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Wikipedia Day

January 16, 2016

The editor community of the Hungarian Wikipedia celebrated the 15th anniversary of Wikipedia's founding on January 16, 2016. The event included the award ceremony for the [European Science Photo Competition](#) (which was held at the end of 2015). Participants of the competition were invited alongside with Wikipedia editors; besides the awards, festive mood was bolstered with a birthday cake and good company.



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Cooperation agreement with KSH Library

February 26, 2016

Following long preparations, the [KSH Library](#) and the Wikimedia Hungary signed a [cooperation agreement](#) on February 26, 2016, with the goal of



making it easier for volunteer Wikipedia editors to access the sources needed for editing and verifying the online encyclopedia, and thus helping the creation of reliable, high-quality educational content in the Hungarian Wikipedia. Per the agreement, Hungarian Wikipedia editors can get KSH Library card for free with all public services of the library, and Wikimedia Hungary buys three new books about free culture, digital culture or information technology per year for the library. The agreement also provides a framework for future collaboration and joint projects.

Online surveys

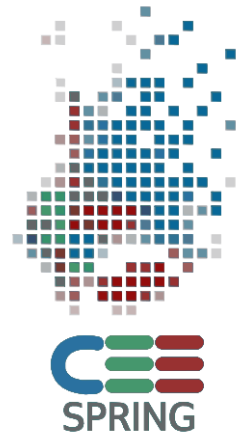
March and September, 2016

Wikimedia Hungary ran two online surveys (in March and September) among the Wikimedia/Wikipedia-community. The first asked the community about their opinion on wikimeetups; 54 editors replied (the [results are available](#) on Wikipedia). The second survey, called “What do you want from Wikimedia Hungary?”, examined the needs of the editor community and their expectations about the chapter. It received 92 answers in less than 2 weeks (the [results are available](#) on Wikipedia). The chapter will take the outcome of the surveys into account in planning its future priorities, programs and activities.

CEE Spring 2016

March 21 – May 31, 2016

In 2016 the article writing contest CEE Spring was organized for the second time. The goal of this two month long article writing contest is to disseminate knowledge of Central and Eastern Europe and foster information exchange between the various cultural and language groups of the region. The participants had to write Wikipedia articles in their own language on a CEE topic that's not related to their language and country. About 400 Wikipedians from 30 countries participated, and enriched Wikipedia with over ten thousand articles. Wikimedia Hungary [awarded prizes to six editors](#) for their excellent work.



Szigethalom meetup

April 2, 2016

At the beginning of April 2016 a full-day editor meetup was organized by a Wikipedia volunteer. Besides socializing and meaningful discussions, the meetup included visits to the museum village and history park at Szigethalom, to the nearby wildlife park and local history exhibition, and exploring the town and its surroundings and improving its coverage in OpenStreetMap and Wikimedia Commons.

Spring assembly and meetup

April 9, 2016

Wikimedia Hungary held its spring general assembly on April 9, 2016. Agenda items included the a report for 2015, discussion and approval of the programmatic and financial plan for 2016. The [minutes are available](#) on Wikimedia Hungary's web page. After the assembly and a lunch, a meetup was held for Wikipedia and Wikimedia volunteers, including an [award ceremony](#) for the "Article of the Year" contest. The afternoon program was finished with a cake.

Wikimedia Conference 2016

April 20–24, 2016

In 2016, the annual conference of Wikimedia affiliates was organized by the German chapter and held in Berlin, as usual. The event included exchanges of experience between leaders, discussions of various joint projects, formal and informal personal meetings, coordinations, and conversations about the following year. The program included various trainings for leaders and staff of the organizations. All recognized Wikimedia affiliates could send a representative to the conference, resulting in a diverse group of participants from all parts of the world. Wikimedia Hungary sent two people to represent the Hungarian community.



Wikimania 2016

June 21–28, 2016

This year, the annual international meetup and conference of the Wikimedia movement was held in Esino Lario, a small mountain town with a few hundred inhabitants in Northern Italy, near the Swiss border. The event, which was open to anyone, included all kinds of meetups, talks, workshops of various topics, with 5-6 sections running in parallel so it was always easy to find something matching one's interests. The participants (numbering about 1200) included two volunteers from the Hungarian Wikipedia, who were able to participate thanks to scholarships from the Wikimedia Foundation and Wikimedia Hungary. One of their reports [can be found](#) on Wikipedia.



Meetup for the 13th anniversary of the Hungarian Wikipedia **July 9, 2016**

The Hungarian Wikipedia started (in its current form) on July 8, 2003. A member of the chapter organized an excursion to the quarry at Tündér-hegy on July 9 to commemorate the anniversary. The meetup included visits to the Erzsébet



lookout, the passageway cavern at János-hegy, the Haggemacher villa, the Disznófő spring, and viewing the panorama of Budapest from the Tündér rock and Istenszeme meadow.

Wikimedia CEE Meeting 2016 **August 26–29, 2016**

The 2016 meeting of Wikimedia movement members from the Central and Eastern Europe region was held in Armenia. Representatives from Wikimedia communities of 26 countries and executives of the Wikimedia Foundation participated in the event. The goal of the meeting was to foster cooperation between communities within the region which have similar cultural, institutional, historical and economic backgrounds, and have them share experiences and expertise. The meeting appeared to be more effective and productive than the large international conferences and meetings (such as Wikimedia Conference or Wikimania), due to the smaller number of participants and their more or less homogenous background and overlap in problems and interests. It also provided a calm atmosphere in which informal discussions with leaders of the Wikimedia Foundation could take place. The Hungarian community and Wikimedia Hungary was represented by two people. Detailed reports can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



Medium-term strategy of the Austrian chapter **September 10, 2016**

The Austrian chapter held a meeting in Vienna in September 2016, to discuss with its members the medium-term strategy of the chapter, and the programmatic and financial plans and planned projects for the next two years. The discussion provided a good opportunity for strengthening the relationship between the two neighbouring chapters, for getting to know each other better, learning about strategic planning and multi-year programmatic planning

(highly relevant for the Hungarian chapter as well), and to increase cooperation between the two communities in order to have joint projects in the future. A board member of Wikimedia Hungary participated at the meeting by invitation of the Austrian chapter and through travel funding provided by the Hungarian chapter.



Hungarian Revolution of 1956 article writing contest **October 1 – November 15, 2016**

Wikimedia Hungary organized an article writing contest for the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Participants had to write a new article, or significantly expand an existing one, related to the events of the revolution. 71 editors from 7 countries participated, resulting in 392 new and 11 significantly expanded articles in eight languages. Wikimedia Hungary provided international coordination, organized the Hungarian contest, and [provided prizes](#) for the writers of the best Ukrainian, Belarusian, Esperanto and [Hungarian articles](#).



Introduction to the Wikipedia universe **October 19, 2016**

KSH Library and the Penman Society organized a series of Wikipedia-related lectures, the first of which was called *Introduction to the Wikipedia universe 1.* and took place on October 19, 2016. The lecture was held by a member of our organization and attended by a few dozen people. The first half of the lecture dealt with the genesis of Wikipedia, its short history, most important guidelines, quality assurance principles, and the copyright fundamentals determining its operation; the second half introduced the participants to the basics of Wikipedia editing, the use of various templates and infoboxes, and the process of creating a new Wikipedia article.

1956 editathon and educational program at Szeged October 20, 2016

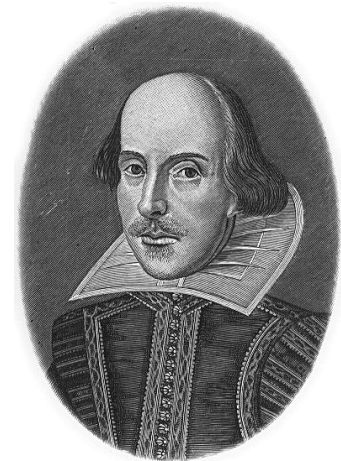
The [Klebersberg Kuno Library](#) of the University of Szeged and Wikimedia Hungary organized a 12-hour editathon for the anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. The event connected to the University's *Autumn Cultural Festival* and Wikimedia Hungary's *Hungarian Revolution of 1956* article writing contest. Participants could learn Wikipedia editing with the help of experienced Wikipedians and librarians, and improve free



content coverage of the revolution. The program included multiple demonstrations and lectures by Wikimedia Hungary about the rules of Wikipedia, editing tips, and the past and future of Wikipedia. The event resulted in at least 17 new, informative articles. [An article about the event](#) can be found in the university newspaper (based on an on-site interview by *Ilona Újszászi*), and [images in Wikimedia Commons](#).

Shakespeare editathon November 18–19, 2016

Wikimedia Hungary, the [Hungarian Shakespeare Committee](#), the [Petőfi Literary Museum](#) and [Pázmány Péter Catholic University](#) organized a Shakespeare editathon for mid-November. The two-day event was part of a [series of events](#) organized for the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. Participants could familiarize themselves with Wikipedia and create and edit articles about Shakespeare, his works, the age he lived in, and his contemporaries, with the help of experienced Wikipedians and Shakespeare researchers. The editathon was made more colorful by special events: on the 18th a lecture by Shakespeare Institute professor Ewan Fernie, on the 19th the screening of the 1971 movie *Macbeth* by Roman Polanski. The event [resulted in](#) at least ten new, high-quality articles in the Hungarian, English and Russian Wikipedias.



Award ceremony of Wiki Loves Monuments and a photo project in Berlin November 24–27, 2016

Wiki Loves Monuments is an annual photo contest organized by the Wikimedia movement which holds the Guinness record for largest photo contest of the world, and draws more participants every year. The goal of the contest is to chronicle, present and popularize the architectural heritage of humanity. Although Wikimedia Hungary did not participate in an organized form in 2016, there have been Hungarian participants, and Tamás Thaler received a [prize](#) (as in previous years). Wikimedia Hungary reimbursed the costs of his travel to the award ceremony in Berlin, which he combined with a photo project, creating dozens of photographs about famous buildings, street and city panoramas, and museum exhibitions.



Autumn assembly and board elections November 27, 2016

Wikimedia Hungary held its autumn general assembly at the end of November. As the board's two-year term has expired, elections were held following the board's report. After that, the assembly discussed the future and upcoming programs of the chapter in detail. After the assembly had finished, some volunteers took an inventory of the objects held in the storeroom leased by the chapter. [Detailed minutes](#) are available on Wikimedia Hungary's homepage.

Contact with the printed and digital press, providing general information

Through the course of the year the chapter received several inquiries about Wikipedia and other projects, events or news of the Wikimedia movement, and tried to answer them timely and accurately, to ensure that all information on this topic is reliable.

Wikimedia Hungary also received many questions and emails during the Wikimedia Foundation's fundraiser, and the chapter's [own campaign](#) to ask for donations via a special tax arrangement; volunteer members tried to give factual and helpful answers.

In December 2016, when the Hungarian Wikipedia surpassed 400 thousand articles, Wikimedia Hungary issued a [press release](#). This got some attention and volunteer chapter members tried to answer all questions from the media and fulfill related inquiries.

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