

Anna Jakabfi

Professor Anna Jakabfi has played a key role in the development of Canadian Studies in Hungary. Holding a degree in English and French Languages and Literatures from Budapest's Eötvös Loránd University has enabled her to draw on both of Canada's founding cultures in her teaching and other activities. For more than a quarter of century she has promoted Canadian Studies at ELTE, beginning with a special seminar on Canadian literature, adding further elective courses on Canadian culture and literature in the 1980s, and finally, in 1994, being part of the team that introduced a Canadian and Quebec Studies Programme leading to a special Canadian Studies certificate. Since 1999 she has been Associate Professor and Director of Canadian Studies at the university.

Anna Jakabfi has many articles on Canadian literature and culture to her credit, has edited several collections of essays, and in 2003 published Canada Past and Present – Essays. She has organized numerous seminars and conferences in the field of Canadian Studies, in particular an international conference at Seregélyes in May 1999 to commemorate 20 years of Canadian Studies at Eötvös Loránd University, Canada Days at ELTE in 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004, and an international conference at ELTE in February 2002 to mark the opening of the Canadian Studies Centre there.

The Central European Association for Canadian Studies is pleased to present Anna Jakabfi with this Certificate of Merit in recognition of her long and outstanding services to Canadian Studies in both Hungary and the wider Central European region.