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Creative Commons

Creative Commons Hungary was dissolved in January, and the domain creativecommons.hu was transferred to Wikimedia Hungary. The aim of CC Hungary was to translate, localize and popularize Creative Commons licenses. Wikimedia projects (including Wikipedia) are one of the largest users of those licenses and free license outreach is part of Wikimedia Hungary's mission, so this came naturally. Later that year we created the (so far, unofficial) Hungarian translation of the [Creative Commons CC0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/) license.



Shaping the legal environment

Lobbying for a supportive legal environment for free content is one of the chapter's goals. To further it, we advised legislators and decision makers, and helped the work of others working on the same goals (both locally and abroad) by sharing experiences.



Presentations about Wikipedia, Wikidata and their sister projects

Chapter members held several presentations about Wikidata and map-related solutions in Wikipedia: in January to librarians and visitors of the KSH (Hungarian Central Statistical Office) Library, in March [on the assembly](#) of a regional chapter of the Hungarian Librarians Association and at the Free Software Conference. In June a chapter member presented at the Open Source Budapest Meetup on the softwares behind Wikipedia, and in December a presentation was held as part of the [“Towards the library of future”](#) webinar, on Wikipedia, Wikidata and the link between Wikimedia projects and libraries.



Chapter and editor meetups, strategic discussions

We organized several meetups for chapter members and volunteer editors during the year, where they could socialize, discuss current issues, and collect ideas and suggestions for mid- and long-term solutions for various community problems. Chapter members also



helped community members participate in the global strategic consultation of the Wikimedia movement which is aiming to determine movement goals and priorities for the next fifteen years.

Purchasing literature

In February, the chapter purchased books on “big data” as part of its agreement with the KSH Library. The books were given



to the library, where both library members and Wikimedians can freely use them.

Prize-giving ceremony of the 1956 article writing competition

In February, results were announced and [prizes were handed out](#) for the article writing competition organized for the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 (the competition itself was in late 2016). The prize ceremony was held together with a successful and fruitful wikimeetup.



Wikimedia Conference 2017

Wikimedia Hungary sent two representatives to [Wikimedia Conference 2017](#), an annual event for Wikimedia movement affiliates for experience sharing, coordinating international projects, and building strategy.

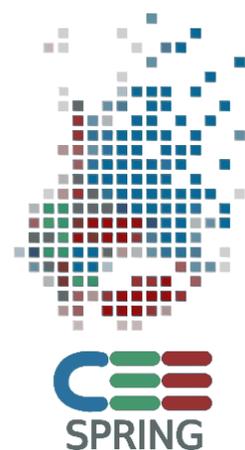
The program included trainings for board and staff members of the affiliate organizations. All recognized affiliates had the option of sending representatives, so

Wikimedia Hungary sent two participants for representing the Hungarian-speaking Wikimedia community and one for the strategic discussions.



Wikimedia CEE Spring 2017

In 2017, [CEE Spring](#) was organized for the third time: an article writing competition focusing on the Central and Eastern European region, where participants write articles in their own language about another CEE country. From 30 countries nearly 500 editors participated in 2017, creating about 8000 articles. Wikimedia Hungary handed out prizes to nine Wikipedians for creating outstanding content.

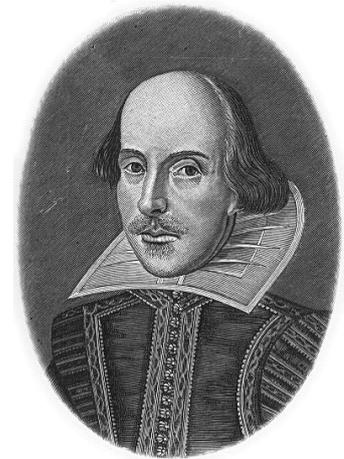


Editathons

In March we organized [an editathon](#) with the Hungarian History of Photography Society and the Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library, on the topic of *Women in photography*. Participants were introduced to Wikipedia editing, guided by experienced editors and historians of photography. About a dozen articles were created or substantially expanded.



In November we co-organized the traditional two-day [Shakespeare editathon](#), together with the Hungarian Shakespeare Committee, the Petőfi Literary Museum and the Pázmány Péter Catholic University. Participants were introduced to Wikipedia and could write articles about Shakespeare, his work, age, and contemporaries, with the help of experienced Wikipedians and Shakespeare researchers. They wrote about 10 new high-quality articles.



Developer conference in Budapest

For the first time in April 2017 Wikimedia Hungary organized a [conference and training](#) for the Hungarian software developers working on software related to Wikimedia. During the first part of the meeting, the participants saw presentations and demos of



MediaWiki, the engine behind Wikipedia and its development; about the APIs provided by various Wikipedia-projects and their development environments; about the Wikidata project and the related SPARQL queries; and finally about the possibilities provided by Wikimedia maps and related developments. In the second half the participants started a discussion and had the possibility to join one of the development projects. Altogether the conference was attended by 20 people, including developers from various development areas and others interested in Wikimedia.

Wikimedia Hackathon 2017

In 2017 the annual [Wikimedia Hackathon](#) was organized by Wikimedia Österreich in Vienna. More than 250 developers



participated from around the world, with five participants representing Hungary, including three

software developers who received financial support from Wikimedia Hungary on the basis of their strong interest demonstrated during the aforementioned developer conference in Budapest. The travel reports of these participants are available through the Hungarian Wikipedia Magazine, [here](#) and [here](#).

Anniversary meeting – 14 years of the Hungarian Wikipedia

The community of editors have celebrated the 14th anniversary of the Hungarian language Wikipedia, which has started on 8th July 2003 in its current form. Wikimedia Hungary has organized a [wikimeetup](#) for this occasion, and at the same time, the winners of the CEE Spring 2017 article



writing competition received their prizes. Nearly 20 people have gathered for the meetup and celebrated until late evening.

Közgyűlések és wikitalálkozók

Wikimedia Hungary held its spring general assembly on 28th May 2017. The agenda covered, amongst other items, the discussion and adoption of the 2016 annual report and the 2017 financial and operational plan. The minutes of the general assembly are [available](#) on the website of the association.



The autumn general assembly was organized on 25th November 2017. The most important agenda item, after a brief discussion regarding the situation and short-term planning of Wikimedia Hungary, was an update to the bylaws of the association. The immediate cause was the change of the address of the headquarters, but taking advantage of this opportunity other, more important changes were also

introduced, for example the possibility to participate electronically in the meetings of the various bodies of the association. The minutes of this general assembly are also [available](#) on our website. The general assembly was followed by a [wikimeetup](#) for editors, to celebrate the [20 millionth edit](#) on Hungarian Wikipedia. In view of this special milestone, which was passed just a few days earlier, a large number of editors participated in the meetup.

Wikimania 2017

Wikimania, the annual conference and meetup of the Wikimedia movement, took place in August 2017 in Montreal, Canada. Close to a 1000 participants from all over the world attended this meeting,



which is open to everyone, to share their experiences and learn from each other. During the two days of the “pre-conference”, various trainings and thematic conferences and discussions took place. This was followed by the 3-day official programme of the Wikimania with at least 10 parallel sessions. From Hungary, three Wikipedia-editors participated and one of them shared his experiences [on Wikipedia](#).

Wikimedia CEE Meeting 2017

The [sixth annual meeting](#) of Wikimedians from Central and Eastern Europe took place in Warsaw, Poland. Amongst the participants were the representatives of almost all of the regional Wikimedia communities, as



well as several staff members from the Wikimedia Foundation. The main goal of the meeting is to promote, support and develop cross-border collaborations between the regional Wikimedia chapters and that participants with similar cultural, institutional, historical or economical background could share their positive and sometimes negative experiences. This conference, due to its smaller size (compared to larger international events, like the Wikimania) and the

shared interests and background of the participants, is more productive and provides more opportunities for direct interactions with executives and staff of the Wikimedia Foundation. Wikimedia Hungary was represented by two participants.

WikidataCon 2017

In October 2017 Berlin, Germany hosted [WikidataCon 2017](#), a conference for the contributors of the Wikidata project. The event focused on discussions concerning the past, present and future of Wikidata. Amongst 200 participants was one of the members of Wikimedia Hungary, whose account of the event is available [here](#).



PIM data import

The largest Hungarian data donation to Wikipedia and Wikidata has been in the second half of 2017, when the [Petöfi Literary Museum](#) (PIM) offered to share its [biographical database](#) with the Wikimedia projects in order to create a direct link between its own Hungarian Bibliographical Index and the related Wikipedia articles, Wikimedia databases and international bibliographical registers already connected to the latter. The direct link between these databases and other sources makes it much easier for both parties to verify articles, obtain missing information and, ultimately, to provide a higher level of service to end-users. During the assimilation of this database we managed to link almost 10 000 personal records from Wikidata to the Hungarian Bibliographical Index, and then to almost 7000 complete Wikipedia-articles, using the so-called “PIM identifier”.



Cooperation Agreement with the University Library and Archives

On 16th November 2017 Wikimedia Hungary and the [ELTE University Library and Archives](#) signed a [cooperation agreement](#) to provide volunteer editors of Wikipedia and its sister projects easier access to source materials. Such access is essential for editing and fact-checking the articles of Wikipedia and other Wikimedia-projects and helps the



creation of high-quality and reliable educational content on various scientific topics. According to the agreement, the library provides free access to its services for Wikipedia editors and it also provides information services for locating and accessing source materials. Furthermore, its [EDIT](#) collection will be published under the Creative Commons BY-SA 3.0 to make it compatible with the contents of Wikipedia. The two parties intend to extend their cooperation into other areas (such as education, information, exhibitions etc.).

Relations with the media, providing general information

Throughout the year Wikimedia Hungary received various press requests in relation to a project, event or news related to Wikipedia or the Wikimedia movement in general. Wikimedia Hungary tried to provide prompt and precise replies to ensure a reliable media coverage of our activities and the movement.

Wikimedia Hungary also received many questions related to the Wikimedia Foundation fundraising in Hungary or to the Wikimedia Hungary [campaign for the 1% tax contributions](#), to which our volunteers tried to provide helpful and objective replies.

Apart from the above-mentioned activities, we also tried to proactively provide information about Wikimedia news and events through Facebook posts and [blog entries](#).



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