

Katalin Kürtösi

Katalin Kürtösi has been deeply involved in Canadian Studies since 1985, when she introduced the discipline at the University of Szeged. In the years since then she has continued to promote the study of Canada at her own university and at other higher education institutions in Hungary and has at the same time been a very active participant in the Canadian Studies community internationally.

In the course of her professional career, besides her teaching in the Department of Comparative Literature at the University of Szeged, Katalin Kürtösi has been a visiting scholar at several higher education institutions in Europe and Canada and published well over thirty book chapters and articles on Canadian themes, in particular Canadian drama. Three of her books have been related to Canada, most recently (2013) the groundbreaking *Modernism on the "Margin" - The "Margin" on Modernism. Manifestations in Canadian Culture*. Her translations into Hungarian include works by Sharon Pollock and Roch Carrier.

Within Central Europe, Katalin Kürtösi has made particularly notable contributions. At its inception in 1999 she represented Hungary on the Central European Steering Committee for Canadian Studies, the first grouping of Canadianists in the region and precursor to the Central European Association for Canadian Studies. Two years later, she took over as second Editor-in-Chief of the *Central European Journal of Canadian Studies*, and was subsequently responsible for overseeing five issues of the journal before stepping down in 2009. (The experience gained in this position stood her in good stead as a member of the Advisory Board of the *International Journal of Canadian Studies*). As Convener, she also guided the highly successful CEACS Translation Research Project (2010-2012) and edited its publication, *Canada in Eight Tongues*. On many occasions she organized meetings of Central European Canadianists in Hungary, and in 2004 she hosted the 13th European Seminar for Graduate Students in Canadian Studies and the 16th meeting of the European Network for Canadian Studies.

In view of her distinguished accomplishments both at home and abroad, the Central European Association for Canadian Studies is very pleased to award this Certificate of Merit to Katalin Kürtösi.

