



2004

DIARY DATES

September

Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Tuesday 14th Sept.
Starts at 6 pm

National: Chatangoljunk Tuesday 21st Sept.
Entries (mailed) to Steve Jones by

Budapest: English Club Nyitott Thursday 23rd Sept.
Mühely, Contact: Zita Stockwell
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Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Tuesday 28th Sept.
Starts at 6 pm

October

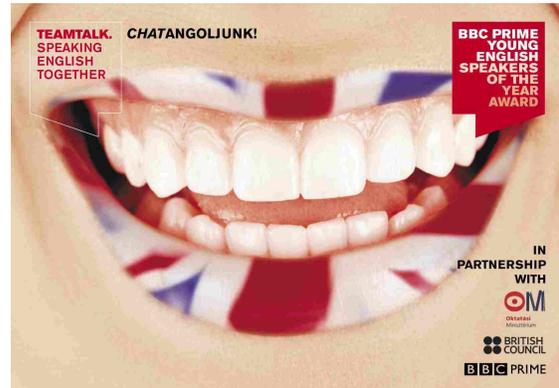
National: Chatangoljunk Week beginning
Local heats in schools ... Monday 18th Oct.

National: Chatangoljunk Week beginning
Regional finals in seven regions ... Monday 25th Oct.

November

December

Budapest: Chatangoljunk Friday 3rd Dec.
Final at Millenium Park, Budapest



CHATANGOLJUNK

The competition is now underway and you can start to plan. Sponsored by the Ministry of Education, BBC Prime and the British Council the competition will take place throughout the country with the aid of ESU members.

On the 6th September there was a press conference addressed by the joint patrons of the competition, Magyar Bálint (right), Minister of Education and Mr. John Nichols the British Ambassador, who is also patron of the ESU of Hungary. The Minister was keen to see the competition develop and expressed his keen support especially for English language programmes which are so vital to the development of Hungary in the EU.



From the UK ... Wayne Dunsford



Wayne Dunsford (left), a senior director of BBC Prime also spoke outlining the part they felt that the channel could play in the development of language through their subtitled,

English language programming.

'Singlish Folk'

Presents an
Evening of Songs in English
at

The HAUER Cukrászda

Rákóczi út 47-49

(near Blaha Lujza tér)

on

Tuesday 14th Sept.

at 6 pm

ENTRY FREE

Everybody is welcome



Supported by the
New ESU of Hungary

Information

Those who wish to take part in the competition should register their entries by e-mailing Steve Jones, who will be setting up the local and regional finals. The e-mail address is stevejones@axelero.hu.

The web site for the competition gives basic information on the competition www.chatangoljunk.hu in Hungarian. I will summarise some of the main features here for those who would like it in English.

There are three rounds planned; the first within the schools, the second regionally and the national final in Budapest.

First Round

The first round will depend very much on the number of entries but will take part in a school in your area or nearby. After the **21st September**, when the entries are all in, you will be informed which local competition you will take part in. These competitions will take place in the week beginning the **18th October**.

Second Round – Regional Finals

There will be seven regional finals (Budapest, Győr, Szeged, Szombathely, Nyiregyháza, Miskolc and Pécs) which will include students from between 7 to 10 schools. The winning team from the regional final will go forward to the final in Budapest. These regional finals will take place in the week beginning the **25th October**. Prizes have been offered by Oxford University Press and MacMillans Publishers and the events are supported by Kékkúti.

Third Round – Final

This will take place at the Millenium Park in Budapest on the **3rd December** and will be attended by several personalities. The main prize will be an English Language course for the winning team in the UK offered by King's Group (www.kingsgroup.co.uk) who have schools in Oxford, London and Bournemouth.

They are fully accredited by the British Council. Travel to the UK will be supported by EasyJet who have donated flights for the 6 members of the winning team and their teacher.

The Competition

This is a team competition. Teams consist of **SIX** members of Secondary School age, one of whom can be from a category normally excluded (native parent, education abroad etc.). Only **FIVE** will take part in the competition but the sixth is there in the event of a reserve being necessary. Each participant may take part in only **ONE** section of the competition.

Three Sections

Section 1 : the Argument: **Two students** discuss a topic from different points of view for **5 minutes**. We are looking for teamwork and an interesting debate. There is no winner or loser. There are seven areas for discussion on which the topics will be based: the Media, Environment, Human Rights, Communications and the Media, Science and Technology, the Arts and Sport.

15 to 20 minutes before their competition the participants will be given a sheet on which there is a choice of 3 subjects, each with two defined points of view. They must debate one of these 3 topics and should try to demonstrate good teamwork. They may use brief notes.

Section 2 : the Interview: A native speaker will be interviewed by **two students** from the same team. They will be given a briefing sheet completed by the interviewee 15 to 20 minutes before the competition. The interview lasts **5 minutes**.

The person being interviewed should be a native speaker or near native speaker. (In the local competition this is not essential). We are looking for teamwork between two students, one trying to discover the personal background and the other investigating the interests or professional aspects of the person.

Section 3 : the Recitation: This is to be rehearsed beforehand and the **single student** may use simple props e.g. a hat, a coat, a book, a knife. A prompter (as in the theatre) may be used but not notes. If a prompt is used, the person must be capable of doing the task properly. The recitation may last a maximum of **2 minutes**.

Scoring

The performances will be scored by separate groups of judges (panels of three of which one should be a native speaker if possible). 40% is allocated for sections 1 and 2 and 20% for section 3. The judges will be asked to give a rank order only and marks will not be given to the competitors. A debriefing may be given by the judges if the opportunity presents itself. Scores will be checked by a regional co-ordinator who will ensure that the competition is completely fair. In the event of a tie, it will be the job of the co-ordinator to make the final decision.

The British Council

The British Council, in the persons of Jim McGrath, Nigel Bellingham or Paul Clementson will be involved in the regional finals (Round 2). Jim McGrath has already taken part in our local Budapest ESU programmes and supported the Public Speaking Competition in April. Both the ESU and the British Council are keen on developing these links and creating a series of competitions which extend beyond the present restricted participation to include every corner of Hungary.



The Programme of the New ESU, Budapest will be discussed at the Hauer, on the 14th Sept., before the folk night begins. Please get along to give your ideas and offer your help.

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Helping Out!

This event is going to be much larger than the Public Speaking Competition and much more exciting. So what can you do to help?

Let People Know

It is essential that as many teachers know about the competition as possible – talk to them, help them in any way you can and let everybody know what we are doing.

Offer Your Help

You may not have a team but you may be able to help with the organisation and we will need lots of help.

Find Sponsorship

Talk to local business, schools, colleges, administrators and ask them to help by offering facilities, prizes and other incentives.

Tell the Media

Contact the TV and Radio in your areas and get the newspapers to do a spread beforehand and afterwards.

The Main Aim

... is to popularise language learning (not just English either!) and make people realise how much fun it can be and how much greater the opportunities you will have if you speak different languages.

Everone is a winner!

We also want it to be good fun for the participants – and it is the taking part which should be important, not just the winning.

**Good Luck
to all of our
participants**