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Elected leaders support message and call Fundraising Campaign Support Programme of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
“The Hungarian Academy of Sciences feels a special responsibility towards Ukrainian scientists, members of the public body of the Academy, university and college lecturers, researchers, students and their families – including those in Transcarpathia – as well as towards all Hungarians living in Ukraine, and therefore it wishes to provide all support within its means to those who turn to the Academy for help, regardless of their nationality.”

Excerpt from the letter of the heads of the Academy to the members of the Public Body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (February 26, 2022).
Fundraising Campaign & Support Programme

On the 2nd of March 2022 Hungarian Academy of Sciences - condemning all forms of war and aggression – has launched a Fundraising Campaign and a Support Programme to help members of the public body of the Academy, scientists as well as staff members of Transcarpathian scientific, higher education, cultural and artistic institutions and organisations who flee from Ukraine to Hungary as a result of the war.
The double objective of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences:

I. Attempting to maintain the personal safety, wellbeing and normal living conditions of all scientists – among them members of MTA’s public association – and their families who, in the wake of the war, have become displaced.

II. Preserving Hungarian cultural and artistic heritage across the border with Ukraine.
In a matter of days, a scheme was set up to provide accommodation at Academy-owned properties for researchers and their families who are turning to MTA.
Results of the Fundraising Campaign

Thanks to MTA’s appeal, donations of more than HUF 33 million (ca. 86.000 Euro) had been collected so far.
From 24th February 2022
Our Academy provided accommodation and hot meal for 56 persons – including 10 children – and emergency aid to families in need.

The citizenship of our guests:
- Ukrainian: 28
- Hungarian: 5
- Ukrainian-Hungarian dual citizen: 23
One of the most outstanding achievements of the Academy’s Support Programme is to keep the Transcarpathian Hungarian College (based in Beregszász) operational till the end of the school year by supporting the work of the Rector and Teachers of the College. This is possible in close cooperation with the government.
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Thank you!