



Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Ministry of Human Resources of Hungary (henceforth referred to as "the Ministry"),

and

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority (henceforth referred to as "Yad Vashem"),

henceforth jointly referred to as "the Parties"

2014

Preamble

Recalling the successful cooperation to promote Holocaust education between the Ministry and Yad Vashem since 1997;

Noting that Hungary and the State of Israel are member states of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and committed to the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust (2000) in which they pledged, in part, to strengthen efforts to promote education and remembrance of the Holocaust and encourage the study of the Holocaust in schools and universities, communities and other institutions as well as encourage Holocaust commemoration;

Emphasizing the achievements of the Ministry in creating a network of Holocaust educators in Hungary and supporting Holocaust memorial events;

Acknowledging the successful cooperation between Yad Vashem and a number of Hungarian universities, such as the University of Miskolc and the University of Kaposvár, in promoting Holocaust education among pre- and in-service teachers in Hungary;

Underlining the importance of the numerous Hungarian-language Holocaust education materials that Yad Vashem has produced and the professional contributions of Yad Vashem experts to Holocaust education in Hungary;

Bearing in mind that over 550 Hungarian educators have studied at Yad Vashem seminars to date;

Cognizant of the 70th year of remembrance in 2014 of the Holocaust in Hungary, as well as the Hungarian chairmanship of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2015;

Convinced of the link between confronting the past, preserving the memory of the victims and assuming responsibility for a better future;

Aware of the positive outcome that may result from continued association, consultation, and cooperation;



Article 1: Objectives

The Ministry and Yad Vashem have reached a mutual understanding to take steps toward the following:

- I. Coordination of regional teacher-training seminars in mutually agreed-upon regions of Hungary with former Yad Vashem seminar participants and with the participation of one Yad Vashem pedagogical expert. Yad Vashem will cover the airfare of the pedagogical expert from Yad Vashem, as well as per diem and work days. The Ministry will cover the costs associated with local transport and hotel accommodation. Organization of additional programming geared for Hungarian teachers in 2014, including the participation of a Yad Vashem expert, may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
- II. Exploration of the organization of a study tour to authentic memorial sites for Hungarian educators who are either graduates of Yad Vashem seminars and/or those who are interested in studying at Yad Vashem. This study tour shall include the participation of Hungarian experts and an expert from Yad Vashem.
- III. Organization of a teacher-training seminar at Yad Vashem for no more than twenty-four Hungarian active classroom educators, of which a number of places will be reserved for educators dealing with Samudaripe (Pharrajimos), and for one group leader/interpreter in November each year. The Ministry will cover the airfare for the participants. Yad Vashem will cover the costs of hotel accommodation for the participants on a double-occupancy basis, as well as costs associated with providing experts, workshops and local transportation. Seminar participants will be required to pay a subsidized trip fee of USD 100 per person.
- IV. Creation of a contest and project carried out by secondary school students, to commemorate National Holocaust Remembrance Day. This initiative will focus on the theme of "Addressee Unknown," discovering and presenting local children's stories from the Holocaust, writing symbolic letters to the victims who are no longer with us.
- V. Collaboration on the maintenance and marketing of the accredited online Hungarian-language teacher-training course on the Holocaust.
- VI. Continued exploration of the possibility of organizing lectures for undergraduates and lecturers in higher education focusing on Holocaust-related topics.



Article 2: Duration

Both Parties agree to make all possible efforts to carry out all objectives stated in the above contract within the limits of the allocated resources in their respective annual budgets. In the event that one or both parties encounter the inability to meet any of the stated objectives due to financial constraints, the other party must be notified no less than three months before the said activity is to take place.

This Memorandum of Understanding is non-binding in terms of financial, material, and human resources. It may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into effect the day after signing by the authorized signatories of the Parties and will remain in effect until December 31, 2014.

Signed in _____ on _____, in duplicate in the English language.

Zoltán Balog
Minister of Human Resources of Hungary

Avner Shalev
Chairman, Yad Vashem Directorate