

Preface

In 2017, the University of Pécs celebrated the 650th anniversary of the foundation of the medieval university. The government of Hungary has helped our university, through a privileged tender, to be able to remember this jubilee worthy.

With the support of the *'University of Pécs 650 Jubilee'* tender, we organized an international conference on 12–13 October 2017 at the impressive location of the Granary Visitor Information Centre of the Bishopric of Pécs. 21 Central and Eastern European experts from Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Switzerland, Slovakia, and many Hungarian university history researchers have presented their research results from the Middle Ages to the present day.

This volume contains the lectures that were given there. The written material of the lectures will be published as Volume 16 of the 'Publications of the University Library of Pécs' series at the end of 2017, in which 12 German and 7 English studies were given.

The University Library of Pécs and Centre for Learning – as the program owners of the conference and the book volume, in close cooperation with the University of Pécs Faculty of Humanities Institute of History Department of Medieval and Early Modern History and the University of Pécs Archives – organized a successful international conference presenting the latest scientific achievements of Hungarian and European higher education history research. This volume, which the readers hold in their hand, contains a summary of this scientific meeting. Several colleagues have contributed to both the organization of the conference, the editing of the volume and the revising of foreign language texts. Thanks for the work of the following: Balázs Arató, Ildikó Angyal, Fanni Balogh, Márton Czirják, Éva Csikós Kordé, Andrea Gönczi, Martin Méreg, Orsolya Miléder, Dávid Molnár, Miklós Nagy, Veronika Szarka Rózsa, Éva Schmelczler-Pohánka (University Library of Pécs and Centre for Learning), Márta Font, Dániel Bagi, Tamás Fedeles (Department of Medieval and Early Modern History), István Lengvári, Dóra Pálmai, Petra Polyák (University of Pécs Archives).

We also thank the staff of the Bishopric of Pécs for ensuring a worthy venue for the conference and, from Virágmandula Ltd., Zsolt Erőss for the demanding editing work of the volume.

I would therefore offer to the attention of our Dear Readers the 16th volume of the 'Publications of the University Library of Pécs' series, in which we present – in the spirit of the 650th jubilee – the results of the latest European and Hungarian scientific university history research for the general public.

Ágnes Fischer-Dárdai

Greetings



PROF. DR. JÓZSEF BÓDIS
Rector, University of Pécs

Dear Distinguished Guests,
Your Excellency,
Dear Director-General,
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the University of Pécs and in the name of all university citizens I'd like to welcome all of you at this very important scientific conference. Distinguished guests, you are hosted by the oldest university of Hungary of which foundation date goes back to 1367. Our university was founded by the famous Hungarian king Anjou Louis the Great and this foundation was supported by the papal decree. Our university was among the first four universities in the Central European region after Prague, Kraków and Vienna.

Few centuries later, the modern University of Pécs was established in 2000 as the merger of former universities. The first pillars were the Medical University of Pécs, the Janus Pannonius University and the Teacher Training Centre of Szekszárd. Today, our university consists of 10 faculties and a great medical centre, we have about 20 000 students and we have about 4000 international students who came from 105 different countries from all over the world. They form a very important part of our student community. We have 22 doctoral schools and in our teaching staff there are about 1500 people.

The topic and the title of this conference are very important, interesting and very impressive as well because it speaks not only about the foundation of our university but it also represents the 650th birthday of Hungarian higher education. The last 650 years provided to our society many highly qualified professionals. Without them we wouldn't be able to observe the world around us and the developments of our society. This is the real result of the past 650 years: collecting, evaluating and sharing the scientific achievements of mankind.

Distinguished Guests! I'd like to express my many thanks that you have accepted our invitation to participate in this event and present your ideas and

thoughts enriching ours. Thank you for that. We invited you with pleasure and we opened the borders of our country, opened the gates of our city and opened the doors of our university and you should know that when you return to your home, the borders of our country, the gates of our city and the doors of our university remain open but we will close all of you into our memory forever.

Thank you for your attention!

DR. GYÖRGY UDVARDY
*Diocesan Bishop*¹

Dear Mr. Rector,
Dear Ms General-Director,
Dear Participants, Dear Guests,

I would like to welcome the participants of the Conference "*University and universality – The place and role of the University of Pécs in Europe from the Middle Ages to the present day*". A special greeting to the rector of the university, Professor József Bódis and also those presenting at the event.

On the initiative of King Louis the Great and on the diplomatic intervention of Bishop William Koppenbach, Pope Urban V gave permission in his papal act, dated 1 September 1367, to establish a higher education institution in the area of this episcopal town.

The foundation of the university enabled young people from Hungary and the neighbouring countries to develop their knowledge and skills in an institutional framework, and to profit from it worldwide.

This opportunity did not only play an important role in the life of individual students but it also contributed to the academic life of the whole country. The professionals who graduated from this university took an important role in public administration, in legislation and in educational and academic work, thus, in the continuous development of culture in general.

Like the small pieces of a mosaic, the events of the jubilee and this present conference help us to bear witness to the circumstances behind the foundation of the university and the historic events which followed. This way we get an insight into the selfless and self-sacrificing work of our ancestors that contributed to the development and increased the resources of the institution. The stamina and hard work of the founders, the unbroken support of the Church, the joint commitment and cooperation filled the rooms of the university with vibrant life.

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¹ Translator: János Nagy

György Klimo worked with wisdom and farsightedness. He wanted to acquaint those who were entrusted to his care, through the mission of the Church received from Christ, with cultural gifts that could shape the human soul. Although his collection meant something different to his contemporaries than to us, his successors, the commonality is that it has crucial meaning for all of us. It is universal, because it talks to each of us, it touches everyone. Just like as Christ wants to save all of us.

Throughout the world there are several universities maintained by the Church, because in addition to education representing science is also crucial. This is a sign for affinity between the Church and history. It is a testimony that history is the path of salvation, it is the carrier of providence and genuine hope.

Bearing in mind the above, it is a great pleasure that at the centre of today's conference there is the university. It connects us with stronger and stronger links to Europe and to the scientific and artistic life of the world.

As the bishop of the diocese of Pécs I sincerely wish that the conference serves the realisation of plans established in the hope of future, the strengthening of contacts between the participant professionals, and the effective use of scientific results.

PROF. DR. ÁGNES FISCHER-DÁRDAI
General Director, University Library of Pécs and Centre for Learning

Sehr geehrter Herr Rektor, sehr geehrter Herr Bischof,
Sehr geehrte Professorinnen und Professoren!
Sehr geehrte Kollegen und sehr geehrte Gäste!
Meine Damen und Herren,

Laut Protokoll steht mir die Aufgabe zu, nach den Grußworten des Herrn Rektors und des Herrn Bischofs die Konferenz zu eröffnen.

Erlauben Sie mir bitte, dabei einige Gedanken mitzuteilen, die an die Sätze der vor mir Redenden anknüpfen und die ich als Leiterin der Bibliothek mit Ihnen teilen möchte. Das sind Gefühle, die uns, Pécs'er Bewohnern oft berühren, wenn manche Ereignisse aus der Vergangenheit auftauchen. Diese Gefühle sind eine besondere Art von Stolz.

Wir sind nämlich stolz darauf, dass wir in diesem Jahr das 650-jährige Jubiläum unserer Universität, der ersten Universität von Ungarn feiern können. Zweitens sind wir stolz, weil ein Pécs'er Bischof, György Klimó, als Erster in Ungarn, im Jahr 1774 die bischöfliche Bibliothek öffentlich zugänglich machte, und damit die Fundamente der heutigen Universitätsbibliothek niederlegte. Die von Bischof Klimó gegründete Bibliothek ist ein besonders wertvoller Schatz der heutigen modernen Stadt Pécs sowie der heutigen Pécs'er Universität und der heutigen Pécs'er Universitätsbibliothek.

Und zuletzt sind wir stolz auf unsere Stadt Pécs, die mit ihrem mediterranen Flair nicht nur eine der schönsten Städte Ungarns ist, sondern auch die erste Stadt in unserem Land, die im Jahr 2010 den ehrenvollen Titel „Kulturhauptstadt Europas“ erhalten konnte.

Sowohl die Stadt als auch das Bistum und die Universität sind schon seit alten Zeiten Förderer der Kultur, der Wissenschaften und der Bildung.

Diese Konferenz, die gerade die in Europa gespielte Rolle der Pécs'er Universität in den Mittelpunkt stellte, wird die Wissenschaftler in würdiger Form ehren, die kulturfördernde historische Persönlichkeiten unserer Stadt waren.

Ich wünsche uns allen, dass wir dieses historische Flair des Schauplatzes der Konferenz an der Haut verspüren, wir sind ja nur in geringer Entfernung von dem rekonstruierten Gebäude der mittelalterlichen Universität und rufen durch hervorragende Vorträge mittelalterliche Ereignisse wach und stellen wichtige Forschungsergebnisse über Themen vom Mittelalter an bis zu unseren Tagen vor.

Ich wünsche uns also zu dieser Arbeit reichhaltige wissenschaftliche Diskurse und viel Erfolg.