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Dear Friends and Colleagues of the Society,

Greetings to everyone and hoping that you are enjoying the summer, despite the record-breaking heat that many of us experienced in New York and certainly elsewhere, including Hungary.

As you know, last year we started to reconstitute the NYHSS scientific, social and creative agenda. The Board of Directors has been meeting and discussing next steps—within our ranks, with the consulate staff, the Tulipán Foundation, and young colleagues including recent Fulbright scholars. I would like to use this correspondence to give you a brief update and ask you for comments and inputs on these deliberations.

We have been discussing several issues:

- **Lecture/meeting series for the Fall.** We all, of course, are aware of the huge recent changes to the Hungarian government. It is not difficult to imagine that these will have direct impacts on our capacity to operate, specifically to be assisted by Consulate staff and to continue using the Consulate itself as the physical location for our meetings. We anticipate that such “higher-up” decisions will remain unresolved at least until the early Fall. We will be searching for “Plan B” backup locations should we be unable to use the Consulate for further meetings. We have started inquiries to the Hungarian House as well as key university partners who could provide us with space. In the event we are unable to meet in person, our meetings will temporarily shift to a virtual format.

Given this immediate reality, and in the context of our desire to continue revitalizing the Society, we will re-start Society events on the First Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:00PM and likely to commence in September. To attract as broad a participation as possible, we spoke of the need to create more accessible, user-friendly talks (in the spirit of: Tudományos Ismeretterjesztés), particularly to less technically oriented audiences. Our earlier decision to pair a senior scientist with a more junior speaker (perhaps a mentee), delivering two short lectures on a single topic, is still our preferred format.

- **Website and Membership.** We are also updating the Society's website to make membership registration and payment more convenient. Once these improvements are

complete, members will be able to join or renew their membership online, and additional details will be announced as they become available.

We have decided that annual membership dues will be **\$100** for senior scientists and other adult non-student members, and **\$50** for students. Should we establish a corporate membership category through private-sector partnerships, the annual corporate membership fee will be **\$200**. These dues will become effective on **31 October**. Additional information regarding online membership registration and payment will be posted on the Society's website once it is available. When announced the individual monthly events will accommodate a Participation Fee of \$20 to be paid on-line by members and non-members alike.

- **Gala and Larger Events.** Given uncertainties in our immediate future as well as our emphasis on revitalizing rank-and-file monthly activities, the Board decided to postpone any larger gala event. In the past the Society used the gala as a means to raise money to help support and then announce the winners of the Szent-György Scholarships. We will reactivate the prize once our logistics and finances settle.

Best wishes to all and hoping to see you all this Fall.



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