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#### KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON HUNGARY / UNESCO COOPERATION

- 1. Membership of UNESCO: since 14 September 1948
- 2. Membership on the Executive Board: not currently (previous terms: 2003-2007, 2007-2009).
- 3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation. Member (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme. Member (term expires in 2019))
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Vice-President, Member (term expires in 2018)
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere. Member (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme. Member (term expires in 2017)

# 4. The Director-General's visits to Hungary: 3

- 6-7 November 2015: to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> World Science Forum in Budapest
- 8-9 October 2013: to attend the Budapest Water Summit
- 15-17 November 2011: official visit and the World Science Forum

# 5. The former Director-General's visits to Hungary: 4

- 4-6 November 2009: the fourth World Science Forum
- 8-10 November 2007: the third World Science Forum
- 9-11 November 2005: the World Science Forum
- 27-29 June 2002: official visit

#### 6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ambassador Zoltán Csefalvay, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate (since 23 February 2015)
- Staff: Mrs Emese Borza, Deputy Permanent Delegate;
- Former Permanent Delegates: H.E. Ambassador Katalin Bogyay (September 2009 December 2014), H.E. Mr András Lakatos (March 2004 – September 2009), H.E. Mr Arpád Fasang (February 2000 – March 2004), H.E. Mr Pál Pataki (January 1995 – December 1999)
- 7. UNESCO Office: none. Covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE).

### 8. Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO:

- Year of establishment: 1948
- Chairperson: Mr Miklós Réthelyi (since June 2012)
- Secretary-General: Dr Gábor Soós (since April 2016)

## 9. Hungarian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:

- Ms Eva Kondorosi (Research Professor, Biological Research Centre, Academy of Sciences of Hungary), member of the UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board
- Ms Marta Sebestyén (folk vocalist and composer), UNESCO Artist for Peace

#### 10. UNESCO Chairs: 6

- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainability (2011), Institute for Social and European Studies Foundation, Corvinus University of Budapest
- UNESCO Chair in Human Rights (2008), Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest
- UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Technologies and Education (2000), Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Policy and Cultural Management (1999), Lajos Kossuth University of Arts and Sciences, Debrecen
- UNESCO Chair in Environmental Biology (1998), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Szeged
- UNESCO Chair for Minority Studies (1997), Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest
- **11. Associated Schools:** 32 (1 primary, 1 primary/secondary and 30 secondary). Hungary joined the ASP Network in 1958.
- 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none
- 13. UNESCO Clubs: information not available

### 14. Biosphere Reserves: 6

- Mura Drava Danube (2012), transboundary with Croatia
- Pilis (1980)
- Aggtelek (1979)
- Hortobágy (1979)
- Kiskunság (1979)
- Lake Fertö (1979)

# 15. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: 2

- Bakony-Balaton Global Geopark
- Novcohrad Nógrád Transnational Global Geopark (Hungary and Slovakia)

#### 16. World Heritage Sites: 8

#### Cultural

- Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrássy Avenue (1987, extension in 2002)
- Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape (2002)
- Fertö/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape (2001), jointly with Austria
- Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs (Sopianae) (2000)
- Hortobágy National Park the Puszta (1999)
- Millenary Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma and its Natural Environment (1996)
- Old Village of Hollókő and its surroundings (1987)

#### Natural

Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst (1995, extension in 2000), jointly with Slovakia

#### 17. Tentative List: 11 properties

- Frontiers of the Roman Empire Ripa Pannonica in Hungary (2009)
- Ödön Lechner's independent pre-modern architecture (2008)
- System of Fortifications at the Confluence of the Rivers Danube and Váh in Komárno -Komárom (2007)
- The Network of Rural Heritage Buildings in Hungary (2000)
- State Stud-Farm Estate of Mezöhegyes (2000)
- The Wooden Churches of the Northern Part of the Carpathian Basin (2000)
- The Ipolytartnóc Fossils (2000)
- Mediaeval Royal Seat and Parkland at Visegrád (2000)

- The Tihany Peninsula (1993)
- Caves of the Buda Thermal Karst System (1993)
- Le Château-fort médiéval d'Esztergom (1993)

## 18. Lists of Intangible Cultural Heritage: 4 elements

Representative List:

- Folk art of the Matyó, embroidery of a traditional community (2012)
- Falconry, a living human heritage (2012), jointly with United Arab Emirates, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, and Syrian Arab Republic
- Busó festivities at Mohács: masked end-of-winter carnival custom (2009)

#### Best Practices:

 Táncház method: a Hungarian model for the transmission of intangible cultural heritage (2011)

# 19. Memory of the World Register: 7 inscriptions

- Three documents related to the two most outstanding results of the work of Roland Eötvös (2015)
- Semmelweis' discovery (2013)
- Csoma Archive of the Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2009)
- János Bolyai: Appendix, scientiam spatii absolute veram exhibens. Maros-Vásárhelyini, 1832 (2009)
- "Tabula Hungariae" (2007), submitted jointly with Croatia
- The Bibliotheca Corviniana Collection (2005), submitted jointly with Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Italy
- Kalman Tihanyi's 1926 Patent Application "Radioskop" (2001)

#### 20. Creative Cities Network: 1

Budapest, a UNESCO Creative city of Design (2015)

#### 21. Legal instruments: 24 ratified and 16 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (9 May 2008)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: approval (29 August 2007)
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: <u>ratified</u> (17 March 2006)
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: <u>non-ratified</u>. Position: favourable, preparing for ratification.

## 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: 2

- 1700th anniversary of the birth of Saint Martin, bishop (316-397) (with the support of Austria, Croatia, Malta, Portugal and Slovenia)
- 50th anniversary of the death of Zoltán Kodály, composer (1882-1967) (with the support of Finland, Germany, Greece and Slovakia)

## 23. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: No request submitted
- 2014-2015: 1 request submitted online for a total amount of US\$ 28,500 ("Addis in Motion").
- 2012-2013: 1 request submitted for US\$ 24,000 ("Return to Congo" a slightly fictional cultural documentary film), but <u>not approved</u>.
- 2010-2011: 2 requests approved, for a total amount of US\$ 39,000
- 2008-2009: 7 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 113,000

24. Fellowships: Since 2010, 3 fellowships awarded for a total amount of US\$ 34,071.

# 25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.161%
- Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US\$ 1,051,330
- **26.** Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	103,763	-	17,370	58,131	19,002	19,002	19,002	30,544

# 27. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented

2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 4):