

# New esu letter

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2005

Budapest: 'Dagda' - Benczúr Klúb (Bencz úr u. 27.) Starts 8 pm Friday 18th Feb.

**CORRECTION** 

Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' -Hauer - Starts at 6 pm - FREE Tuesday 22nd Feb.

TO ALL

Budapest: 'The Bardroom' -Nyitott műhely – Starts at 7.30 Wednes day 23rd Feb.

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Budapest: 'English Tea Club' -Nyitott műhely – Starts at 6 pm

Friday 25th Feb.

### Burns Supper 1st Feb. 2005

### Sell out and more ...

The 1st February was a great event in many ways and



there are many people to thank. This year we were greatly honoured as the Senior Vice President of the Robert Burns World Federation the 'Immortal Memory's peech with a distinctive brand of Scottish humour. Major (retired) John Paterson came from Scotl and

specially for the event, the first time he has visited Budapest. It will not be the last as he will attend the big charity Burns Supper next year as President.

### Pipers galore! ...

Murphy Edinburgh pictured riaht alongside our own Kéri György and Ken Mackenzie, joint organiser, piped in the haggis which was addressed by Michael Currie, pictured above.



### Hungarian Scottish Society...

Once again we have to thank the Hungarian Scottish Society for their support in providing the Haggis, cheese and their continued subsidy.



The price of 3000 Ft would have been much higher had it not been for their wholehearted support. Also, thank you Jock MacKenzie (pictured above - left in photograph with Major Paterson) and the Scottish Mission for the use of the hall and facilities, the Budapest Scottish Dance Society, members of the band Dagda who gave their services free and Debbie Moss for calling the dances, for their contribution to the night.

### The Future ESU ...

We are looking to increase the number of people involved not only attending meetings but in organising events.

We are working to develop a programme which will interest everyone who is interested in the language. If

> you have ideas for events or meetings and are willing to help to organise, please contact Steve Jones so that your ideas may be included as part of our programme.

> We will continue to advertise events which are not run by the ESU but reflect our aims. Our national programme will continue to expand so we hope those in the regions will also feel the benefit.

## Scottish Corner and the Arran Whisky

The supper was also supported by the Arran Whisky Distillery, who provided miniature bottles of the new Robert Burns Whisky for all of the guests.



## The ESU Public Speaking Competition 2005

This is the third year that the competition, for individual Hungarian students aged 16 to 20 years, has been organised since our re-launching. Each year the number of entries has increased.

### Entry and Deadlines ...

Deadline (General schools entry): 1st February 2005
Deadline (Individual names): 1st March 2005
Deadline (Complete local round): 31st March 2005
Final (British Embassy, Budapest): 1sth April 2005

Please indicate your school's interest in participation by e-mailing or phoning Steve Jones stevejones@axelero.hu with your school's information (name of school, contact person — with e-mail address, phone number etc.) or 06 30 261 7145. If you also took part in Chatangoljunk I will have details of the school but please identify yourself clearly.

Please provide students' names and ensure that you check students' details, as they must be between 16 and 20 years of age on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2005. They must be full time students and native Hungarian speakers. In the UK they will represent Hungary.

### Assistance from schools...

If your school can offer any of the following it would greatly assist us:

- 1. Native speakers for regional finals
- 2. Rooms and assistance for mounting the competition (which is very simple compared with Chatangoljunkl)
- 3. Other teachers who can help with the organisation.
- 4. Local sponsorship

#### Prizes ...

... have been offered by Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Macmillan for the Regional Competitions.

Two winners will go to the UK. The two winners are sponsored by the London and Essex branches of the ESU in Britain and by British Airways, to take part in the International Final on 12th May 2005. Theodora Quelle have again offered their support with water and some smaller prizes for the competition. We are grateful for their continued sponsorship. Jim McGrath, Director of the British Council has also offered his support.

We are looking for one winner in the 'open category' (no restriction on parenthood, education etc) and one winner in the 'home' category (educated in Hungary, native Hungarian speaking parents, less than 1 month study abroad). There will only be one competition but we will ensure that the Final contains the best of the 'home' category.

Contact details: (For both the ESU and for the Public Speaking Competition)

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## **'Singlish Folk'**

Presents an
Evening of Songs in English
at

### The HAUER Cukrászda

Rákóczi út 47-49

(near Blah a Lujza tér)

on

Tuesday 22nd Feb.

at 6 pm ENTRY FREE

Everybody is welcome



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### Statements

The following statements appear on the website and are only a suggestion as to what might be used in the competition. All of these could be used with the title 'Differences and Diversity'. They are not titles from which you should select a topic — they are simply suggestions. Please use them with your students in the classroom to develop their skills. Remember, they have only twenty minutes to prepare then they have to speak for two minutes with the notes they have made.

- 1. People are very much the same the world over.
- 2. Schools try to abolish differences and stifle diversity.
- 3. Government needs to recognise differing needs to create a more equal society
- 4. Demonstrations by the public demonstrate a healthy attitude to differences in society
- 5. Dogmatic people are essential in this society
- 6. All sports men and women should have the 'killer' instinct and wish to win at all costs
- 7. We should all have our 'hour of fame'
- 8. One man's freedom is another man's slavery
- 9. Everybody should have the same rights and responsi bilities
- 10. Fashion limits our ability to dress as we wish
- 11. Laws which protect civil liberties are a threat to
- 12. Smokers should have less right to health care than non-smokers
- 13. The only good music is classical music
- 14. Women's rights have taken away the rights of men

- 15. The TV contains too much of too little and too little of anything good
- 16. All buildings should be designed to fit into a pattern and should not be so different
- 17. Politicians should not be members of political parties
- 18. All religions are much the same and have the same basic standards
- 19. Soap operas create characters which conform to the prejudices of society
- 20. Environmentalists are born not created
- 21. All parents are the same
- 22. Newspapers are controlled by large corporations and cannot provide 'objective' news reporting
- 23. Most people would enjoy a climate with Spring all year round
- 24. Men should share all the tasks normally carried out by women
- 25. Ani mals and humans should be treated the same
- 26. Uranium is just another atom, neither better nor worse than any other
- 27. Lying is a good way to hide differences
- 28. Advertising tries to make everyone think the same
- 29. Technology prevents us doing things which are original and inventive
- 30. A holday for one person is torture for another

ENTRIES TO DATE: (on 12th February 2005) (Deadline for entry: 28th Feb 2005) – late entries may be accepted subject to space being available.

- 1. Teleki Blanka Gimnázium, Székesfehérvár, Jim Murphy
- 2. ANK, Pécs, Molnár Katalin
- 3. Avasi Gimnázium, Miskolc, Selmser Joseph
- Apáczai Secondary Grammar School, Buda pest, Szilvia Viha
- 5. Péterfy S Evang élikus Gimnázium., G yőr, Krisztina Molnár
- Türr István Gazdasági Szakközépiskola, Baja, Gombárné Szemelácz Mária
- Ternesvári Pelbárt Ferences Gimnázium és Kollégium, Esztergom, Szabó Péter
- 8. PTE Babits Mihály Gyakorló Gimnázium, Pécs, Edmund Dudley
- 9. Műszaki Egyetem Nemzetközi Gimnázium, Buda pest, Gordon McLean
- Révai Mildós Gimnázium, Győr, Miletics Proska & Mándli Szilvia
- Kanizsai Dorottya Gimnázium, Szombathel y, Lengyelné Molnár Mária
- I. Béla Gimnázium és Informati kai Középiskola, Szekszárd, Kovácsné Tóth Erika
- 13. Pásztorvölgyi, Eger, Howard Cutland and Padar Dénes
- Tatay Sándor Szakközépiskola, Székesfe hérvár, Tőzsér Katalin
- Nagy Lajos Secondary School, Szombathel y, Nagyné Lujber Ildikó
- 16. Bercsényi Miklós Középiskola, Győr, Kinga Bencze
- Pattant yus Ábrahám Géza Szakközépiskola és ÁMK., Gy, Hajnal Steiner
- Mag yar Ang ol Tannyelvű Gimnázium , Balatonalmádi, Orsolya Vándor
- 19. Tóth Árpád Gimnázium, Debrecen, Papp Eszter
- BDF Bólyai János Gy. Ált Iskola és Gim, Szombathel y, Mrs. V. Zsuzsanna Szalai
- 21. Kolumbus secondar y school, Etyek, Lajos Nagy
- 22. Madách Imre Gimnázium, Vác, Éva Chovan ecz-Molnar