportunity to be seen by teachers.



Ben Wetz (pictured above in Pecs), the writer of the Adventures series was particularly interested in motivation in the classroom.

Attendees were also honoured with the personal appearance of Santa Claus who seemed to have several roles including singing Christmas songs at the Debrecen conference.

At the other conferences in Pécs, Szeged, Miskolc, Budapest and Győr, it was Steve Jones who presented the Christmas songs as in previous years.



There were the usual selection of local speakers doing Christmas workshops which were much appreciated by all of those attending.

It is essential that we all support Ilona Jobbágy and her OUP team who put on these conferences free of charge. This has become more difficult since the change of rules on teachers attending courses during school time.

Congratulations to the hundreds of teachers who demonstrated their support by attending.

Already there is sponsorship from Challenge travel and we hope to see more organisations coming in to ensure these conferences can continue in the long term. The RBIF is already working on competitions which would support the Christmas and other conferences.



You can help by continuing to come and by enjoying yourselves at the same time as gaining some valuable experience from the experts on offer.

Thank you to Ben Wetz, who also felt so keen on what the RBIF was doing that he left a very generous donation towards their good causes.

More information will be found on the RBIF website www.rbif.org



Contact Details: Steve Jones
Mobile: +36 30 261 7145
E-mail: stevejones@t-online.hu,
stevejones@singlish.hu
websites: www.singlish.hu,
www.rbif.org, www.bpburns.info

