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Budapest: National Final — Public Speaking Competition British Embassy - 1pm to 4pm	Friday 7th April
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# ESU International Public Speaking Competition National Final 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006 "Mapping the Global Future"

The Public Speaking Competition Final in Budapest will be like the 'Real Thing' in the UK and will be as last year.

## **Finalists**

The finalists have been selected from over 50 competitors countrywide. There were entrants from the towns of Budapest, Eger, Győr, Nyíregyháza, Pécs, Székesfehérvár, and Szombathely. There was a very high standard as always and the following were selected for the final:

#### Budapest

Berentz Annamária, Vörösmarty Mihály Gimnázium. Varga Júlia, Vörösmarty Mihály Gimnázium

#### Eger

Nikolett Kecsmár, Neumann János Gimnázium Dalma Dorkó, Neumann János Gimnázium

#### Gyõr

Portörő Ádám, Révai Miklós Gimnazium, Győr Nagy Anna, Péterfy S. Evangélikus Oktatási Központ

#### Nyiregyháza:

Polonkai Éva, Krúdy Gyula Gimnázium Gucsa Magdolna, Krúdy Gyula Gimnázium

#### Pécs

Iveszics Alexander PTE Babits Mihály Gim. és Szakk. Falusi Istvan, ANK Gimnázium Guest speaker: Stacy Fagan (U.S.A)

#### Székesfehérvár

Sipõcz Andrea, Tóparti Gimn. és Mûv.Szakközépisk.

#### Szombathely

Göde Zsófia, Bolyai Gyakorló Ált. Isk. és Gimnázium, Murányi Zsófia, Jurisich Miklós Gimnázium,

## **Sponsors**



As with previous competitions we have been sponsored by the four publishers Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, MacMillan and Pearson-Longman who will donate prizes for the final.

We hope to have sponsored flights to the UK for the two winners and have sponsorship from the ESU Essex Branch (UK) for accommodation and some travel costs.

Unlike with Chatangoljunk –Teamtalk we do not have sponsorship to run the competition so everything has been done on a voluntary basis. Thanks are due particularly to those who were organising in the regions; Borszéki Judit in Budapest, Kovácsné Wagner Anikó in Szombathely, Ed Dudley and Bajnai Ágnes with their team including huge thanks to Krista Kinnius (American Corners in Hungary) and Lehmann Magdi (PTE English

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#### Dept) for their assistance, Vass Mária in Nyíregyháza, Kosztoláné Alasztics Beáta in Győr and Barta Nóra in Eger. I will have missed out so many but we really appreciate all the effort you put in.



# Information for 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006 1pm to 4pm The Final – rules OK!

The rules for the final are as in the 2005 final and the International Final which will take place on the **19<sup>th</sup> May 2006** in London.

<u>The Speech</u>: Should be 5 minutes long. A warning will be given after 4m 15s and 5m. You will have to stop on the third bell at 5m 45s.

**The subject** of the speech is "Mapping the Global Future". You will need to write your speech and think of a title of your own, however, you can interpret the theme given in whatever way you wish.

<u>Notes</u> may be used but you will be penalised if you read the speech or if it is obviously learned word for word.

Judging will be carried out by three native speakers, who will look at the overall performance not just the language content.

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The Chairman of the Judging Panel will responsible for the result and will be independent of the organisers and all competitors. His or her decision will be final.



The names of past winners and this year's winner will be engraved on the New ESU of Hungary Trophy Shield (above) which will be on display all year either at the Embassy or at the Robert Burns International Foundation Office. The Foundation will assist in locating sponsors for the competition.

# H. M. Ambassador Mr. John Nichols

Patron and enthusiastic supporter of the ESU of Hungary and the competition, H. M. Ambassador Mr John Nichols, will be on hand to present the main prize to the two winners (open and home categories). We would like to thank Mr. Nichols once again for his support of the competition.

## Security – send your names

Because of security at the Embassy anyone wishing to attend should contact Steve Jones (+36 30 261 7145) or e-mail <u>stevejones@t-online.hu</u> who will submit a list to the Embassy. If you fail to do this you might well be refused entry.

## Who may attend?

Anyone may attend. A list will be found on the website <u>www.singlish.hu</u>. Included are the contestants and any of their supporters who might be parents, students, teachers or friends. Please e-mail an identity card number if possible too. You can also download an invitation from the website, complete it and bring it with you.



Above you can see a photograph of the winner from Nyíregyháza with some of the organisers and judges. If you have photos from your local round or take any at the final please let us have them to put on the website or to put in this newsletter.

## A New Competition for 2007?

We have seen how much everyone has enjoyed these English competitions, however, they tend to be aimed at the more able English Speakers.

We would very much like to extend the competition to include different age groups and abilities with different tasks and will soon be looking to set up an organising group.

If you are be interested in being involved in the competition as a sponsor or organiser locally please contact us with your ideas.

Although it will be about speaking in the main, we might be able to include other aspects which you might feel appropriate to English learners.

Please e-mail your suggestions and any offers of sponsorship or assistance to <u>stevejones@t-online.hu</u>.

We wish all competitors the best of luck for the finals and don't forget to e-mail your list. If in doubt send your name even if you later find you cannot come.



Budapest Local Area Final, judges and winners



Above: Map which can be downloaded from www.singlish.hu

Further information on the World Wide organisation of the English Speaking Union including the International Public Speaking Competition can be found on <u>www.esu.org</u>