



# THE NATION AS A SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

“FOR MINORITIES, THE IMPLICATION OF A MODERN INTERPRETATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO SCIENCE POLICY CANNOT BUT BE TO CLAIM OWNERSHIP OVER THE ENTIRETY OF THEIR HERITAGE, BOTH IN THEIR CAPACITY AS BENEFICIARIES OF UNIVERSAL CULTURE AND ALSO AS THOSE WHO WILL FURTHER ENRICH THE LATTER.”

(SAMU BENKŐ | 1993)

The frontiers of the Hungarian nation do not coincide with Hungarian national borders. Hungarians who live outside of the borders of Hungary are also part of the Hungarian nation; thus, Hungarian scholars and scientists living abroad also belong to universal Hungarian scholarship and science.

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences “*maintains relations* with scholars and scientists living abroad but working in fields related to Hungary or the Hungarian language and *supports* Hungarian science and scholarship beyond Hungary’s frontiers” (Law XL [1994] on the Academy).

#### Hungarian Science Abroad Presidential Committee

The Presidential Committee is the strategy-creating body of the Academy with regard to Hungarian science abroad, in the Carpathian Basin and elsewhere. Its members are outstanding Hungarian scholars and scientists from Hungary and abroad.

Presidents of the Committee:  
 Dénes Berényi | 1996–2006  
 András Görömbei | 2006–2011  
 Károly Kocsis | 2011–

#### Domus Scientific Board

The Board is responsible for institutional support as well as grant application decisions with a focus on research projects in Hungary and neighbouring countries.

### CONTACT – PUBLIC ASSOCIATION (RESEARCHERS WITH A SCIENTIFIC DEGREE)

Total membership: 1,931

- External and honorary members: 211
- Public Association members: 1,720

#### EXTERNAL MEMBERS’ FORUM

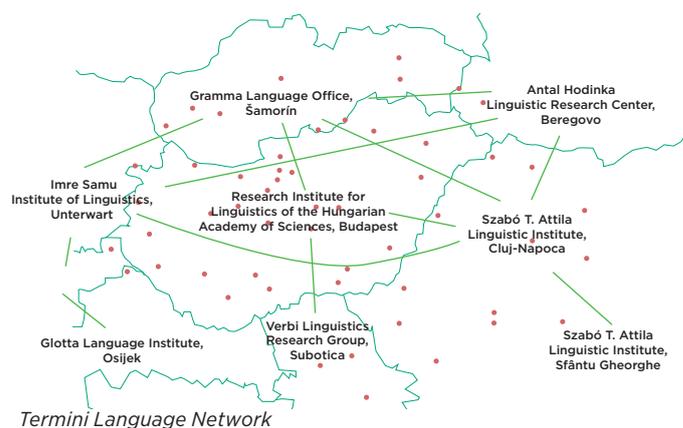
A satellite event at the Academy’s annual General Assembly to facilitate discussion of issues concerning national policy and research management.

### SUPPORT – DOMUS HUNGARICA PROGRAM

1997 | Research grants in Hungary for Hungarian scholars and scientists living abroad to: establish and maintain scientific contacts; support the training of young scholars and scientists with visits to libraries and archives and the use of equipment and laboratories;

2001 | Research grants for Hungarian scholars and scientists in neighbouring countries, supporting team-based projects and consortia in several countries;

2005 | Institutional support: operational costs, conferences and publishing.



The Domus Program plays an important role in assisting young Hungarian researchers in obtaining scientific degrees and in financially supporting non-governmental research organisations in neighbouring countries.

## DOMUS GUEST HOUSE

1146 Budapest, 10 Abonyi street  
[www.domusvendeghaz.mta.hu](http://www.domusvendeghaz.mta.hu)

Headquarters of the Hungarian Science Abroad Program: accommodations, conference venue and library.

The weekly Domus Café meetings are a popular event series aimed at developing relations between Hungarian academics in Hungary and abroad.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

### CARPATHIAN BASIN

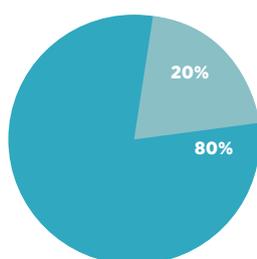
[www.mta.hu/karpat-medence-mtm](http://www.mta.hu/karpat-medence-mtm)

- stable cross-border Hungarian scientific cooperation; significant Hungarian scholarly and scientific capacities in the Carpathian Basin;
- solid cooperation among Hungarian scientific institutions in neighbouring countries, focusing on national scientific values; research networks with coordinated programs, cooperative multi-centre research networks, coequal research partnerships;
- supporting the scholarly and scientific elite of Hungarian communities in neighbouring countries.

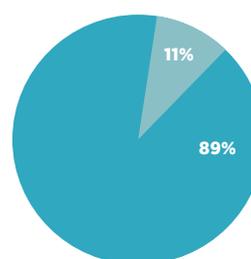
### DIASPORA

- networking with Hungarian scholars and scientists in Western Europe and overseas; contacting young, foreign-born (third generation) researchers of Hungarian descent, with or without Hungarian language skills;
- cooperating with scientific organisations among the Hungarian diaspora, with Collegium Hungaricum (in Berlin, Paris, Rome and elsewhere), and with educational institutions with Hungarian Studies programs; assisting in the creation of similar new organisations;
- maintaining contact with several Hungarian Science Clubs, often hosted by Hungarian embassies and consulates in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Brussels, Berlin, Tel-Aviv, London, Paris and Tokyo.

	External and honorary members (of Hungarian descent)	External Public Association members	Totals
in the Carpathian Basin	37	1513	<b>1550</b>
outside the Carpathian Basin	174	207	<b>381</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>1720</b>	<b>1931</b>



- External Public Association members outside the Carpathian Basin
- External Public Association members in the Carpathian Basin



- External and honorary members of Hungarian descent
- External Public Association members

*based on data from April 2017*

## REGIONAL COMMITTEES ABROAD



[www.kab.ro](http://www.kab.ro)

Regional Committee in Cluj-Napoca, Romania



[www.vmat.rs](http://www.vmat.rs)

Hungarian Academic Council in Vojvodina, Serbia



[www.szmat.sk](http://www.szmat.sk)

Hungarian Academic Council in Slovakia

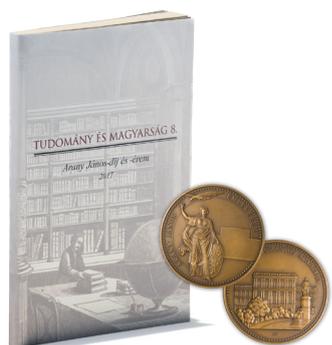


[www.kmat.uz.ua](http://www.kmat.uz.ua)

Hungarian Academic Council in Transcarpathia, Ukraine

## ARANY JÁNOS AWARD AND MEDAL

The Lifetime Achievement Award, the Excellence in Science Achievement Award and the Young Researcher Award are designed to acknowledge the achievements of Hungarian researchers living and working abroad. As of 2017, a total of 121 scholars and scientists have been recognised in this manner at the Academy's general assemblies and at External Members' Forums.



[www.mta.hu/mtkhirlevel](http://www.mta.hu/mtkhirlevel)

## NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Hungarian Science Abroad Presidential Committee provides a monthly overview of scientific events, results and more all over the world and introduces an outstanding senior Hungarian researcher in each issue (Scientist's Portrait).

## INTEGRATION OF YOUNG HUNGARIAN SCHOLARS IN THE CARPATHIAN BASIN

A highly promising result of the Academy's past two decades of engagement is the formation of the Hungarian PhD Candidate Community. Its member organisations join hands with the most talented young Hungarian researchers in Slovakia, Romania, Ukraine, and Serbia to advance scholarly and scientific collaborative initiatives. Networking and cooperation for this generation has become self-evident.

[www.dosz.hu/mdk/magyar\\_doktorandusz\\_kozosseg](http://www.dosz.hu/mdk/magyar_doktorandusz_kozosseg)

Coequal cooperation: "Support policies" are replaced by coordinated science strategies based on common interests.



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"[...]for smaller nations, such as Hungary, it is of especially vital interest to protect and enhance their identity by continuously attending to their capacity for value-creation. Yet this can be based only on realistic national self-awareness. It is this national self-awareness that scientific knowledge and scholarship can serve to implement and do so effectively."

(András Görömbei | 2003)