WIKIMEDIA HUNGARY

ACTIVITY REPORT

2024

Chapter and community meetups and discussions

One of the Association's mission is to provide opportunities for the volunteer 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 throuhout the year, where the participants could get to know each other in a pleasant atmosphere 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 meetups in January, February, March, April, May, July, September, October and November. In January, we celebrated Wikipedia's 23rd birthday and held the awards ceremony for the Asia Month article writing competition. In April, we held the results announcement and awards ceremony of both the maintenance competition and the Feminism and Folklore article writing competition. In May, we announced and celebrated the awardees of the Article of the Year 2023 and Contributor of the Year 2023 competitions. The July meetup included the results announcement and awards ceremony for the Central and Eastern European Spring international article writing competition, and we also celebrated the 21st anniversary of the Hungarian Wikipedia. In October, the results of the Wikipedia Pages Wanting Photos campaign were announced. The half-day in-person meetups were complemented by the Association's General Assembly held in May.

General Assembly

On 18 May 2024, 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 2023 and its program plan for 2024, as well as the election of the members of the Supervisory Committee for the next two-year term. The meeting minutes are available on the Association's website.

Article of the Year 2023 and Contributor of the Year 2023 Competitions

The articles written in 2023 were evaluated by the Hungarian Wikipedia community in 2024, 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 2023, the community of editors nominated 86 articles in 12 categories, from which the community decided to award 40 articles and their authors.

In addition to creating articles and improving their contents, operating and maintaining the Hungarian Wikipedia and its sister projects requires the coordinated work of many other contributors, therefore, in 2024, the Contributor of the Year campaign was launched to acknowledge this work. In 15 different categories, the volunteer community collected and selected those who did the most for the given task. A total of 43 contributors selected in this way received positive feedback and recognition for their important and outstanding work.

Maintenance Competition 2024

In 2024, the spring maintenance competition of the Hungarian Wikipedia was organized again, with the aim to clean up and improve encyclopedia articles that are incomplete, problematic (e.g. contain advertising or are not neutral, written in non-encyclopedic style, lack sources, have translation problems, have formatting problems, etc.). Over the one-month contest period, seven editors corrected nearly five hundred (469) encyclopedia articles. The results were announced and the prizes were awarded at the Wiki meetup on 27 April.

Feminism and Folklore 2024

The international Feminism and Folklore article writing competition was also held in Hungary on an experimental basis in 2024. The aim of the competition is to document local cultural events, activities related to folk traditions and women's contribution in these areas. The competition took place in February and March, and two contributors from the Hungarian volunteer community took part in. The results were announced at the Wiki meetup on 27 April, but no prizes were awarded to participants due to the low level of interest.

Central and Eastern European Spring 2024

The Central and Eastern European Spring, an international article writing competition lasting more than two month, was held for the tenth time in 2024 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. In the 2024 competition, 470 editors participated (69 of them registered for Wikipedia as being part of the competition) and contributed more than 10,000 articles in 29 languages of the region! The Hungarian participants submitted 360 Wikipedia articles in Hungarian, and the Wikimedia Hungary Association awarded four prizes to the best authors in recognition of their excellent work.

Wikipedia Pages Wanting Photos 2024

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 again, which ran from July to August 2024, with more than 400 participants illustrating approximately 50,000 Wikipedia articles. Seven editors from the Hungarian Wikipedia took part in the campaign, adding illustrations to more than 500 articles. The Association awarded prizes to the three most active participants.

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. The Hungarian Wikipedia community has been participating in this international campaign since 2019. In 2024, more than 600 contributors participated in the competition submitting nearly 6,500 Wikipedia articles in 40 languages. On the Hungarian Wikipedia, five editors took part in the challenge and submitted 28 articles. Based on the jury's evaluation, the Association awarded prizes to three participants and gave Wikimedia gifts to two others.

Wikimedia CEE Meeting 2024

The annual meeting of the Central and Eastern European Wikimedia community took place in Istanbul, Turkey, from 20 to 22 September 2024, and was attended by representatives from most Wikimedia communities in the region and several staff members of the Wikimedia Foundation, nearly one hundred and fifty people in total. The main goal of the meeting was to foster greater cooperation and collaboration among the communities in the region and to enable participants from similar cultural, institutional, historical, and economic backgrounds to learn from each other by sharing 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 available online.

Education and training

The long-running Shakespeare Editathon, organized by the Hungarian Shakespeare Committee, was held again in 2024, this time as a one-day event on 29 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, his era and his contemporaries. Four experienced Wikipedians participated as facilitators or contributors, and the international team created eight new articles for the Hungarian, Arabic, Urdu, Uzbek and Vietnamese Wikipedias. The event was supported by the Association with travel grants and meals for the participants.

Presentations and tutorials organized during 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.

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 this field, both nationally and internationally. It became a founding member of Wikimedia Europe, one of whose key activities is participating in the legislative work of the European Parliament and the European Union, as well as providing related consultancy services. In 2024, the organization – established in 2023 – held three general assemblies and work meetings: an online session in January, the hybrid-format annual general assembly in May, and another online assembly and meetup in November. Wikimedia Hungary was represented at these events by one delegate.

In addition to Wikimedia Europe, in 2024, the Association also participated in another regional initiative, the Wikimedia CEE Hub, which is an 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.

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 to them as quickly and accurately as possible to ensure that the information published on these subjects is reliable.

The Wikimedia Hungary Association also received numerous questions and emails about Wikimedia in connection with its campaign to donate of 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.

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