WIKIMEDIA HUNGARY

ACTIVITY REPORT

2023

Chapter and editorial meetups and discussions

One of the Association's mission is to provide opportunities for the volunteer editorial community, members of the Association, and those interested in Wikipedia and its sister projects to meet, hold discussions and debate various issues in person. In order to do this, the Association organized regular meetups throughout the year, where participants could get to know each other in high spirits and had the opportunity to give presentations or demonstrations on specific topics, discuss current issues, explore problems related to the community and collect ideas and suggestions on how to solve them in the medium and long term. These meetups also provided opportunities to announce the results of various community competitions and contests, and to award prizes. The Association organized a meetup in January to celebrate Wikipedia's 22nd birthday and to hold the awards ceremony for the Asia Month article writing competition. We then organized meetups in May, July, August, September, October, and November. In July, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Hungarian Wikipedia, and in August, we held the results announcement and awards ceremony for the Central and Eastern European Spring international article writing competition. The half-day in-person meetups were complemented by the Association's General Assemblies in May and November, and a multi-day summer camp in July.

General Assemblies

On 13 May 2023, the Wikimedia Hungary Association held its regular Spring General Assembly. The agenda of the general assembly included the discussion and adoption of the Association's reports for 2022 and its program plan for 2023. In addition, the general assembly confirmed the decision of the Association's Board to make the Association a member organization of Wikimedia Europe. The meeting minutes are available on the Association's website.

The Fall General Assembly of the Association (as a hybrid event) was held on 25 November 2023. The participants discussed the activities and the current situation of the Association during the past year and approved the Association's preliminary plans for 2024. The meeting minutes are available on the Association's website.

Wikicamp 2023

After a break of several years, in 2023 the Association again organized its multi-day summer camp for the Hungarian volunteer Wikimedia community, known as WikiCamp. The editors and those interested in Wikipedia were welcomed in Debrecen from 28 to 30 July. The event gave participants the opportunity to get to know each other and the city of Debrecen, participate in meaningful cultural and outdoor activities, and receive training to deepen their knowledge of Wikipedia.

Education and training

The long-running Shakespeare Editathon, organized by the Hungarian Shakespeare Committee, was held again in 2023, this time as a one-day event on 17 November at the Petőfi Literary Museum. The event was attended by Hungarian and foreign university students as part of their studies to write Wikipedia articles related to Shakespeare's life, times and contemporaries. Four experienced Wikipedians participated as facilitators or contributors, and the international team created eleven new articles for the Hungarian, English and Persian Wikipedias, and upgraded two additional articles on the Hungarian Wikipedia. The event was supported by the Association with travel grants and meals for the participants.

Presentations and tutorials organized for the meetups provided training and development opportunities for editors. Among other things, editors could learn about various online tools related to Wikipedia, the Wikidata project and how to use it, the structure of Wikipedia articles, how to upload images and related legal information, or how to cite sources.

Article of the Year competition

The articles written in 2022 were evaluated by the Hungarian Wikipedia community in 2023, as usual. The aim of the Article of the Year competition is to select the best articles of the previous year and to recognize their authors. From the best articles of 2022, the community of editors nominated 78 articles in 10 categories, from which the community decided to award 34 articles and their authors.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Hungarian Wikipedia in 2023, a special edition of the Article of the Year competition was held: the best of the more than half a million articles

written during the first twenty years of the Hungarian Wikipedia competed against each other. In the final round, 283 selected Wikipedia articles participated, of which 170 were “featured articles” and 51 were “good articles” according to Wikipedia's internal selection procedures. These articles had been read more than 40 million times by the time of the competition. The community of editors decided to award 57 articles and their editors in 17 categories. The related awards were presented at a festive meetup on 8 July.

Asia Month

Asia Month is an annual online editathon and article writing competition held in November, with the aim of promoting a better understanding of Asia and writing articles on Asian topics. Since 2019, the Hungarian Wikipedia community has also joined the international campaign. In the 2023 competition, nearly 500 contributors created approximately 4,500 Wikipedia articles in 32 languages. On the Hungarian Wikipedia, eight editors participated in the challenge and 24 articles were submitted. Based on the jury's evaluation, the Association awarded four participants with prizes and one with a Wikimedia gift.

Central and Eastern European Spring

The Central and Eastern European Spring, an international article writing competition lasting more than two months, was held for the ninth time in 2023 with the aim of spreading and sharing knowledge about the Central and Eastern European (CEE) region among groups with different languages and cultures within the region. According to the competition rules, participating editors had to write Wikipedia articles in their native language about another country within the region. More than 330 editors participated in the 2023 competition (26 of them registered for Wikipedia as being part of the competition) and contributed nearly 8,500 articles in 27 languages of the region! More than 650 Hungarian-language Wikipedia articles were submitted by Hungarian participants, and the Wikimedia Hungary Association awarded eight prizes to the best authors in recognition of their excellent work.

Refugee Day Editathon

20 June is World Refugee Day. To mark the occasion, an international editathon was held from 20 to 30 June to expand and improve our articles on refugee-related topics and articles. The competition resulted in 68 new and one improved article in seven languages, as well as one new Wikidata entry, including two new articles and one expanded article on the Hungarian Wikipedia. The Association awarded a prize to the most active Hungarian contributor.

Wikipedia Pages Wanting Photos 2023

Wikipedia Pages Wanting Photos (WPWP) is an annual campaign in which Wikipedia editors from all over the world participate to add images to Wikipedia articles that lack illustrations. The aim of the campaign is to use the millions of freely available digital media files in Wikipedia articles that have been collected by the Wikimedia community, for example through various photo contests and photo walks. Photographs help attract readers' attention better than text alone, illustrating the content and making the articles more informative and attractive to readers. The Hungarian Wikipedia community participated in the campaign, which ran from July to August 2023, with more than 300 participants illustrating approximately 30,000 Wikipedia articles. Six editors from the Hungarian Wikipedia took part in the campaign, adding illustrations to more than 300 articles. The Association awarded prizes to the three most active participants.

Wikimania 2023

Wikimania is the annual international meeting and conference of the Wikimedia movement. The online event took place in mid-August in a hybrid format. It was free and open to everyone, where nearly 3,000 peope from 142 countries around the world participated, sharing their experiences and learning from each other. The main program of the event usually had six to nine parallel running topics to choose from, and most of the programs were recorded for anyone to access and view.

Wikimedia CEE Meeting 2023

The annual meeting of the Central and Eastern European Wikimedia community in 2023 took place from September 15 to 17 in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, and was attended by representatives of most of the Wikimedia communities in the region and several staff members of the Wikimedia Foundation, more than one hundred and twenty people in total. The main goal of the meeting was to foster greater cooperation and collaboration among the communities in the region and to allow participants from similar cultural, institutional, historical, and economic backgrounds to learn from each other and share both positive and negative experiences. The Hungarian community and the Wikimedia Hungary Association were represented by four people in person. The live stream of the program, the slides of the presentations, and the pictures taken at the event are still available online.

Turkic Wikimedia Conference 2023

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Istanbul, 2023

The annual meeting of the Turkish-language Wikimedia communities took place in Istanbul, Turkey, from 20 to 22 October 2023. The event was attended by 46 people representing Wikimedia groups from 19 countries and language communities. The Hungarian community was also invited, and the Association was represented by one person. The event offered a variety of programs over three days and was an excellent opportunity for different groups and their representatives to meet. Pictures and videos of the conference are available on Wikimedia Commons.

Shaping the legal environment, international relations

The Association considers it important to create a supportive legal environment for free content. To this end, it provides advice and suggestions to legislators and decision-makers, and also shares experiences to help those working in the field, both nationally and internationally. In 2022, the Association applied to become a founding member of Wikimedia Europe, which was created through the transition of the Free Knowledge Advocacy Group EU into a formal registered organization, with one of its main activities being to participate in and advise on the legislative work of the European Parliament and the European Union. The organization was successfully established

in 2023 and held its inaugural General Assembly on June 9–10, where Wikimedia Hungary was represented.
In addition to Wikimedia Europe, in 2023, the Association also actively participated in another regional initiative, the Wikimedia CEE Hub, which is the international umbrella organization of the Central and Eastern European Wikimedia communities. It aims to strengthen regional relations and provide mutual support to Wikimedia communities in the region.
One significant change regarding legal issues was that as of June 7, 2023, Wikimedia sites that previously used the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike (CC BY-SA) 3.0 license in their terms of use switched to version 4.0 of the same license.

Liaison with the printed and electronic press, general inquiries

Throughout the year, the Association received a number of inquiries about Wikipedia or other projects, events, and news from the Wikimedia movement, and tried to respond as quickly and accurately as possible to ensure that the information published on the subject is reliable.
The highlight of the year was that the Hungarian Wikipedia, which had reached half a million articles in previous year, celebrated its 20th birthday in 2023. To mark the occasion, the Association had a celebratory logo designed, issued a press release together with the editors of the Hungarian Wikipedia, and then responded to incoming questions and inquiries.
In October, the Hungarian Wikipedia got a new user interface (UI), which the Association announced to the public with a press release and graphics. The Wikimedia Hungary Association also received numerous questions and emails about Wikimedia in connection with its campaign to donate 1% of personal income tax and the Wikimedia Foundation's fundraising campaign in Hungary, which the Association's volunteers tried to answer in a helpful and objective manner.
In addition to the above, the Association also actively tries to provide information on Wikimedia-related news and events in the form of Facebook posts (e.g. on the Hungarian Wikipedia Facebook page or its Facebook group) and blog posts.

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