

Judit Molnár

Since 1987, when Professor Judit Molnár as Director was involved in the establishment of the first Hungarian Canadian Studies Centre at the University of Debrecen, she has contributed to the promotion of Canadian Studies through a diverse range of activities.

As a university teacher, she has offered courses designed for students at all three levels – Bachelor’s, Master’s and doctoral – dealing with a wide variety of themes. In addition to several courses on various aspects of Anglophone literature (including Quebec Anglophone writing as a “minority literature” in its specific context), she has explored ethnic writing as a distinct cultural phenomenon, the importance of space and place in Canadian writing and thought, multiculturalism and regionalism and the Canadian identity. Over the course of years, she has supervised over sixty MA theses with a Canadian subject. In addition, she has lectured outside Hungary on Canadian topics in such countries as Germany, Italy, Portugal, Finland and Canada, where she was also a research fellow at the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. Her research interests have resulted in many articles as well as the book *Different Perspectives on Canada from Inside and Outside: Multidisciplinary Approaches*.

Judit Molnár was one of the key organizers of a series of three international Canadian Studies conferences held in Debrecen in 2002, 2004 and 2006 on the topic of “Canada in the European Mind – Europe in the Canadian Mind”. On the last occasion, the conference was held in conjunction with the 4th International Conference of Central European Canadianists, for which she was responsible for the academic programme. Subsequently she edited the conference proceedings, *Imaginative Spaces*. In this, she was continuing a long tradition that includes her work as a member of the Editorial Board of *Canadian Literature*, Canada’s oldest scholarly journal devoted exclusively to this field, as Associate Editor of the *Hungarian Journal of English and American Studies*, where she has a particular responsibility for the field of Canadian Studies, and as a member of the Advisory Board of the *Central European Journal of Canadian Studies*.

Within the Central European Association for Canadian Studies, Judit Molnár has been very active in a number of ways, and is the only individual to have been a member of its Executive Council (now the Advisory Board) since the inception of the association in 2003.

As a mark of respect for her outstanding commitment and exceptionally wide range of contributions to the development of Canadian Studies, the Central European Association for Canadian Studies is pleased to award this Certificate of Merit to Judit Molnár.

