ORGANIZATION OF THE "FOURTH INTERNATIONAL KOREAN SPEECH CONTEST AND EDUCATORS' WORKSHOP," CLUJ-NAPOCA, MARCH 21-23, 2019

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In 2018, Babeş-Bolyai University was selected among the recipients of an Academy of Korean Studies Seed Grant (2018-2021). One of the activities planned within the project was to continue to organize a yearly event entitled International Korean Speech Contest and Educators' Workshop ("국제한국어 말하기 대회 및 교육자 워크샵"). The first edition was organized in March 2016.

For the fourth edition, we invited professors and students from the following universities (in alphabetical order): Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest (ELTE, Hungary), St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University (Bulgaria), University of Bucharest (Romania), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), University of Vienna (Austria). Each university was represented by a group of three students and one professor.

The event consisted of three main moments:

- 1) A Speech Contest in Korean Language. Designated topic for the fourth edition: "Unresolved Historical Issues." The contest was meant to motivate students to enhance their Korean language proficiency. The Embassy of the Republic of Korea usually provides very generous prizes for this event.
- 2) The contest was followed by a "Quiz Contest: How much do you know about Korea?" Students listed in the Speech Contest, as well as students in the audience could participate in the Quiz Contest.
- 3) Besides, educators of Korean Language and Korean Studies from Hungary, Bulgaria, Austria, Slovenia, and Romania shared their teaching experience in a workshop. The theme of this edition was: "The Translation of Korean Literary Texts."

The themes of the previous editions of this workshop were:

- 2016 "Korean language education: The use of culture in theory and practice" (한국문화를 활용한 한국어 교육방법의 이론과 실제)
- 2017 "Suggestions for teaching Korean history and culture" (올바른 한국역사와 문화교육을 위한 제언)
- 2018 "The exploration of ways to develop the Korean Studies Programs" (현지의 한국학 발전을 위한 방안 모색)

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