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Scientific degree: PhD

Fields of interest, research topics, keywords: classification of folklore texts, historical legends, Hungarian folk belief, cult of Hungarian saints, repertoire of storytellers

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Education and Degrees

1987–1997 Lajos Kossuth University, Debrecen – MA: ethnography, history and literature

2000 University of Debrecen – PhD (folklore)

Employment

1993–1994 Janus Pannonius University

1994–1995 Hungarian National Museum

1997– Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Ethnology/ Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the Humanities/HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network, Institute of Ethnology

Awards

1991 Géza Juhász Prize

1992 For Culture of Debrecen Prize

1999 Junior Researcher of Hungarian Academy of Sciences Prize

2007 For Hungarian Art Prize

2012 Pro Meritis Prize

2012 Ex Libris Prize

2023 Seklerland Prize

Research Activities: Projects in progress

2010– Encyclopaedia of Hungarian Folk Poetry (Department of Folklore Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the Humanities)

2020–2023 Lendület LP2020-1/2020, LP2020-1/1/2021 and LP2020-1/2021: Locality Embedded in the Web of Global Transitions. Ecological anthropology mediating between local communities and global changes in the Carpathian Basin MTA Lendület Project.

Publications

A complete updated list of publications of Zoltán Magyar is available in the Hungarian National Scientific Bibliography (MTMT):

<https://m2.mtmt.hu/gui2/?type=authors&mode=browse&sel=authors10010595>

Folkloristic fieldwork

Romania (1989–2024, every year)

Slovakia (1995–2023, every year)

Austria (1989, 2005)

Poland (2005, 2016, 2022)

Ireland (2006)
Slovenia (2008, 2011)
Serbia (2010)
Croatia (2010)
Ukraine (2010, 2013)
Hungary (1987–2024, every year)

Conference organization

31. International Ballad Conference (Budapest, 2001)
7. SIEF-Conference (Budapest, 2001)
Folklore and literature (Budapest, 2004)
Folklore and visual culture (Budapest, 2005)
Folklore and history (Budapest, 2006)
Folklore and language (Budapest, 2007)

Most important professional talks, papers or posters

-The Hungarian Saint Kings. The Grail Centre, London, 31. 05. 1997.
-Hagiografic and Folklore Motifs in the Legends of Early Hungarian Saints. Saints and Scholars. Maynooth: University Library, 12. 04. 2006.
-Szent György és más sárkányölő hősök a mondahagyományban. Sfântul Gheorghe și alți eroi ucigători de balaur în legendele populare. In: Sfântul Gheorghe în tradiția populară. Conferență de etnografie româno-maghiară – Szent György és napja a néphagyományban. Román–magyar néprajzi konferencia. Sepsiszentgyörgy, Székely Nemzeti Múzeum, 25. 04. 2007.
-Népmondák Árpád-házi Szent Erzsébetről. In: Árpád-házi Szent Erzsébet – Elisabeth von Thüringen. Magyar-német kultúrkapcsolatok Kelet-Közép-Európában. Ein Beispiel für ungarisch-deutsche Kulturbeziehungen im ostmitteleuropäischen Raum. c. konferencia Csíksomlyó, Jakab Antal Tanulmányi Ház, 17. 11. 2007.
International Congress of Hungarian Studies. Kolozsvár, 206. 08. 2011.
-From Archive to the Catalogue: Data Base of Catalogue of (Hungarian) Historical Legends. In: Utopias, Realities, Heritages: Ethnographies for the 21th Century. 12th Congress of Société Internationale d' Ethnologie et de folklore (SIEF) Zágráb, 24. 06. 2015.
-Legends of a Transylvanian Virgin Mary's Shrine. In: Folk Narrative and Culture. The Interim Conference of the International Society for Folk Narrative Research (ISFNR). Ankara, 03. 11. 2015.
-Pilgrimage and Narrativ Tradition. The changing character of legends of a Hungarian pilgrimage place. In: Track Changes. Reflecting on a Tranforming World. 14th Congress of SIEF: The Changing character of pilgrimages c. panel. Santiago de Compostela, Spanyolország, 16. 04. 2019.

Editing of database

Archive of Hungarian Historical Legends
Archive of Hungarian Belief Legends in Transylvania
Archive of Hungarian (Chango) Narrative Folklore in Moldavia
Magyar Zoltán's Archive
Database of Heraldry: <https://hu.wikibooks.org/wiki/Címerhatarozo>

Member in editorial board

Kárpát-haza Szemle (2020–)

Editing

Határ: 1990-1992

Múzeumi Hírlevél: 1994–1995

Ethno-Lore: XXVIII., XXX–XL. (2011, 2013–2023)

Series editing (as founder editor)

Magyar Népköltészet Tára [Collection of Hungarian Folk Poetry] (2001–)

Documentatio Folkloristica (2015–)

Documentatio Epica (2017–)

A Nemzeti Kultúrtörténet Kincsestára [Collection of Hungarian Culture History] (2019–)

Documentatio Folkloristica Carpathica (2021–)

Memberships, ranks

Hungarian Ethnographical Society (member, 1987–)

Hungarian Writers' Association (member, 1990–)

Hungarian Hagiographical Society (member, 2018–)

International Society of Ethnobiology (member, 2024–)