

INVITATION

to the XVIII. Congress of Applied Linguistics in Hungary

by the Hungarian Association of Applied Linguists and Language Teachers (HALT)

Theme of the congress:

HUNGARIAN AS A EUROPEAN AND AS A WORLD LANGUAGE

PLACE: Balassi Intézet (Budapest, I. ker. Somlói út 51. www.bbi.hu)

TIME: 2008. April 3-5.

The Congress is hosted by the Balassi Institute, the local center of Hungarian cultural diplomacy. This institute is one of the oldest institutions with a focus on teaching Hungarian as a foreign language on a regular basis. Hungarian is present at several parts of the world in different functions: as mother-tongue for Hungarian citizens, as a foreign language to learners of Hungarian and as a native language to Hungarian-borns abroad, as a carrier of the European cultural heritage and as one of the official languages of the EU. This presence is best studied in its complexity by applied linguists.

Main topics of the congress:

1. Language policy, language planning, language rights
2. Hungarian as a foreign language and as a second language
3. The teaching of lesser known languages in Europe
4. Linguistic changes in the Hungarian diaspora
5. Language pedagogy in foreign language teaching
6. Applied psycholinguistics
7. Applied sociolinguistics
8. Functional and cognitive linguistics
9. Applied textlinguistics, stylistics
10. Translation studies
11. Contrastive linguistics
12. Lexicology and lexicography, terminology
13. Mother-tongue education
14. Communication and media studies
15. Intercultural communication
16. Corpuslinguistics, language technology

Roundtables: Language-of-education policy; Bilingualism as a language pedagogical challenge; Current issues of terminology; Distance learning and e-learning in language education; Scientific and less scientific views on the origin of the Hungarian language

Registration fee:

MANYE (HALT) members: 17 000 Ft (till 29 February 2008), afterwards: 19 000 Ft

Non-members of MANYE (HALT): 22 000 Ft (till 29 February 2008), afterwards 25 000 FT

Students of doctor-courses: 10 000 Ft (till 29 February 2008.)

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