

Ana Olos

As well as being a major force in the promotion of Canadian Studies within Romania, Professor Ana Olos is widely known internationally for her many Canadian Studies activities as scholar, teacher, organizer and administrator.

Director of the Canadian Studies Centre/Centre d'Études Canadiennes at the North University of Baia Mare since 1998, Ana Olos has shaped it into one of the most productive and exciting such centres in the region. Thanks to her, Baia Mare has had an MA Programme in Canadian Studies since 2004, a programme defined by her expertise as a scholar, marked by her enthusiasm as a teacher and greatly enriched by her ability to attract a wide variety of guest lecturers and writers from Canada and elsewhere in Europe and, most remarkably, a steady succession of Canadian interns. Working with her younger colleagues, in 2002 she organized at Baia Mare the first "Unconventional Meeting of Young Canadianists" so well received that it was followed by the equally successful second and third unconventional meetings (in 2006 and 2008), in the process creating an institution that has become legendary in Canadian Studies circles. Each time Ana Olos's contribution – managerial, academic and social – was invaluable in every respect.

As a scholar, Ana Olos is known for her many articles and books relating to Canada. Two of the latter in particular should be pointed out. *It Was Nice to See Findley Angry* (2004) is her final (so far) word on one of Canada's greatest twentieth century authors, Timothy Findley. Thanks to her personal friendship with Findley and his partner, William Whitehead, she was able to spend some time at their home, and her book is a remarkable and perhaps unique fusion of literary criticism, biography and autobiography. *The Interdisciplinary Teaching of Canadian Studies* is a perceptive, wide-ranging and innovative survey of the field, the outcome of a Canadian Government Faculty Enrichment Grant.

Within the Central European Association for Canadian Studies, Ana Olos has played a prominent role, serving as Vice-President from 2003-2006 and contributing to the association's activities in a variety of capacities, among them Associate Editor of the *Central European Journal of Canadian Studies* and member of the FEP/FRP pre-selection juries on two occasions, in 2005 and 2006. She has also been a key player in the CEACS Diaspora Project, first by actually proposing the initiative and later by taking an active part in the project section devoted to diasporic literatures.

In recognition of her exceptional services to Canadian Studies, both in her own country and abroad, the Central European Association for Canadian Studies takes great pleasure in presenting Ana Olos with this Certificate of Merit.