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## **Wikipedia Day 2015**

**January 17, 2015**

This January, the global Wikimedia community celebrated the 14th birthday of the world's largest encyclopedia. Editors and readers celebrated the anniversary at various occasions worldwide. Wikimedia Hungary held a meeting at its office on January 17 to commemorate the event.

## **Interview with 168 óra magazine**

**February 27, 2015**

On the 27th of February, journalist Gabriella Bokor interviewed Wikimedia Hungary vice-chair Gábor Bihary and long-time editor András Osvát for a news article about the free, online encyclopedia.

## **Wikimeetup**

**February 28, 2015**

After a board meeting, a group of active editors held a meetup to discuss the current state of the encyclopedia and discuss with each other.

## **New office and office manager**

**March 2015**

The lease of the old office and the contract of office manager Andrea Tóth ended in February 2015. After careful consideration, the chapter decided that renting a workspace as needed from a coworking office would be more cost-effective thus from 1 March a community office called KAPTÁR became the new headquarter of Wikimedia Hungary.

At the same time, the board started interviewing for the office manager position. After meeting with the most promising applicant, Zsuzsa Szép was hired and she started on March 16.



## Conversation in Klubrádió

March 2, 2015

On March 2, the talk radio Klubrádió hosted a heated one-hour discussion about Wikipedia with Péter Gervai, founder of the Hungarian Wikipedia, and András Gábor Pintér from The Skeptics Society, moderated by Imre Para-Kovács.

*“Wikipedia is an online system where the quality of articles is maintained by continuous hard work. Objectivity, a neutral point of view and thorough, reliable information supported by facts are all considered extremely important.”*

The discussion touched on guerilla skepticism, and the importance of using reliable sources and experts as articles about popular topics quickly rise to the top of internet search results and are relied on by readers.

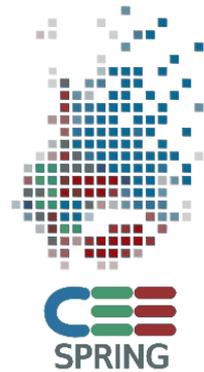


## CEE Spring international article writing competition

March 21 – May 31, 2015

Wikimedia CEE Spring 2015 was an international article writing contest organised by Wikimedians and Wikipedians from the region of [Central and Eastern Europe](#). The goal of Wikimedia CEE Spring is to join local forces of free knowledge to accumulate and distribute information about history, culture, traditions and people in every corner of the region to support mutual acknowledgment and understanding and to increase the quantity and quality of free knowledge available about the CEE region globally.

To achieve this, from the 21st of March to the 31st of May, editors could participate in an article competition on every related Wikipedia concentrating on writing articles about history, culture and notable people of each and every country in the region. [On the Hungarian Wikipedia](#) the competition was organised and overseen by chapter member Kálmán Hajdu. Results were announced later in June.



## “Sulinetwork” education conference

April 17-19, 2015

Three members of Wikimedia Hungary, Gábor Bihary, Tamás Mészöly and Gergő Tisza participated the “Sulinetwork” education conference at Székesfehérvár. The 25 teachers participating at the section on Wikipedia followed their presentation with great interest. Participants debated the challenges posed by Wikipedia in public education. Remarks by educators provided valuable input to the planning of future strategy of Wikimedia Hungary. The main problems identified were plagiarism of students and the lack of content filtering in connection with it.

## Tavaszi közgyűlés

2015. április 25.

The association held the regular spring general assembly in KAPTÁR co-working office. Besides approving reports on the year 2014, participants debated and approved the action plan for 2015 drawn up by the presidency, as well as the association's short, medium and long term strategic goals.

Minutes of the assembly are available [on the chapter website](#) (in Hungarian).

On the wikimeetup held after the Assembly, participants discussed further ideas and plans to help the future work of the Association.



## QR Project in Vácrátót Botanical Garden, 2015 follow-up

May 9-10, 2015

On 25 May 2014, International Day of Biological Diversity, Wikimedia Association of Hungary unveiled its second QR project in the country at the National Botanical Garden in Vácrátót. From that day on, visitors can use innovative technology to acquire information. It is the first among Hungary's botanical gardens to keep in step with technological developments by featuring QR codes, placed beside traditional signs identifying the plants, to help spread knowledge of botany.

Wikipedia's Plants Workshop developed the project, organised by association member Kálmán Hajdu.

At the garden's season opening our Chapter set up a stand for visitors and organised quizzes by Kálmán Hajdu. New QR codes were added to more plants. According to the organisers the event attracted many visitors. 18 quizzes were handed out, 9 were filled out with right answers. Winners were awarded with small Wikipedia prizes.

For more, [click here](#).



## Wikimedia Conference, Berlin

May 13-17, 2015

Wikimedia chapters held their annual conference on May 12-17 in Berlin. The event included talks and discussions about the activity and future development of the Wikimedia Foundation and Wikimedia chapters. Wikimedia Hungary was represented by vice chair Gábor Bihary,

board members Orsolya Virág Gyenes and Tamás Mészöly, and office manager Zsuzsanna Szép.

While participants learned a lot about the organization, operation and problems of the international movement, the most valuable part of the event was the opportunity for meetings and hallway talks which build personal connections and trust. The Hungarian representatives had a chance to discuss with the WMF staff responsible for grantmaking the situation of the chapter and the Hungarian editor community, and the available options. In talks and workshops, the presenters also explained through practical examples the form and content requirements of grant proposals.

Representatives of various chapters gave valuable advice on operations, program planning and volunteer capacity building, which could be used to refine the strategy and annual plan of Wikimedia Hungary.



## **CEE Spring article writing contest award ceremony and meetup**

### **June 27, 2015**

The international CEE Spring article writing contest's award ceremony was held on June 27 in KAPTÁR community office. In the course of the international competition 15 editors created 85 new entries and one was significantly updated, thus the competition met the criterion of a successful contest. Previously the community had a two-week period to evaluate these articles. During the voting procedure 16 articles received points; the top three with the most points received awards. For more information in Hungarian [click here](#).

After the ceremony, a wikimeetup was held by Wikimedia Hungary.

## **Celebrating the birthday of the Hungarian Wikipedia**

### **July 11, 2015**

The Board of Wikimedia Hungary organised a wiki meet-up on July 11 at Kaptár co-working office to celebrate the 12th birthday of the Hungarian Wikipedia, which reached a milestone of 300,000 articles on 7 May. Several editors participated at the meeting, celebrated with a huge, decorated cake.

## Wikimania, Mexico City

July 15-19, 2015

Wikimania, the annual conference and the international meeting of Wikipedia and the Wikimedia community, is held every year in a different country, on a different continent. This year it was hosted by Mexico City.

The conference presentations were about the current technical, social and scientific challenges, developments and achievements affecting the Wikimedia movement. Among the featured technical

developments, the most interesting future asset could be the Content Translation tool.

The conference also addressed social challenges affecting the Wikipedia and Wikimedia projects. Multiple lectures discussed legal issues; the upcoming copyright reform in Europe was also mentioned.

The conference also gave an opportunity for the Wikimedia Foundation to present their annual transparency report. The report shows that all legal requests for user information or content change have been rejected by the Wikimedia Foundation.

Important social and scientific questions included editorial diversity, and the way gender inequality is present in the content. To solve the problem the WikiWomen group was announced, which everyone can join on the Meta-Wiki.



## Wikimedia CEE Meeting, Tartu (Estonia)

September 10-13, 2015

The 4<sup>th</sup> Wikimedia CEE Meeting was held between 10-13th of September 2015 in a guest house in Voore, 40 kms from Tartu. 70 participants from 32 countries and from WMF attended the event. Our chapter was represented by Balázs Viczián and Kálmán Hajdu.

The program opened with the speech of Asaf Bartov and Anna Koval, two delegates of the Wikimedia Foundation.

Lectures were held by the organisers and guest speakers between 9.30am and 10pm, every day. Extensive developing smaller Wikipedias have been shared a wealth of practical experience with the audience. Wikimedia Poland talked about a recent crisis and its solution on the Polish Wikipedia. The hosts organised cultural events, including Estonian folk music evenings. The biggest part of the conference was about “traditional” work activities, presentation of results and ideas.

Documentation of the entire program of the conference is available on its [etherpad](#).



## European Science Photo Competition 2015

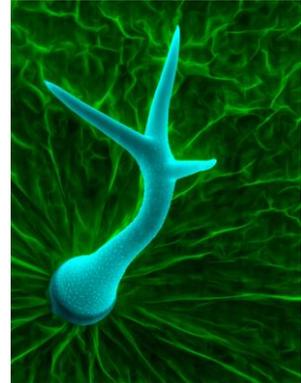
1-30 November, 2015

“European culture cannot be imagined without European science” - it is not enough to talk about it, it has to be shown. To ensure this, we have to collect content and make it available: hence we need a scientific photo contest for it. The first competition was organised in November 2015.

This competition was brought to Wikipedia because Wikipedia is an active environment dedicated to collecting and sharing educational content freely to everyone. That makes it an excellent platform for presenting science photos. Wikipedia excels in communication of knowledge and science photos are appreciated for their high informational quality, which should make collaboration between the wiki community and science photographers beneficial for both sides. The science photo competition is a motivational framework for catalyzing the formation of sustainable relationship between the two.

Between 2011 and 2013 the concept of collecting fine scientific images to Wikipedia was successfully tested during the Estonian Science Photo Competition. In 2015 it seemed to be the right time for widening the scope of the project and increasing its impact. Therefore, in 2015 a pan-European science photo competition was organized to bring more science to Wikipedia. An international competition made it possible to reach out to the wider scientific community and made them aware of the possibility to share their findings and passion with wider audiences using visual communication and free environment of Wikimedia.

[On Hungarian Wikipedia](#) the contest was organised by Wikimedia Hungary member, Kálmán Hajdu. The award ceremony took place in January 2016.



## Edit-a-thon at the 10th Lesbian Identities Festival

8 November, 2015

At the occasion of the 10th Lesbian Identities Festival an edit-a-thon was organised in the headquarter of the LABRISZ Lesbians Association. During this informative and interesting event, 8 new editors, instructed by Tünde Hujber, member of Wikimedia Hungary, created new articles on this topic.

## **Shakespeare edit-a-thon**

**13-14 November, 2015**

The second Shakespeare edit-a-thon was held at the Petőfi Literary Museum in Budapest with Dr. Zsolt Almási and his university students. On the two-days event the students created their previously prepared articles on Wikipedia with the help of Wikimedia Hungary member Tünde Hujber. At the closing ceremony of the event the museum director Csilla E. Csorba, Zsolt Almási and Tünde Hujber held short speeches, followed by a joint lunch.



## **Fall General Assembly**

**15 November, 2015**

The general assembly of Wikimedia Hungary was held on 15 November 2015 in Kaptár. The report can be found [on the website of the chapter](#) (in Hungarian).