

WIKIMEDIA ASSOCIATION OF HUNGARY 2014

Wikipedia Day 15 January 2014

On 15 January, the world's Wikipedia community celebrated the 13th birthday of Earth's largest multicultural encyclopaedia. Around the world, Wikipedia editors and users commemorated the anniversary at various events. In terms of the number of articles, Hungarian Wikipedia occupies the 24th place in the rank of languages with 253,537 separate entries.

The Wikimedia Association of Hungary celebrated the anniversary by meeting the public at the organisation's office in Budapest.



Photo Shoot in the European Parliament 3–6 February 2014

Thanks to the collaboration of 9 joint Wikipedia organisations, at the time of the plenary session preceding the 2014 European Parliament elections, photo portraits of the European Parliament's current representatives were taken. Wikipedia's At initiative, 3–6 February, 48 volunteers on (photographers, make-up staff and assistants) gathered to take non-restricted photographs of 319 MEPs and to write Wikipedia entries about them. The photo shoot was conducted by English, German



and Austrian Wikipedia employees. Representatives had the chance to discuss their Englishand German-language entries and make them more accurate. Besides the photo shoot, participating Wikipedia staff were also able to enter and photograph parts of the European Parliament building closed to the public.

Wikipedia organisations from the following countries and regions took part in the program: Austria, Catalonia, England, France, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

For a Hungarian-language account of the event, click <u>here</u>.

A Visit by the Wikimedia Foundation (WMF) 8 February 2014

Members were invited to a meeting, together with a compliment of international staff, held in the association's office at Madách Square on 8 February, to hold a discussion about the state of the association. Also taking part in the positive and productive meeting were two colleagues from the Wikimedia Foundation (WMF), Anasuya Sengupta and Garfield Byrdis, who offered the association's leadership useful advice about working methods and more active involvement of the editorial community.

Polish Entry Wiring Contest 1 March – 30 April 2014

The Wikimedia Association of Hungary announced a writing contest for Poland-related articles, 1 March -30 April, with the cooperation of Budapest's Polish Institute on the occasion of the institute's 75th anniversary. Articles written under the Poland-related categories and themes set forth in the announcement could be entered in the contest.

Thanks to participants, during the two-month contest, Hungarian Wikipedia incorporated 72 new Polish-themed entries in 9 categories. Prizes were announced on 24 May 2014, at the reception for the Polish Institute's 75th birthday, during which authors of the best entries (based on a joint evaluation by the Polish Institute and Hungarian Wikipedia) could accept their awards and special prizes.

To read about the contest, click <u>here.</u>
For more details about the contest results, click <u>here.</u>

Far-East Asia Entry Writing Contest 1–28 February 2014

The Wikipedia Association of Hungary announced a writing contest for entries on Far-East Asia, 1–28 February. Participants could compete with new articles written during the proscribed period or with corrections of existing articles. As special awards, the new editor writing the best entries, the new editor writing the most entries and the editor writing entries of outstanding quality could choose among Wikipedia prizes. We were very pleased to



congratulate two young editors among the winners. In the jury's estimation, the contest was remarkably successful. Within one month, 116 entries were either created or expanded. Very important supplementary articles were also written, making certain areas of Wikipedia more balanced. Main prizes were a tablet, an e-book reader and a camera.

For a detailed description of the contest, click here.

Gastronomy Workshop Formed 1 March 2014

On 1 March 2014, the Gastronomy Workshop was formed. Its goal is to increase reader's appreciation of Hungarian-language Wikipedia as much as possible by focusing on the quality of gastronomy-themed entries. In this way, we would like to contribute to healthy lifestyle-promoting knowledge of food, drink and gastronomic culture.

Editors contacted several catering industry colleges and vocational schools, inviting teachers and students to the meeting. As a result of the joint effort, the first entry



was created within the framework of the event. Participants also held several presentations and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Wikimedia Conference, Berlin 11–13 April 2014

Joint associations of Wikimedia held their annual meeting in Berlin this year, 11–13 April. Arranged over the course of the three-day event were presentations and discussions of the activities and development throughout Wikimedia Foundation (WMF) and in all the local organisations. Vice-President of Management Balázs Viczián and Office Manager Andrea Tóth represented Wikimedia Association of Hungary. According to their account, the following were the most fruitful and useful programs:



- State of Movement Program, which facilitated the establishment of valuable international contacts;
- Chapters Dialogue, which functioned as a morale report, a procedural analysis and summary of the WMF and its joint associations' position and relationship;
- Conflict of Interest Workshop, where participants broke down and practiced situations of incompatibility;
- Sharing and Caring Workshop; and
- Diversifying Fundraising Models, which provided useful information about financing possibilities for local associations.

During the three-day conference, the association garnered plenty of information regarding the international movement's organisation, operation and problems. Yet, fundamentally, personal meetings and informal conversations were the most valuable. Here the idea of a cooperative camp with the participation of Serbian and Hungarian Wikipedia employees arose.

Visit to Monostor Fortress 12 April 2014 In September 2013, winners of the Wiki Loves Monuments photo contest – organised by Wikimedia of Hungary and Hungarian National Property Management Ltd. (Magyar Nemzeti Vagyonkezelő Zrt.) – were hosted by Monostor Fortress Non-profit Ltd. (Monostori Erőd Nonprofit Zrt.) for a special private tour of the exhibition combined with a photo shoot. The event took place on 12 April, a sunny, early-spring day. Besides award winners, organisers



could also take part with travel expenses covered by the Wikimedia Association of Hungary. While touring the fortress, located on the border of Komárom, guests got a glimpse inside places normally closed to the public. Then, at a reception, they could enjoy a slide show by photo artist Zsolt Szamódy covering curious details of the fortress's history, as well as the excavation work in the years following the system change. After the slide show, participants held long conversations about photography and upcoming contests in the light of the setting sun and in the atmosphere of the fortress, still excellent despite the many centuries of vicissitudes.

Spring General Assembly 26 April 2014

The association held the customary spring general assembly. Besides approving records for the year 2013, those present debated and approved the action plan for the year 2014, drawn up by presidency, as well as the association's short-, medium- and long-term strategic goals. Additionally, the assembly chose members for the association's new Supervisory Board. Minutes of the event can be found on the association's webpage.

GLAM-ZOO Project 1 May 2014



With the enthusiastic organisation of Wikipedia editor Ágnes Módis, together with the active participation of 8 editors for 8½ months, the GLAM-ZOO Project was handed over to the public at large during a spirited celebration at Majális Park in Miskolc on 1 May. Created by the Miskolc Workshop, the GLAM ZOO Project's goal was to provide all the zoo animals

with a so-called <u>QRpedia</u> information code – which can be read, for example, with a smart phone or a tablet – so that visitors could view information about the given animals on site. As a result of the long work, Wikipedia incorporated 34 new entries, while 80 existing entries underwent correction.

For more detailed coverage of the project, click here.

Extraordinary General Assembly 24 May 2014

On 24 May, the association held an extraordinary general meeting to discuss and adopt the amended articles of association on account of Act CLXXV/2011 on the Right of Association and legal status, as well as the operation and support of civil organisations (hereafter: NGO Law); Act V/2013 on the Civil Code of Hungary (which came into effect); and Act CLVI/1997 on Public Benefit Organizations (which was overturned).

Minutes can be found on the association's webpage.

QR Project in Vácrátót 25 May 2014

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 Hajdú.

For more information about the project, see the Wikipedia page.

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Wiki-Camp 2014 22–24 August 2014

Three days, two locations, 20 participants, more than 30 new and further-developed entries – that is a concise account of the Wiki-Camp in Palics-Szeged. Organised jointly by Wikimedia

of Serbia and Wikimedia of Hungary, the international Wiki-Camp was realised for the first time in 2014. The goal of the event was to strengthen and deepen the relationship between the joint organizations and the editorial communities of different languages.

For an English-language account of the event, click here.



First World War Entry Writing 28 July – 30 September 2014

Hungarian Wikipedia's World War I Workshop announced a writing contest for entries related to the First World War, 20 July – 30 September, with the cooperation of the Institute and Museum of Military History and the War Museum Foundation, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WWI. Articles written under pre-set themes and categories related to WWI could be entered in the



contest. In the course of the competition, 44 new entries were created. Contest prizes included a tablet, an e-book reader, a digital camera and Wikipedia gift items (supplied by the association) and a books offered by the War Museum Foundation. The contest's award ceremony was held on 15 November in the Military History Museum.

Finn-Ugric Seminar in Tartu 22-24 August 2014

The Wikimedia Association of Estonia held Wikipedia's first Finn-Ugric Seminar on 22–24 August in Tartu. The seminar was the result of long planning work and foundation support. Preparations for the 2015 Wiki-mania in Mexico were also part of the agenda. Among the prominent themes of Wiki-mania in 2015 will be the characteristics and position of more obscure languages within Wikipedia. The association was represented by member Kálmán Hajdú with the support of Wikimedia Association of Hungary.

The seminar's first day was held in Tartu, at <u>Tartu University's</u> philosophy faculty building. On the first-day, Wikipedia representatives delivered speeches on the state of <u>Finn-Urgic Wikipedia</u>. That day was open to the public, and nearly 40 people attended. On the second day, organisers addressed problems (both small and large) facing Wikipedia and introduced the "Minority Translate" program.

Shakespeare Edit-a-thon 7-8 November 2014

The Hungarian Shakespeare Committee, the Petőfi Literary Museum and Wikimedia Association of Hungary organised the "Shakespeare 450 Editorial Marathon" event at the Petőfi Literary Museum, 7–8 November 2014. It was part of the series of programs organised for the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth and included the writing of Wikipedia entries related to Shakespeare, the dramatist-poet's lifework,



his time and his contemporaries. Shakespeare researchers and experienced Wikipedia staff were also present to offer assistance. In the course of the event, participants created 10 new entries and corrected one.

To read editor Zsolt Almási's blog entry about the event, click here.

Presentations

Eszterházy Károly College, Eger 4 and 11 November

Association President Péter Gervai and later Kálmán Hajdú held presentations for college students in Eger about editorial work at Wikipedia.



Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest 6 October 2014

Our editor-colleague Robogos held a presentation for first-year students in the English studies master program about the editorial secrets of Wikipedia. Later, the students played an active role in the "Shakespeare Edit-a-thon" contest.

Wikimedia Association of Hungary – office

Fourteen participants could hear a captivating presentation on knitting and knitting machines by editor-colleague Elkágyé, organised by Feridiák.



Szent István University's Kosáry Domokos Library and Letter Archive 5 November 2014

Participants could hear editor Vundagu's address entitled "A Quarter Million Entries and Beyond...", the theme of which was an introduction to Wikipedia editing, both theory and practice.