

Mária Huttová

Professor Mária Huttová is one of the leading Canadianists in Slovakia, and has long been involved in efforts to promote Canadian Studies in the Central European region.

The establishment of the Canadian Studies Centre at Comenius University in Bratislava was largely due to Mária Huttová, who has directed its activities for the past ten years. In the course of the past decade, increasing numbers of teachers at the university have become committed to Canadian Studies, and several Canadian Studies courses have been introduced. The steadily growing interest of students in the discipline has been reflected in the sharp increase in the number of students at Comenius University choosing to do MA theses in the field; in addition, this period has also witnessed the first doctorates undertaken in Canadian Studies in Slovakia.

Mária Huttová has also been active outside Slovakia. She was closely connected with the first period of development of Canadian Studies in the Central European region, serving for five years on the Central European Steering Committee for Canadian Studies, whose activities culminated in the creation of the Central European Association for Canadian Studies in 2003. Subsequent to this, in 2007, she was a member of the pre-selection jury for the FRP and FEP awards. Closer to home, she has also twice hosted in Bratislava the annual seminar of Czech and Slovak Canadianists (2004 and 2008).

In the field of research and publication, Mária Huttová is the author of a number of scholarly articles on Canadian literature, and has also been very active in bringing an awareness of Canada and its literature to the general reading public, for example by working with her colleague Marián Gazdík in the preparation of a special Canadian issue of *World Literature Review*, and penning several afterwords to Slovak translations of Canadian literature.

In recognition of her services to Canadian Studies in Slovakia and the wider Central European region, the Central European Association for Canadian Studies is pleased to present Mária Huttová with this Certificate of Merit.

