

PERSONALIA



2018

Ferenc Széchenyi Memorial Medal: the medal was awarded to **János Heltai**, staff member of the Department of Research in Book and Cultural History, at the annual Founding Ceremony held on 26 November 2018.

Beautiful Hungarian Book Competition of 2017: at the book contest in the facsimile, reprint and adapted publications category, the facsimile edition of Ernő Dohnányi's *Variations on a Nursery Tune. Variationen über ein Kinderlied* published by the national library in 2017 received the Special Award of the President of Hungary.

PhD:

Zsófia Bárány, after successfully defending her doctoral thesis *József Lonovics' Diplomatic Mission to the Holy See*, received the PhD title. The thesis was written at the Doctoral School of History of the Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities.

Zsuzsanna Bakonyi, after successfully defending her doctoral thesis *Hungarian Use of Writing in Trnava in the 16th Century*, received the PhD title. The thesis was written at the Doctoral School of History of the Eszterházy Károly University.

Farewell...

Zsolt Bóra, former colleague of the NSZL, passed away on 18 January 2018, at the age of 57, after much suffering from a short-term illness. Between 1985 and 1998, Zsolt Bóra was a colleague of the Reference Department. His funeral was held on 2 February 2018 in the cemetery of Sümeg. His memory shall live with us, may he rest in peace!

Dorottya Lipták, media historian, leader of the 19th Century Book and Media History Workshop of the HAS-NSZL Res Libraria Hungariae Research Group, passed away in January 2018, at the age of 67. She carried out research of media history of the 19th and 20th century Habsburg

Monarchy and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, focusing mainly on the professional career of book publishers and traders, and on the examination of their companies. Many of her writings were published in Hungarian and foreign languages. Her funeral was held on 17 February 2018 in the Farkasrét Cemetery. May she rest in peace!

Ildikó Varga, retired chief councillor and academic researcher of the Library Institute, passed away on 10 March 2018, at the age of 81. From 1970, she worked at the Central Book Catalogue and from 1977 at the Centre of Library Science and Methodology. She was a defining individual of the processing librarians. Her work focused on methodological and educational activities related to cataloguing. Her outstanding professional work was recognized in 1990 with the Ervin Szabó Memorial Medal. We shall keep her memory!

Mária Ritterné László, former colleague of the NSZL, passed away on 9 July 2018, at the age of 72, after suffering from a long-term illness she bore with dignity. In 1988, she joined the national library's MNB (Hungarian National Bibliography) Editorial Office of Periodicals, and in 1989, she was appointed team leader of the ISSN Office. She retired at an early age in 1996, but returned to the National Library in 2000, where she continued her work in the periodicals section of the Legal Deposit Service until 30 June 2007. Her funeral was held on 30 July 2018 at the All Saints Parish Church of Farkasrét. May she rest in peace!

Attila Zala, colleague of the Armed Security Guard of the national library, passed away on 3 October 2018, after suffering from a long-term illness. He worked in our library starting from 1989 as an armed security guard, in the position of guard and patrol. Throughout his years in service, he carried out his duties accurately and professionally,

considering his work to be more of a profession. We shall keep his memory, may he rest in peace!

Gyula Kohl, colleague of the Restoration and Bindery Department, passed away on 9 October 2018, at the age of 61. After acquiring the bookbinding profession, he obtained a degree in paper mill engineering and then mastered the profession of book and paper restorer. In the summer of 2017, he was transferred to the NSZL's bindery department from the Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He was a well-informed and helpful staff member, both professionally and in his everyday life. His memory shall live with us!

Judit Balogh, former staff member of the NSZL, who was an employee of the National Library from 1970 to 1988, first working in the Reader and Information Service, later in the field of international and cultural relations, passed away. Her funeral was held on 29 October 2018 in the Fiumei Road Graveyard. We shall keep her memory, may she rest in peace!

Widowed Mrs. Elemér Kis, née Katalin Szádeczky-Kardos, our former staff member, passed away on 25 October 2018, at the age of 88. She had been an employee of the Acquisitions Department since 1964, retiring at the age of 70. Her vitality and capacity of work let her participate as a retiree in editing the work *Régi magyarországi szerzők a kezdetektől 1700-ig* [Early Hungarian Authors from the Beginning until 1700] of the editorial staff of the Early Hungarian Prints Bibliography. Her funeral was held on 15 November 2018 in the cemetery of Óbuda. Her memory shall live with us!

Mrs. Gusztáv Urbán, née Walla Katalin, former head of the Cistercian Antal Reguly Memorial Library of Zirc, passed away on 1 December 2018, at the age of 88. She worked at the Memorial Library of Zirc since 1974, and from 1991 to 2007, until her retirement, she was the head of the library, taking part in the everyday work even following that. Her funeral was held on 8 December 2018 in the private cemetery of Kardosrét. We shall keep her memory, may she rest in peace!

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Szinnyei Award: to honour her work, **Ágnes Rácz**, Director of the Collection Development, received the Szinnyei József Award.

Széchenyi Ferenc Memorial Medal: the medal was awarded to **Edit Rajnai**, colleague of the Theatre History Collection, at the annual Founding Ceremony held on 25 November 2019.

Beautiful Hungarian Book Contest of 2018: among the publications of the national library, as the tenth jubilee volume of the series *Bibliotheca Scientia et Artis* the book of essays „*Volt a hazának egy-két énekem.*” *ARANY 200* [‘I Had One or Two Songs for My Nation.’ *ARANY 200*] published jointly by the national library and the Gondolat Publishing House received the Special Award of the President of Hungary.

József Attila Prize: in recognition of his outstanding literary activities, **László Boka**, literary historian, Director of Research and Academic Affairs and head of the NSZL Publishing House, was awarded the József Attila Prize.

Academy for Mozart Research: the Akademie für Mozart-Forschung (Academy for Mozart Research), the members of which includes the most prominent Mozart researchers, has supported the work of Salzburg-based Internationale Stiftung Mozarteum (International Mozarteum Foundation) for over seventy years now. At its general meeting held in April 2019, **Balázs Mikusi**, head of the NSZL’s Music Collection, was elected as member of the Academy for Mozart Research.

Hungarian Cross of Merit (civil division): in recognition of his outstanding work, **Géza Poprády**, retired Director-General of the National Széchenyi Library, was awarded the Hungarian Cross of Merit (civil division).

Award of the Széchenyi Society: former employee of our library, **Katalin Füle** received the Award of the Széchenyi Society on 20 September 2019 at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

HAS Membership:

Edit Madas, former leader of the HAS–NSZL Res Libraria Hungariae Research Group, university professor of the Department of Hungarian Literature at Pázmány Péter Catholic University was elected, from the rank of former corresponding members, as full member of Hungarian Academy of Sciences **in the Section of Linguistics and Literary Scholarship**. Edit Madas delivered her inaugural presentation on 16 December.

HAS Membership:

János Rainer M., Head of Department at the 1956 Institute, university professor of the Institute of History at Eszterházy Károly University has been elected as corresponding member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences **in the Section of Philosophy and Historical Sciences**.

PhD:

Iván Miklós Szegő, after successfully defending his doctoral thesis *Economic Fluctuation and Elite-Change: Finland and Hungary 1945–1990*, received the PhD title. The thesis was written at the Eszterházy Károly University.

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András Lakatos, former staff member of the Reference Department, passed away at the age of 77. From 1977 until his retirement in 2005, and as a retiree, he worked at the national library from 2013, and from 1994 in the Reference Department. He was the emblematic figure of the literary sciences reading room, who provided information to the readers with great expertise and a wide range of knowledge. He authored several articles and worked as an expert for the Digital Literature Academy since 1998. His funeral was held on 18 October 2019 in the columbarium of the St. Gellért Parish Church.

Kinga Pachinger (Karajos), former staff member of the Acquisitions and Stock Registry Department, passed away on 7 November 2019, at the age of 69. From 1984 to 2008 (until her retirement), she dealt with the enrichment and

registration of hungarika material published abroad, mainly periodicals in the fields of history, literature and linguistics, and compiled the bibliography of the emigrant Hungarian journals between 1975 and 1990 of the Hungarian Institute in Munich. She was a member of the Section of Sci-Tech Librarians of the Association of Hungarian Librarians. Her funeral was held on 22 November 2019 in the cemetery of Pilisvörösvár. Her memory shall live with us!

Sára Halácsyné Török, former staff member of the national library, died on 19 December 2019, after a few months of illness. From 1976 to 1984, she worked at the NSZL, first at the Reading and Information Services and then at the Personnel Department. After a ten-year absence, she returned to the national library in 1995, and starting from 2002 she

was the head of the Department of Reading and Information Services. In 2007, she joined the Document Distribution and Reprographic Services, and in 2011 she joined the Department of International and Cultural Relations, from where she retired in 2012. We shall keep her memory!

Zsuzsanna Szelesi, our former colleague, passed away on 24 December 2019 after suffering from a long-term illness she bore with dignity. From 2012 to September 2017, until her retirement, she worked in the Security Department. Her work was characterized by a high degree of precision, maximum thoroughness and kindness towards her colleagues. Her funeral was held on 20 January 2020 in the scattering area of the New Public Cemetery. We shall keep her memory!





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Ady Endre.