



**Reminder (details on p.4)  
Extra General Meeting  
In Budapest  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at 5.00 pm**

## **Regional Organisation in Budapest**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> April there was a meeting of members from Budapest to plan an annual programme. This was held at the elegant Hauer Cukrászda, Rákóczi út 47-49, from 6 to 8 pm. As with all of our meetings it was open to all of those who were interested and attracted over thirty people from all walks of life.

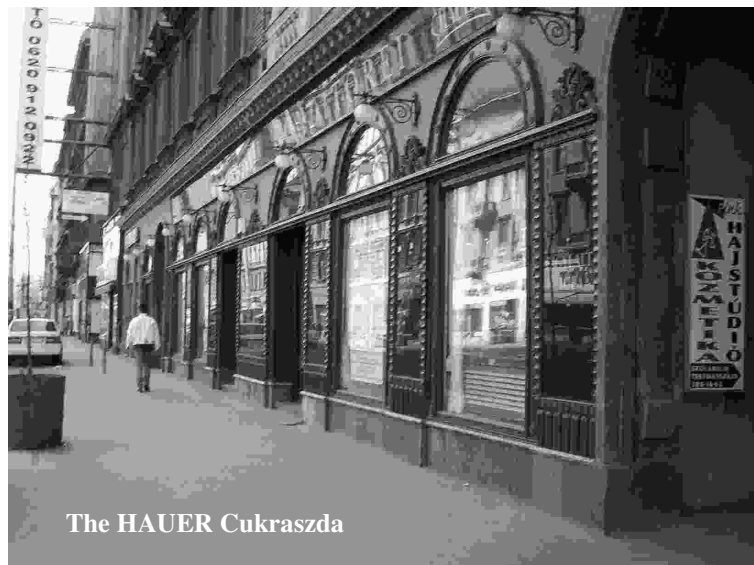
The main purpose of the meeting was to identify possible events and to establish an organising group for each event. After a round of introductions, there was a half-hour session of 'brainstorming' in groups which contained a mixture of native speakers and Hungarians. At the end of this session a plenary session brought everyone back together to summarise these ideas.

## **The ideas ...**

I'm summarising some of the main ideas here and trust that the reader will think of another thousand other possibilities. If you do please e-mail me with them. We came up with

- Talks on cultural topics with guest speakers of different nationalities (native speakers) with food, music, video and information provided
- Discussions on the news and the media
- Conversation events for language practise with paired native and Hungarian participants
- A reading club and chat club
- A 'Job fair' and a 'Book fair' or a book exchange (swapping) event

- An English language folk club with dance evenings and comedy evenings
- Theatre visits (e.g. the Merlin) or poetry readings with English speaking performers e.g. story telling, a movie evening and slide shows (topic based)
- Major events such as a Thanksgiving party, Burns Supper, Easter celebration, Christmas Party and Fancy dress parties
- Picnics in the summer
- Sports events such as Basketball, baseball, tennis, cricket, football and golf, perhaps with an ESU team
- Games evenings with chess, draughts, cards and other board games such as Mah Jong etc.
- Family events such as kids' camps with parents and children's afternoons
- A 'Native English' helpdesk to assist those who are new to Budapest with an Introduction for foreigners and other specialist briefings
- Creating an inventory of the available skills of members, e.g. lawyers, teachers of languages, those who can help with public speaking, singers and performers
- Organising visits, possibly day trips, to other cities or places of interest with guide from ESU
- Providing assistance to those who wish to improve their public speaking with assistance to competitors in the Public Speaking Competition



The HAUER Cukraszda

- Afternoon tea and conversation, conversation evening – language practise
- Organising meetings within ministries or companies to improve the general level of English use

### ***The means ...***

- There should be regular monthly meetings and we should look at advertising (Budapest Sun, our newsletter, information brochures, our web-site), the use of 'Yahoo groups' and the distribution of information generally
- We need to investigate the possibilities of fund-raising with 'pot luck', cake sales and raffles but with applications for grants from official sources and through the membership fee by expanding the membership
- We must create links with other organisations such as the British Women's Club, American Women's Club, IATEFL, various Embassies, companies and ministries

Looking at these and other possible topics we asked those at the meeting to identify themselves with something they might like to help organise. We identified the following people who offered their services:

### ***Offers of help ...***

Czakó Zoltán offered to join the internet group with a view to dealing with Yahoo groups and the distribution of information via the internet (including the newsletter). Apagyiné Joci offered to continue to contact ministry officials, particularly Medgyes Péter, regarding the ESU and to set up meetings with the administration.

Torda Ildikó offered to look at the possibility of an ESU basketball team and will discuss the possibilities with other members. Varga Judit, Szabó Andrea and Apagyiné Joci were interested in organising day trips and excursions and Peter Symmons and Lyn Drummond thought they could begin to identify areas of interest for the National theme evenings.

Helen Bergmann was interested in looking into possible discussions in English with Hungarian writers and was keen to make contacts with anyone interested in this idea. Steve Jones, Borszéki Judit and Czikai Zsuzsa were interested in the possibilities of a folk evening featuring local folk musicians.

Szabó Zoltán, a photographer was happy to offer his services by giving slide presentations on Tibet, Lake Baikal and the Badacsony wine region, perhaps with some wine tasting if it can be arranged. Apagyi Katinka arranged to assist him with the technical side but also to look at the possibility of a 'NASA' space evening.

Steve Jones and Dunai Péter were interested in setting up a programme of English language presentations by ministry workers within ministries.

### ***The future ...***

It was decided to hold another meeting to discuss progress on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2003 from 6 to 8 pm at the HAUER cukrászda. Once again, the meeting will be an open one and will discuss the scheduling of these events.

### ***You too ? ...***

These ideas and the method of achieving them should not be confined to Budapest. We would like to see regional groups in every area organised in the same way.

### ***How do we start ? ...***

Firstly you need a place to meet. Cafes are always a good place and at a slack time in the week you will get a room free.

Secondly, let us know by e-mail what you plan to do and we will put it in the newsletter. You will need to advertise locally somehow, however, you can approach your local council for support and create some notices and flyers to put around the place.

Be sure to contact your local paper, radio and T.V. and ask them to help. They can only say no. Once you have

a programme it will be much easier. Use our list here but try to make things locally flavoured.

We would love to come to your area and help, as we did recently in Pécs, but that might not be possible. We will do what we can, however. We may be able to offer expertise, but you will need to look closely at the costs of any event.

**DIARY DATES**

Public Speaking Final, Budapest	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Book Festival in Budapest Congress Conference Centre	Thur-Sun 24-27 <sup>th</sup> April
Public Speaking Final, Győr	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
British Days in Miskolc Public Speaking Final, Miskolc	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
National Public Speaking Competition Finals in Budapest	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Extra General Meeting in Budapest	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Budapest regional meeting	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May

**Photos:**

**Right. The front of the Technical University's International Secondary School**

**BUDAPEST BRANCH**  
of the  
**ESU of HUNGARY**

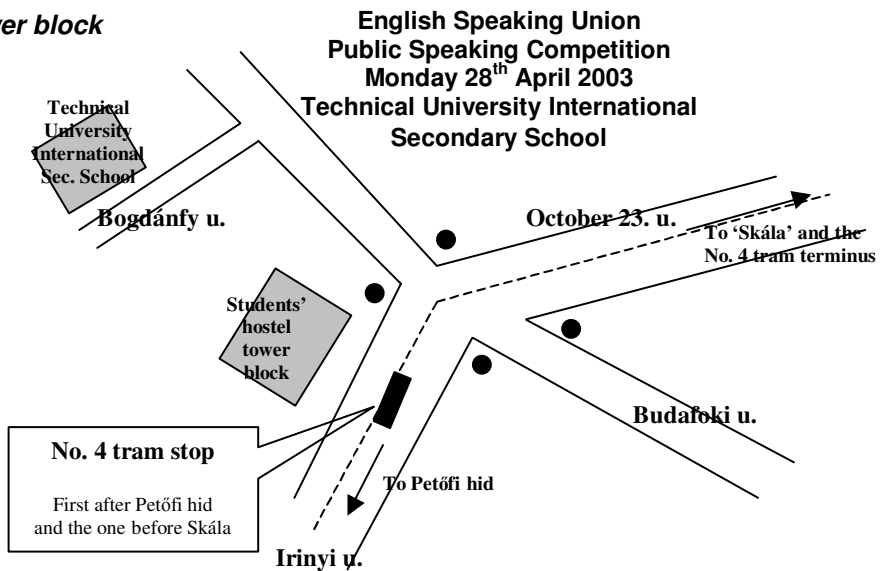
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**HAUER CUKRÁSZDA**  
Budapest, Rákóczi u. 47-49

**Meeting from 18.00 to 20.00**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2003**

To create a programme for the coming year. New faces are welcome. Contact [esu@revai.hu](mailto:esu@revai.hu)



**Below. The student hostel tower block from the same position**





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## **The International Public Speaking Contest 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003**

The *National Final* of the *Public Speaking Competition* will take place on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> April in Budapest beginning at 11am. The Technical University's International Secondary School has offered their premises and the judges will come from various neutral organisations.

I have already received confirmation from Budapest, Győr, Nagykanizsa and Balatonalmádi that they will be sending contestants. Pécs and Miskolc are yet to confirm and other regions who have shown interest are yet to confirm also.

### **'B' Final at 11 a.m.**

Notified runners up will be eligible for this contest and have the opportunity, if selected, to take part in the 'A' Final.

### **'A' Final at 2.30 p.m.**

This is the full final for local 'winners' and for the best in the 'B' Final. There will be twelve contestants in this final. All contestants in the 'A' Final get a copy of the MacMillan's Essential Dictionary and other prizes.

We are still awaiting confirmation of possible sponsorship for the International Final in London on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. BRITISH AIRWAYS has offered the flights, we await possible sponsorship for the accommodation for the accompanying adult.

## **MacMillan's Conference**

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April there was the annual MacMillan's English language teachers' methodology conference in Budapest. It took place at the Technical University and was a great success for the ESU as

several people joined the organisation and some attended the inaugural meeting of the Budapest Branch last week. Thank you again to Vanik Petra and her team for their support of the ESU, particularly of the Public Speaking Competition.

## **Extra General Meeting**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at 1700**

**at the Technical University of Budapest  
International Secondary School  
1117 Budapest, Bogdányf u. 5/b**

to which we would like to invite you. If you are not a member you may join at the meeting and will have full membership rights. The membership fee is 1000 Ft. In the event that the General Meeting is not quorate (the quorum requires that 50% plus one members have to take part in the meeting), the General Meeting will be recalled on 28th April 2003 at 17.30 at the Technical University of Budapest, International Secondary School (Budapesti Műszaki Egyetem Nemzetközi Gimnázium). The recalled General Meeting will be quorate irrespective of the number of participants.

The Agenda of the General Meeting is as follows:

1. Opening by the conducting chair
2. Report on the activities held after the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2003
3. Discussion on the changes of the constitution of the ESU and voting on the new constitution
4. Presentation of the Budget for the year 2002
5. Election of the new members of the Board
6. Presentation of the activities and tasks for the future

The changes to the constitution will be given out before the meeting.

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## **Public Speaking Criteria for judging**

### 1. SUBSTANCE (40 marks)

#### Clarity, Structure (10 marks)

- The argument has absolute clarity and excellent structure with good evidence (8)
- The argument is generally clear with good structure with some evidence (6)
- The argument lacks clarity generally but has some structure with some evidence (4)
- The argument lacks clarity and has little structure with little evidence (2)

#### Focus, Development (10 marks)

- The argument is clearly focused on the proposals and develops in a very logical manner (8)
- The argument is generally well focused and is fairly logical (6)
- The argument is deficient in focus and does not follow a logical structure (4)
- The argument lacks focus and logical structure (2)

#### Exposition (10 marks)

- The content of the speech is of high quality and is well interpreted (8)
- The content is of good quality and generally well interpreted (6)
- The content lacks quality generally with poor interpretation (4)
- The content is frivolous (2)

#### Knowledge of Subject, Balance (10 marks)

- The speaker understands the subject well and balances his argument appropriately (8)
- The speaker understands his material but presents it in an unbalanced fashion (6)
- The speaker has some knowledge of the subject (4)
- The speaker does not demonstrate a good understanding of the subject (2)

### 2. STYLE AND TECHNIQUE (30 marks)

#### Oral technique (10 marks)

- The speaker varies pitch, tone and volume, with suitable pauses to create an effective speech (8)
- The speaker shows some variation of these factors but the speech overall is not very effective (6)
- The speaker occasionally varies these factors but with little real effect (4)
- The speaker is monotonous and boring (2)

#### General (10 marks)

- The speaker maintains excellent rapport with the audience with appropriate gestures throughout (8)

- The speaker generally uses gestures and generally maintains good rapport (6)
- The speaker uses some gestures though the rapport maintained is poor (4)
- The speaker is generally inanimate and maintains no rapport with the audience (2)

#### Verbal techniques (10 marks)

- The speaker expresses him/herself using a wide vocabulary accurately with good use of analogy and rhetoric (8)
- The speaker expresses him/herself using a good vocabulary with some use of analogy and other techniques (6)
- The speaker's vocabulary is adequate with some use of analogy and other techniques (4)
- The speaker's vocabulary is very limited as are the techniques used (2)

### 3. QUESTIONS (10 marks)

- The speaker understands questions and demonstrates the ability to answer appropriately without monopolising the time permitted. Perhaps shows some degree of preparation (8)
- The speaker understands the questions and creates an appropriate response (6)
- The speaker shows some understanding without any real degree of preparedness (4)
- The speaker lacks the ability and understanding to respond appropriately to questions (2)

### 4. GENERAL EFFECTIVENESS (20 marks)

#### Attention of / relationship with audience (10 marks)

- The speaker holds the audience's attention completely and creates a bond with his audience (8)
- The speaker interacts with the audience with some success, though there is never a real bond formed (6)
- The speaker elicits some response from the audience (4)
- The speaker elicits no response or a negative response from the audience (2)

#### Use of emotion and/or humour, natural style, not over rehearsed (10 marks)

- The speaker has a natural, easy style with plenty of emotion and/or humour (8)
- The speaker has a good style and shows some humour/emotion in his presentation (6)
- The speaker's style is over prepared and wooden with limited emotion or humour (4)
- The speaker's style is monotonous and boring (2)

The marks awarded can range from 0 to 10 in any category giving a total of 100. Someone falling between two criteria may receive a mark between those given, i.e. 8,6,4 and 2.