

# HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

Main Events of the 2011 Calendar Year



## The year of 2011 in a few words

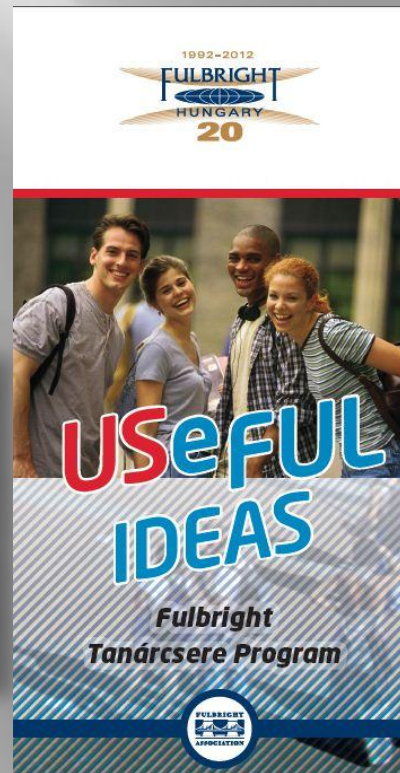
- ❖ Commission received a significantly high number of applications for AY 2012-2013
- ❖ Out of the 163 applicants, 112 were invited for an interview
- ❖ Thanks to the successful fundraising activities, we could have 38 Hungarian Fulbright grantees to the US in AY 2011-2012 which is a record high number; we expect to have the same number of grantees in AY 2012-2013
- ❖ There were 18 presentations given by members of the Fulbright Alumni at different high schools all over the country during 2011 in the frame of the Meet the Scientist project, arranged jointly by the Hungarian Association for Innovation, the US Embassy, and the Fulbright Commission
- ❖ Two Fulbright Alumni have been appointed Ambassador of Hungary:  
Dr. Tamás Magyarics to Ireland and Dr. Géza Jeszenszky to Norway
- ❖ One Fulbright Alumnus, Dr. Tamás Csörgő has been accepted member of the European Academy of Sciences
- ❖ New leadership of the Fulbright Alumni Association has been elected on the 2nd National Fulbright Day
- ❖ Preparations for the 20th Anniversary of the Fulbright Commission, and the Alumni Association in 2012 started. Using the social media, Commission run a logo contest with great success.

Commission published new information materials on the Fulbright Program and the Fulbright Program in Hungary.



New Almanac of the Fulbright Alumni Association contains 238 members and a list of 873 former Hungarian Fulbrighters.

New project launched - Hungarian and US Participants of the Classroom Teacher Exchange Program were requested to summarize their positive experiences with US high school education and prepare a proposal on easily adaptable methods which would improve the quality of education in Hungary.



Results of the project were published, presented at the 2nd National Fulbright Day, and will be shared with the Ministry of National Resources and Hungarian high schools.



January, 2011



January 12  
Presentation by  
Prof. Dr. Katalin Nagy,  
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry,  
University of Szeged, at the  
Andrássy Gyula High School,  
Békéscsaba

January 19  
I. Meeting of Returned Hungarian grantees  
for AY 2009-2010. Grantees talked about  
their professional and personal experiences  
in the US.



January 20 - Presentation by  
Dr. János László, PhD in Physics,  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences, at  
Révai Miklós High School, Győr



January 21-22  
EDUCATIO International Exhibition on  
Education – A great number of interested  
students received information about the  
educational system of the US, and study  
and grant possibilities.



## February, 2011

February 1-3

Orientation for US Grantees for the Spring semester



Grantees were greeted by representatives of the US Embassy and the Hungarian Ministry of National Resources. During the the orientation they received authentic and useful information on Hungary's higher education, history, culture and political system.



February 14-16

Executive director Dr. Huba Bruckner visited the Indiana University in Bloomington to sign an agreement on the Hungarian Visiting Professorship at IU Bloomington.

February 4 - Monthly meeting of US Grantees  
Visit to the Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Dr. Ágnes Téglási,  
former Fulbright grantee,  
Deputy Director of the  
Library greeted  
the US Fulbrighters.



February 10  
US Students met in the  
office of the Fulbright  
Commission to prepare for  
the Student Conference.





## March, 2011

March 24

Kick off the Fulbright Announcement Roadshow  
A series of short seminars about the Fulbright Program, grant possibilities and application procedure for Hungarians for AY 2012-2013 started at the offices of the Commission.



Information seminars were presented at eleven university sites all over the country in March and April, 2011. Current US and former Hungarian grantees talked about their Fulbright experience at all sites.



March 24-25  
HVG National Training and Career Day  
300+ visitors stopped at Fulbright EducationUSA booth.



March 4 - meeting of US Fulbrighters  
Following a visit to the Village Museum in Ócsa, Ellie Parks, a US student grantee hosted the group at the Kodály Institute of Musicology in Kecskemét.



March 23  
Presentation by  
Dr. István Szendrő,  
Managing Director,  
MikroVakuum Ltd.,  
at Lovassy High School  
in Veszprém



April, 2011

April 6 and 20

Commission arranged TOEFL iTP English language tests for Fulbright applicants.



April 5

Information seminars about the Fulbright grant possibilities and application procedure continued. Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center represented the Fulbright Program at the Study Fair arranged by the Corvinus University of Budapest.

April 1-2

Fulbright Weekend in Debrecen and Hortobágy  
Grantees visited the University of Debrecen.



April 11-12

Csanád Nagypál, finance officer participated in the Fulbright Europe Amsterdam Financial Administrators Workshop.





April, 2011



April 13  
Daniel Sender, Fulbright student to Hungary and his wife Shelby Sender had an evening recital at the Old Music Academy.

Daniel and Shelby studied at the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music in Budapest.

April 13  
International Study Fair at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics



Ambassador Kounalakis and  
Dr. Tamás Magyarics



April 7

James Harrell, ETA grantee at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University, led a GRE workshop for students applying for a Fulbright study grant.



April 27

II. Meeting of returned  
Hungarian grantees  
of AY 2009-2010



Former Fulbright grantee Dr. Tamás Magyarics (AY 2008-2009 and 2001-2002), Director of the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs has been appointed to the position of Ambassador of the Hungarian Republic to Ireland.



# May, 2011

## May 5

Student Conference for the US student grantees for AY 2010-2011. Grantees had the opportunity to present the progress on their Fulbright projects.



## May 2

TOEFL iTP English language test for applicants – tests were arranged three times during the application period.



## May 10

Dr. Beatrix Kotlán, biologist, National Institute of Oncology, talked about immunology and cancer therapy at the Fasori Lutheran High School.



May 9 - Fulbright application deadline. There was a record high number of applications (163).

May, 2011

May 13  
International Study Fair  
arranged by the  
Central European University



FEAC represented  
the Fulbright  
Program and  
EducationUSA.



May 12  
Lecturers, organizers  
and supporters of the  
Meet the Scientist  
project met at the office  
of the Fulbright  
Commission in order  
to discuss results and  
further possible  
developments of the  
program.

May 20  
Orientation and Farewell

Orientation Day for  
Hungarian Fulbrighters  
going to the US for AY  
2011-2012



Farewell Party in honor of the homegoing  
US and outgoing Hungarian grantees on a  
boat cruising along the river Danube.





## June - July 2011

After administrative and professional peer reviews, 112 applicants of the 163 were invited for an interview.

Interviews went on through June and July with the active participation of former Fulbright grantees and board members.

June 1 - Georgi Tomisato, participant of the Teacher Exchange Program, was a guest speaker at the American Corner in Budapest.



Georgi talked about issues of Japanese and Japanese Hawaiians in World War II and gave a taste of Hawaiian culture as well.

June 2  
A group of US students of Providence College, RI visited Hungary led by Margaret Manchester (Fulbrighter to Hungary, 2008).



Fulbright Commission arranged Dr. Csaba Békés (Fulbrighter to the US 2006) to give a presentation about the history of Hungary.

Andras Perczel (former Fulbrighter, '05 U Wisconsin) received the prestigious Bolyai Award presented by the President of the Republic of Hungary for his outstanding research in the field of structural chemistry and biology.



## August, 2011

August 10 – 14  
Sziget Festival  
Commission staff and  
former Fulbrighters  
represented the  
Fulbright program and  
EducationUSA at the US  
Embassy's tent at the  
largest international  
youth festival of Europe.



August 24  
Commission organized a one  
day orientation program for  
participants of the Fulbright  
Classroom Teacher Exchange  
Program and their hosts.

August 30  
Information seminar  
about the Fulbright  
Program in Hungary  
for US students from  
UCLA, arranged by  
UCLA International  
Study Programs and  
Onlinet Ltd.



August 30 – September 2  
Fulbright Staff Workshop in Vienna  
organized by the Austrian-American  
Fulbright Commission. Two staff  
members participated from Budapest.





September, 2011

September 2 – 4  
Fulbright EducationUSA  
at the Language Parade



Dr. Illés was a Humphrey Fellow in AY 1995-1996 to the University of North Carolina.

September 6 -9  
Orientation week for the  
newly arrived US grantees

Grantees learned about  
Hungary's history,  
higher education,  
culture and political  
system, and visited  
Budapest and its  
surroundings.



Announcement of the  
Fulbright Classroom  
Teacher Exchange Program  
for Hungarian high school  
teachers for AY 2012-2013

October, 2011

October 7 – 8  
Fulbright Meeting - US grantees  
visited West Hungary.



At The Border



In Sopron



Pannonhalma Abbey

October 26  
International Study Fair at the  
Budapest University of  
Technology and Economics



Commission received 15 applications for the  
Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange  
Program.

October 27 - An institutional TOEFL test was  
arranged in order to measure their language  
competency.



November, 2011



November 19  
Second National Fulbright Day  
Dr. Katalin Nagy, Dean, Dental School of  
the University of Szeged was elected as  
the new President of the Association.



Members of the Fulbright  
Academy of Science and  
Technology attended the World  
Science Forum at the Hungarian  
Academy of Sciences. The  
international group of 30 former  
Fulbrighters was invited to take  
part in the discussions about the  
present and future of higher  
education.

November 14–18  
International Education Week



A high number of interested students attended  
the presentation about the Fulbright grant  
possibilities to the US, given by Dr. Brückner.

Former  
Hungarian and  
present US  
Fulbrighters  
volunteered at  
the US Study  
Abroad Fair  
arranged by the  
Commission.



Tyler Askew,  
Fulbright ETA  
grantee presented a  
Writing Workshop.



December, 2011

December 8

Presentation by

Dr. Gergely Röst, Research Fellow,  
HAS - University of Szeged, Institute of  
Mathematics, at the Bányai Júlia High  
School in Kecskemét.



December 8

Charity concert arranged by  
Fulbright grantees Maria  
Flamich and Rita Hoffmann,  
supported by the Összhang  
Foundation and the  
Fulbright Commission.



The event was a joint concert by  
blind and sighted musicians.  
Donations are used for vision  
impaired students either in the form  
of language courses or buying Braille  
typewriters for them.



December 15

Fulbright Christmas party  
A perfect event for  
networking, and to enjoy  
great music, and the  
company of friends  
and colleagues!





Thank you for your attention!  
We hope to meet you at the celebrations of the  
20th Anniversary of the  
Fulbright Commission and the Alumni Association  
in 2012



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