

PERSONALIA



PERSONALIA 2015

The most creative stand: On the 20th Night of Museums, in a contest of 112 nominees, the stand of National Széchényi Library won the award of the most creative and original museum design. The work was designed and executed by **Lilla Sebestyén**, our colleague at the Secretariat of Research.

Bolyai Plaque: On 2 June 2015, the Bolyai Day, in the Ceremony Hall of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS), young researchers who reached the most outstanding academic achievements during their scholarship, were given honor. 15 of them were awarded the Bolyai Plaque, including **Balázs Mikusi**, Head of the Music Collection at NSZL. The awards were handed out by László Lovász, President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Among the three sample presentations representing three main areas of research, this year it was Balázs Mikusi whom the Research Scholarship Curatorium of the Academy asked to contribute. He represented Humanities and Social Sciences with his paper „*What did Haydn collect? The reconstruction of a composer's collection of music sheets*” that resumed the most important results of his 3 years' research.

Szinnyei József Award: On 20 August 2015, **Szilvia Szilágyiné Bánfi**, researcher at National Széchényi Library, was honored the Szinnyei József Award for her long-lasting and outstanding achievements in library sciences.

Széchényi Ferenc Memorial Medal: the medal was awarded to **Ilona Hegyközi**, Head of the Library of Library Sciences, on 25 November 2015.

Hungarian Heritage Award: On 19 December 2015, the cultural and intellectual heritage of Tamás Varga, teacher of mathematics, Balázs Varga literary historian and Domokos Varga writer was honored with posthumous accolade. Balázs Varga PhD was staff member of NSZL between 1977 and 1984.

Title of Doctor of the Academy:

Gábor Sarbak successfully defended his HAS doctoral dissertation *Declarationes constitutionum. Gergely Gyöngyösi and the constitution of the Paulite Order (Editio critica commentariis)*.

Krisztián Ungváry successfully defended his HAS doctoral dissertation *The Balance of the Horthy regime. Discrimination, social policy and anti-Semitism in Hungary 1919–1944*.

PhD:

Judit Papp, after successfully defending her doctoral thesis *Past and present. „Life scenes” from the 20th century. Evaluation for stock protection of the oeuvre of photographer Károly Escher and his legacy of film negatives in the Photograph Collection of National Széchényi Library*, received the PhD title. The thesis was written at the Doctoral School of the Hungarian University of Applied Arts.

Erika Garadnai, after successfully defending her doctoral thesis *Examination of the text relation system of the religious debate in Upper Hungary*, received the PhD title. The thesis was written at the Doctoral School of Literary Sciences of the Miskolc University.

Ágnes Anikó Patonai, after successfully defending her doctoral thesis *Attempts at (re)creating the national tragedy: Mór Jókai's historical dramas in the 1850s*, received the PhD title. The thesis was written at the Doctoral School of Literary Sciences of the Faculty of Humanities of the Pécs University of Sciences.

Farewell...

József Vekerdi, linguist, Indologist, literary translator, researcher, awardee of the Dayawati Modi Vishwa Sanskriti Samman Award, Bibliothecarius Emeritus and Széchényi Awardee of NSZL, passed away on the 28th of September 2015. We shall keep his memory in our hearts.

Jenő Berlász, historian, librarian, Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Honorary Lecturer of the Budapest Corvinus University, life member and Bibliothecarius Emeritus of our Library, awardee of the Hungarian Heritage Award, Citizen of Honor of the 9th district of Budapest, passed away on the 6th of December 2015. His funeral was held on 28 December 2015 in the Farkasrét Cemetery. His memory will live on.

PERSONALIA 2016

Erdődy Award: The Erdődy Award for contemporary achievements in literature, theatre and literary science was handed over on 9 February 2016 at the Institute of Literary Sciences. This year's awardee was **Beatrix Visy**, researcher at the Secretariat of Research of National Széchényi Library, for her new volume [*Surrounded by Words*].

Bibliothecaria Emerita: The award ceremony of the title Bibliothecaria Emerita took place on 29 April 2016. The award was handed over by László Tüske, Director-General of NSZL, to **Lídia Wendelin Endréné Ferenczy**, retired staff member of our Library, for her devoted life-work.

Markusovszky Award: **Dr. Sándor Dörnyei**, Bibliothecarius Emeritus of our Library, received on 4 May 2016 the Markusovszky Lajos Award of *Orvosi Hetilap* [*Medical Weekly*], for his essay *The contemporaneous press on the illness and death of Semmelweis* published in this periodical. In the previous week, he also received the certificate of merit as member of honor of the Hungarian Association of Medical History for the compilation of indispensable bibliographies for the research of the history of medicine and pharmacy.

Juhari Zsuzsanna Award: the Society for Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge and the Scientific Journalists' Club awarded a certificate of merit to the *Földabrosz* [*Cloth of the Earth*] blog run by our Map Collection staff since April 2016.

Balázs Mikusi is Vice President of IAML: the International Association of Musical Libraries (IAML), upon the members vote, elected its Vice President for the period 2016-2019 Balázs Mikusi, Head of our Musical Collection, to honor the active and constructive work he has been carrying out in the different committees of the organization.

Szinnyei József Award: on 18 August 2016, **Lajosné Bánkeszi**, Honorary Director of the Library Institute, received the József Szinnyei Award for her professional achievements.

Family-Friendly Workplace Award: on 19 July 2016, the State Secretariat of Family and Youth Affairs of the Ministry of Human Capacities awarded National Széchényi Library with the Memorial Medal and Certificate that entitle it to use the "Family-Friendly Workplace" name as the only library in the Public-Sector Institutions category.

Cross of Honor Award: the Józsefváros Town Hall honored National Széchényi Library on the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian revolution of 1956.

Awardee of the Day of the Hungarian Language: on 13 November 2016, on the Celebration Gala of the Day of the Hungarian Language, **Kornélia Vasné dr. Tóth**, researcher of our Library, was among those awarded in the Language Essays contest, and received the prize in the Celebration Hall of Pesti Vigadó.

Széchényi Ferenc Memorial Medal: the award was given on the Széchényi Memorial Day of 2016 to **Dr. Ecsedy Judit Andrásné Vízkelety**, historian of typography and bibliographer.

PhD: **Edina Zsupán** successfully defended her doctoral thesis *The Wolfenbüttel Group of Corvinas*. The thesis was written in the Ancient Studies Program of the Doctoral School of Linguistics at ELTE Faculty of Humanities.

Farewell...

Ferenc Levente P. Hervay OCist historian, librarian, teacher, holder of the of Fraknói Vilmos Award and the Széchényi Award, passed away on 8 February 2016. His funeral was held on 12 February in Zirc. His memory will live on in our hearts.

Józsefné Szeibert née Margit Szikrai certified accountant, former staff member of National Széchényi Library, passed away on 10 February 2016, at the age of 85. Her funeral was held on 7 March 2016, in the cemetery of Dunakeszi. We shall keep her memory.

Gyula Somogyváry librarian, teacher of religion and Hungarian language and literature, former staff member of National Széchényi Library, passed away on 28 February 2016. His memory shall live with us.

Magdolna Párkai Lászlóné Tőkés librarian, former staff member of National Széchényi Library, promoter and active participant of the modern specialized catalogue reform, holder of several awards, passed away on 15 February 2016, at the age of 85. Her funeral was held on 26 January 2016 in the cemetery of Sződliget. We shall keep her memory.

Magda Zimányi, founder and board member of MEK (Hungarian Electronic Library) Association, retired scientific contributor of the Institute of Particle and Nuclear Physics of the HAS Wigner Research Center of Physics, former Head of the Computer Network Center, passed away on 26 March 2016, at the age of 82. Her funeral was held on 21 April 2016, in Budapest. Her memory will live in our hearts.

Jenő Schwarcz, librarian, our former colleague passed away on 18 April 2016, at the age of 71. He worked at several libraries and was the director of the House of Culture in Pilisborosjenő before entering National Széchényi Library. He worked at NSZL for ten years until his retirement as staff member of the Centre of Surplus Books and the Book Processing Department. His funeral was held on 5 May 2016 in the cemetery of Pilisborosjenő. His memory shall live with us.

Mária Lászik, former music librarian of our Music Collection, passed away on 4 May 2016, at the age of 88. She worked for ten years at NSZL, assisting readers and researchers in our Collections of Theatre History and Music, and participating in the preparation of the fast catalogue of unprocessed musical manuscripts. She was presbyter of the Evangelical Church Community of Újpest and served for thirty years as its notary. She was leader of the Lutheránia Choir for decades. Her funeral was held on 1 June 2016 in the Megyeri Street cemetery of Budapest-Újpest. We keep her memory in our hearts.

Márta Ákom, former Head of the Periodical Processing Department at NSZL, passed away on 20 October 2016, after a serious disease, at the age of 75. After graduation, she first worked in the library of the

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and then at the Municipal Archives of Budapest. From 1976, she worked at NSZL until her retirement. She contributed greatly to the re-catalogizing of our periodical collection. Her memory will live on.

PERSONALIA 2017

Hungarian Heritage Award: the judging committee of the Hungarian Heritage Award of Hungarian Heritage and Europe Association honored the method of restoring parchment codices developed by the Restoring Laboratory of National Széchényi Library with the Hungarian Heritage Award. The prize was handed over to Ildikó Kozocsa Beöthyné and Marianne Érdi. The restorer colleagues who worked in the Corvina project of 25–30 years ago (Ildikó Kozocsa, Ágnes Ádám, Lászlóné Ballagó, Mária Czigler †, Ildikó Csillag, Csilla Farkas, Ágnes Kálmánné Horváth, Zsuzsanna Lente and Györgyi Szlabey, restorator at the University Library) all deserve to be honored for this parchment restoration method, now worldwide used. Congratulations to our colleagues!

Beautiful Book Contest of 2016: on the contest of the Hungarian Publishers' and Booksellers' Association, in the category of knowledge dissemination, our publication Iván Bertényi Jr. - László Boka (ed.): *Propaganda in World War I* was honored a certificate. The volume also won the Antall József Memorial Prize. The graphics and the page-setting were made by our colleague Judit Vincze. In the category of scientific, specialized and higher education books, the volume *The Hungarian revolution of 1956* authored by the Head of the 1956 Institute, János Rainer M, was honored a certificate. The awards were handed over on the opening day of the 88th Festive Book Week and the 16th Children's Book Days at Petőfi Literary Museum.

Szinnyei József Award: On 19 August 2017, **Zoltán Nagy**, retired staff member of National Széchényi Library, Chairman of the Technical Librarian Section of the Hungarian Librarians' Association, was honored the Szinnyei József Award on the occasion of our National Day.

Széchényi Ferenc Memorial Medal: the award was handed over on the Széchényi Memorial Day of 2017 to

Erzsébet Tokaji Nagy, from our Department of National Location Coordination and Document Supply.

PhD:

Fanni Hende successfully defended her doctoral thesis *Political representation in the Hungarian Parliaments between 1687 and 1765* and received the PhD degree. The thesis was written at the Doctoral School of History Science at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University.

Zsolt Szebelédi successfully defended his doctoral thesis *Linguistic analysis of György Szerémi's Epistola* and received the PhD degree. The thesis was written at the Doctoral School of Linguistics of Pázmány Péter Catholic University.

Eszter Konrád successfully defended her doctoral thesis *The Representation of the Saints of the Mendicant Orders in Late Medieval Hungary*. The thesis was written at the Medieval Faculty of Central European University (CEU).

Farewell...

Ilona Sarolta Zágonyi, retired staff member of National Széchényi Library passed away on 30 January 2017, at the age of 90. After spending her entire working life in the national library at the Book Processing Department and the Department of Reader and Customer Service, she also contributed to the work of the Acquisitions and Stock Registry Department during her retired years. Her funeral was held on 6 March 2017, in the Farkasrét Cemetery. Her memory shall live with us.

Klára Pesthy Endréné Palotás, retired staff member of the Centre of Surplus Books at NSZL, passed away on 24 February, at the age of 74. She worked for 36 years in the same department of the national library as title describing librarian. We keep her memory in our hearts.

Zsuzsanna di Gléria Somorjainé, retired staff member of the Book Processing Department, passed away at the age of 76, after a long illness she bore with dignity. She had been working for our Library from 1984, and after retirement, contributed as a substitute for years. She took part in the retrospective conversion of card catalogues as a core member of the final works. From 2012 to November 2016, she worked as a volunteer. Her funeral was held on 16 June 2017 in the Farkasrét Cemetery. Her memory will live in our hearts.

Béla Nyíri cameraman, staff member of NSZL, passed away on 14 June 2017. He was a staff member of the Collection of Historical Interviews from its foundation until his retirement after 30 years. He contributed as a cameraman to hundreds of life interviews, and on nearly one hundred occasions recorded the moments of importance in our library. After retirement, he continued to visit us every week to help colleagues. His funeral was held on 8 August 2017 in the Óbuda Cemetery. His memory shall live with us.

Mária Meszleny Dr. Györgyné Tremkó, our former colleague, passed away on 2 December 2017, at the age of 82. She worked at NSZL for more than twenty years, in many areas and leading positions. Several specialized periodicals published her articles, and she was an active member of the Hungarian Librarians' Association. After retirement, she wrote a novel inspired by history, summarizing the memories of her family. Her funeral Mass was held in the Mindenszentek Parish Church of Farkasrét, on 18 December 2017. We keep her memory in our hearts.