



2007

February

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TO ALL Tuesday 27th Feb

March

Nationally: Public Speaking Tuesday 6th Mar
Competition' – ENTRY
DEADLINE

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Competition' – Local Tuesday 27th Mar
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April

Nationally: Public Speaking Friday 13th Apr
Competition' – National Final –
Venue to be announced

May

London: Public Speaking Thursday 17th May
Competition' – International Final

Robert Burns International Foundation www.rbif.org Competition Winners

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' was held on the 30th January 2007 at the Vörösmarty utca Scottish Mission.

The Masters of Ceremonies were Steve Jones and Aaron Stevens, the new minister and a fluent Hungarian speaker. Aaron also led the 'Selkirk Grace' which was then followed by Zoltán Magyar's Hungarian grace.

As in previous years the Address to the Haggis was made by a native Scot, in this case Neil Johnston of Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band, who had stayed over



after the 'big' Burns at the Corinthia on the 27th January. The event has always been supported by our Hungarian-Scottish piper György Kéri who was present again this year.

Sponsorship ...

The Haggis and Cheese were sponsored as in previous years by Jock MacKenzie and the Palinka by Zoltán Magyar. Also as last year the table coverings and accessories were provided by Beltex and we have to



thank Alan Rees for personally organising this and setting up the tables. The wine was provided by Varga Pince through the Robert Burns International Foundation Burns Supper Committee (Chairman Stuart McAlister) and similarly the beer by Dreher, the soft drinks by Coca Cola and the whisky by Diageo (Zwack).

The Conclusion ...

The Immortal Memory was given by Debbie Moss with the assistance of Ottó Pecsuk and David Walker who read Burns poems in Hungarian and English and songs by Hugh Conway Morris and Tom Chilton. A new innovation was the translation of the Immortal Memory into Hungarian and its projection for the Hungarian speakers.

The highlight of the evening was the Toast to the Lassies by Bob Hage, the Canadian Ambassador, followed by the reply by Jean Hage. The speeches were both original and amusing and kept the audience enthralled throughout.

The evening concluded with a display by the Budapest Scottish Dance Club and dancing with Dagda and Debbie Moss.

The event will support the Scottish Mission and the ESU Public Speaking Competition.

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 are as follows but will also be published in January 2007 on the www.singlish.hu website.

Entry Deadline – 6th March 2007

Local Competitions 7th to 27th March 2007

National Final, Budapest – 13th April 2007

International Final, London – 17th May 2007

Attendance at the International Public Speaking Competition in London, for the winners of the two categories, will only be possible if sponsorship can be found for flights and accommodation to and in the UK.

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.



Singlish Continues ...

Every week a group of dedicated English learners who also like to sing or listen to other people singing attend the 'Singlish' sessions at the Robert Burns International Foundation offices (Váci út 99).

There is no entry fee though participants often bring something edible to add to the tea and coffee available. Whilst the participants enjoy singing songs, the words of which are downloadable from the website www.singlish.hu, participants also bring along other items which are of interest to them and prepare material which they would like to offer to others.



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