

Monica Bottez

Monica Bottez has played an important role in the establishment and development of Canadian Studies in Central Europe as well as in Romania, and is the central figure in the promotion of Canadian Studies at the University of Bucharest.

The Romanian member of the Central European Steering Committee for Canadian Studies that laid the groundwork for the creation of the Central European Association for Canadian Studies (1998-2004), Monica Bottez was also one of the co-organizers of the 2nd International Conference of Central European Canadianists, held in Bucharest in October 2001. A specialist in English literature of the 19th and 20th centuries, the contemporary American novel and narratology, she expanded her interests to include Anglophone Canadian literature, multiculturalism and the Canadian cultural space in general. At the University of Bucharest, she contributed significantly to the creation of a Master's programme in Canadian Studies, later (2008) extended to the doctoral level. Her publications on Canada include *Infinite Horizons: Canadian Fiction in English* (2004, with an expanded second edition in 2010) and a great many articles on a variety of topics. Within the CEACS, she was invited to cooperate with the teams involved in its two research projects, the first on the Canadian diasporas of the Central European countries (*Central Europe in Canada*) and the second on Canadian and Canada-related translations into Central European languages (*Canada in Eight Tongues*). In Romania, she has translated Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* and introduced Canadian authors to the general public through the Radio Romania Cultural programme "Dictionary of World Literature", while internationally she has also been heavily involved in cooperation with colleagues from the Association for Canadian Studies in the German-speaking Countries, delivering lectures on Canadian topics at several German universities and hosting German Canadianists in Romania.

In view of her many-faceted contribution to Canadian Studies, the Central European Association for Canadian Studies is very pleased to award this Certificate of Merit to Monica Bottez.

