

# 2015 Annual Report

## CENTRAL EUROPEAN INSTITUTE



QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

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## ABOUT QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

Quinnipiac is a private university with 6,200 undergraduate and 2,300 graduate students. Quinnipiac is consistently ranked among the best universities by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and BusinessWeek's Business School Rankings. We offer a full range of educational opportunities including Business, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Health Sciences, Law and Medicine. To learn more about Quinnipiac University, please visit [www.quinnipiac.edu](http://www.quinnipiac.edu).

## ABOUT THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN INSTITUTE

The Central European Institute (CEI) at Quinnipiac University builds bridges between the United States and the nations of Central Europe by fostering relationships in three main areas: academic, business and culture. The CEI does this through country-specific endowed professor "chairs" who build programs with their respective countries. The CEI team consists of the following,

Institute Director: Christopher Ball, Ph.D.

Executive Assistant to the Director: Hanna Hejmowski

Polish Chair Distinguished Scholar: Alex Storozynski

István Széchenyi Chair for Hungary: Christopher Ball, Ph.D.

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## CENTRAL EUROPEAN BUSINESS LEADER SCHOLARS

*We are proud to welcome our first two scholars from Poland this year!*

After a year of establishing relations with leading universities and institutions in Poland, we conducted a search for young Polish business leaders, and selected our first two scholars from Poland. Our Central European Business Leaders scholarship works the same in Hungary and Poland: Scholars come to the US for approximately 3 years. During their first two years they earn their full-time MBA at Quinnipiac while working part time at companies. After completing their MBA, they remain to work full time for an additional year before returning home.

### New Scholars from Poland (Graduation Dates in Parentheses)



**Marcin AMBROZEJ (2018)** – Marcin holds a bachelor's in management and a masters in finance and accounting, both from the Warsaw School of Economics (WSE), as well as a masters in management from the University of Finance and Management in Białystok. He has work experience at the WSE's Academic Business Incubator, Deloitte in Warsaw, and Ipopema Business Consulting where he developed restructuring and strategic projects for clients. During his stay in the U.S., he will pursue his MBA with the supply chain management track. He currently works at Olympic Steel in quality assurance.



**Katarzyna MICHALSKA (2018)** – Katarzyna holds a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting and a master's degree in economics from the Warsaw School of Economics. In Poland, she gained experience in the Prime Minister's Office, PricewaterhouseCoopers, the FOR Foundation and the Association of Polish Economists. Among her other accomplishments she published a book to teach economics to Polish children which was so successful that it's now in its third edition. She will pursue her MBA with a focus on healthcare management.

### New Scholars from Hungary



**Attila DELI (2018)** – Attila holds a degree from Corvinus University in food engineering with a specialization in food preservation technologies. He also holds a diploma in international relations from the Mathias Corvinus Collegium. Prior to moving to the U.S., he interned at Auchan Hungary Ltd. as food quality intern and at Díjbeszedő Faktorház Ltd. as a factoring administration assistant. He will pursue his MBA with a focus on supply chain management. His key interests are in food preservation and distribution.



**Ferenc FAZEKAS (2018)** – Ferenc is our first joint QU-Fulbright Scholar. Ferenc holds a bachelor's degree in business information system management from the Corvinus University. Prior his arrival to the U.S., he worked at InfomatiX Ltd, as an information technology project manager. He interned at KPMG Indirect Tax Compliance as a business analyst. Before his move to the States, he worked in the global Project Management Office of Oracle as a leader for cross LOB projects, including several trainings and workshops in UK and California. He will pursue his MBA with a focus on healthcare management.

## Current Scholar Update



**Attila ERDÉLY (2016)** - Attila holds master's degrees in business management and corporate finance as well as two bachelor's degrees in management and business information systems from the Babeş-Bolyai University in Kolozsvár (Cluj-Napoca), Romania. Prior to his departure to the U.S. he interned at a Budapest-based financial advisory firm, Heal Partners Ltd., where he worked on mergers and acquisitions. During his stay in the U.S. he interned at Shred It and Henkel Corporation North America and currently works as an associate analyst at United Illuminating in Orange, CT.



**Márton KIS-DÖRNYEI (2017)** - Márton holds a bachelor's degree in applied economics from the Corvinus University of Budapest and a specialization in international relations from the Mathias Corvinus Collegium. In Hungary he interned at the Kopint-Tárki Institute for Economic Research. He is pursuing the Chartered Financial Analyst track in his MBA at Quinnipiac. Marton previously interned at Traveler's Insurance and currently works as an investment banking trainee at the Young America Capital, a small boutique investment bank in Mamaroneck, NY.



**Málna PÓLYA (2017)** - Málna holds bachelor's degrees in the fields of mechatronics engineering and international business from the Budapest University of Technology and Economics. In Hungary she interned at the gas trading company MOL Energy Trade Ltd. and at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. During her stay in the U.S., her main focus will be supply chain management. She previously interned at ASE Ameriseal and currently works as a business analyst at the SNP Technologies, in Hamden.

## Alumni



- **Blanka BALÁZS (2010)** - Blanka currently works at Statoil headquarters in Stavanger, Norway. During her scholarship she interned for Covalence SA in Geneva, Switzerland, and worked at United Technologies Corp.
- **Éva BARTALOS (2013)** - Éva currently works at Henkel Corporation headquarters in Dusseldorf, Germany. During her scholarship she worked at Charter Oak Communities, Rippowam Corp. and Henkel Corp. North America.
- **Ildikó DOMBI (2014)** - Ildikó currently works at Travelers Insurance in London, England. During her scholarship she worked at Travelers Insurance in the personal insurance division's business intelligence and analytics group.
- **Bence ERDÉLYI (2014)** - Bence is currently in Hungary building his iProperty company and launching his own business ventures. During his scholarship he worked at United Illuminating, InterMerchant Services and Walmart.
- **Dániel ERDÉLYI (2011)** - Dániel currently works at Raiffeisen Bank Headquarters in Vienna, Austria. During his scholarship he interned for Birinyi Associates Inc.
- **András HERCZEG (2013)** - András currently works for Magyar Villamos Művek Zrt. (Hungarian Electricity Works) in Hungary. During his scholarship he worked at Davidson Company Inc. and United Illuminating Corporation.
- **Alexandra Zita PLEIER (2012)** - Alexandra currently works at Mercedes-Benz Manufacturing in Hungary. During her scholarship she interned IHS Herold, Inc. and United Technologies Corporation.
- **Márta LÓRINCZ (2015)** - Márta currently works at Henkel Europe in Vienna, Austria. During her scholarship she worked at Birinyi Associates and at Henkel Corporation North America.
- **Katalin NÉMETH (2015)** - Katalin currently works in Hungary at her own business as a consultant to United Technologies Corp. (UTC). During her scholarship worked at LinkVehicle, Touchstone Research, Upcycle and UTC.
- **Daniel TUBIK (2015)** - Daniel currently works at GLS Bank in Germany. During his scholarship he worked at Fossil Free Indexes and at Henkel Corporation North America.



## LAUNCHING THE POLISH CHAIR



Alex Storozyński

**This year saw the launch of our first chair for Poland.** Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Alex Storozyński, president emeritus and current chairman of the Kosciuszko Foundation, was appointed distinguished scholar and Polish chair of the Central European Institute in May 2015. We are honored to have such a well-respected champion for Poland to hold the first Polish chair.

The Polish Chair, an endowed faculty position, was established in 2014 to oversee relations with Poland. Alex will focus on building relations in Poland, with the Polish community in the U.S., and generally raising awareness of our programs. To that end he connected the CEI with prominent leaders in Poland, brought Manuel Rosa to Connecticut for lectures on Columbus at Quinnipiac and the Polish National House in Hartford, provided a preview of his own Kosciuszko documentary, and brought Prof. Leszek Balcerowicz to campus in December for a public lecture. More information on each of those events below.

*"I had the opportunity to go to many universities, but tonight exemplifies the reason I chose Quinnipiac," said Alex Storozyński at the Polish programs launch event on June 22, 2015 in Warsaw, Poland. "The University cares about students and building deep relations with Poland."*

## LAUNCHING THE POLISH CHAIR AND THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP



From left: H.E. Stephen Mull, Alex Storozyński, Prof. Leszek Balcerowicz, Katarzyna Michalska, Marcin Ambrozej, Pete Novak and Kasia Novak.

**In June, the CEI hosted a launch event in Warsaw** to make public the appointment of Alex Storozyński and announce first two Polish Scholarship recipients, Katarzyna Michalska and Marcin Ambrozej. The event was held at Mielżyński's restaurant and wine bar in Warsaw ([www.mielzynski.pl](http://www.mielzynski.pl)) and was attended by over 40 executives, leading academics and diplomats. The evening starting with a networking reception and concluded with a short program which began with welcoming remarks from Quinnipiac



Quinnipiac University  
President John Lahey

President John Lahey and was followed by Alex Storozyński. The scholarship students were then introduced to the audience and finally, our keynote speaker, His Excellency Stephen Mull, United States Ambassador to Poland, spoke about the importance of initiatives such as ours to develop the next generation while also strengthening ties between Poland and the U.S.

*"This is good for the students. This is good for Poland. This is good for America. And this is good for Quinnipiac University. Central Europe is unique and growing, and Poland was the only European country to grow during the global recession. Quinnipiac can play a large role here, and the people from this region can play a large role at Quinnipiac." -- John Lahey, June 22, 2015, launch event in Poland.*

**In June, Quinnipiac representatives traveled to Poland** to continue building relations there. During

the trip they met with leaders of the Polish-U.S. Fulbright Commission, the American Chamber of Commerce, and many private individuals interested in supporting our Polish initiatives. The Quinnipiac team included Don Weinbach (Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs), Patrick Healy (VP for Finance), Chris Ball (CEI), Alex Storozyński (CEI) Hanna Hejmowski (CEI), and Pete Novak (Polish Chair donor). In addition to the launch event, President John Lahey led the group in two other major engagements.

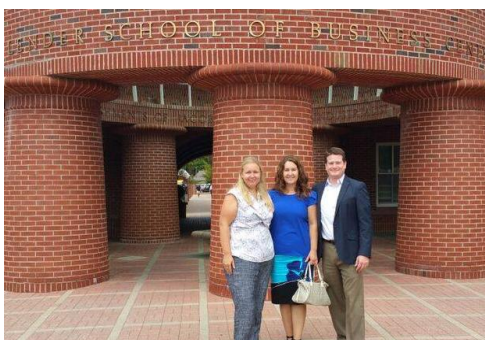
- **Round table discussion on best practices for running and building a private universities.** Professor Balcerowicz brought together presidents of private universities in Poland to discuss best practices with Quinnipiac President John Lahey who shared his experience and insights from building Quinnipiac into the internationally recognized university it is today. The event was hosted by Piotr Voelkel, the founder of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw Poland.

- Visit to Kozminski University.** Kozminski is a private business school and is considered the highest rated university in Poland. Kozminski consistently ranks well in the 'Financial Times' Business School Rankings and is the only business school in the country, and one of only a few in all of Europe, to hold all three of the top accreditations: EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA. President Lahey and the Quinnipiac team were met by Kozminski representatives Prof. Grzegorz Mazurek, Vice Rector for the International Relations, Dr. Svetlana Gudkova, Dean of the Kozminski International Business School, and Sylwia Halas, Director of the MBA programs, Valentyna Guminska, Director of International Relations Office, to discuss partnership opportunities.



From left: Svetlana Gudkova, Donald Weinbach, Hanna Hejmowski, Chris Ball, Grzegorz Mazurek, Pete Novak, Alex Storozynski, John Lahey, Patrick Healy, and Valentyna Guminska

### Kozminski Visit to Quinnipiac University



From left: Svetlana Gudkova, Hanna Hejmowski, and Chris Ball.

**The CEI hosted Dr. Svetlana Gudkova,** Director of the International Business School at Kozminski University in August at Quinnipiac University. Both institutions continued the process of partnering in the areas of bilateral student, staff and faculty exchange programs as well as discussed building joint-degree programs in the future.

### October visit to Poland and Hungary

**Poland:** Pete Novak returned to Poland with Chris Ball in October for a week-long trip to meet with students and university administrators, develop new relationships, and expand connections with private business leaders in Poland. During the week they met with groups of students from Kozminski

University, the FOR Foundation, Łazarski University, the Warsaw School of Economics, the Academy of Finance and Management in Białystok, and various non-Warsaw-based universities. They also met again with numerous private individuals interested in supporting our programs.

### Bilateral Agreement Signed Between Kozminski and Quinnipiac



**We are very proud to announce that our very first bilateral agreement with Kozminski University and Quinnipiac University was signed on October 19, 2015 by Dr. Christopher Ball, director of the CEI, and Dr. Witold Bielecki, rector of Kozminski University.** The agreement will allow an exchange of students, faculty and staff between both universities starting in Spring 2017.



**Hungary:** Chris Ball travelled from Poland to Hungary for a short visit to meet our partners. His visits focused on building our existing partnership with Fulbright Hungary and developing a stronger relationship with the American Chamber of Commerce. The main purpose of the trip was to host a dinner for the visiting board of the Boca Raton Museum of Art led by museum executive director Irvin Lippman. The board members were in Budapest to prepare for a 2016 Hungarian art exhibit at the museum, *Hungarian Art: A Century of Rebellion and Revival*. To learn more, please visit the museum's site: [www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org).



## U.S.-Polish Outreach

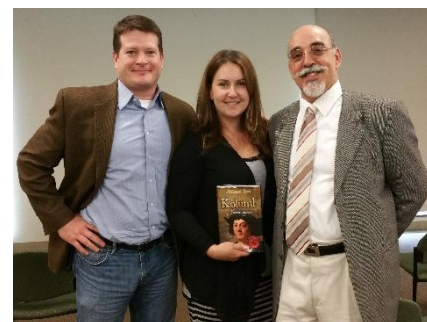
### Guest Speaker: Historian Manuel Rosa discussed the life of Christopher Columbus



We were very excited to host Mr. Rosa at Quinnipiac on Thursday, October 8, 2015. His lecture on the true origins and heritage of Christopher Columbus presented new evidence that shows Columbus was not Italian, but likely Polish royalty. Mr. Rosa is the author of two books "The Columbus Mystery Revealed," published in 2006, and "KOLUMB. Historia nieznaną" (COLUMBUS. The Untold Story), a bestseller in Poland, published in 2012.

In 1991, Rosa began investigating the life of Columbus, leading him on an intellectual and physical journey through Portugal, Spain, Poland and the Dominican Republic. He was the only Portuguese historian involved with DNA studies of Columbus' bones at the University of Granada in Spain. His work, if accurate, will completely change the way the world thinks about Christopher Columbus.

*"Thanks to much historical digging, Manuel Rosa offers a fascinating look at the roots of Columbus," said Storozynski. "His work has gained international attention. While the book has been published in several countries, it deserves to be picked up by a major American publishing house as well."*



### Screening PBS Film "Kosciuszko: A Man Ahead of His Time" Alex Storozynski, distinguished scholar and Polish chair of the CEI presented an advanced screening of his PBS film, "Kosciuszko: A Man

Ahead of His Time," on October 29, 2015. Alex both wrote and directed this fascinating documentary based on his book, "The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution."



Kosciuszko was a Revolutionary War hero and champion of human rights. He gave his salary from the American Revolution to Thomas Jefferson and to buy slaves and free them, part of his life-long fight for the rights of serfs, slaves, Jews, Native-Americans and women. A military strategist, Kosciuszko's plan won the Battle of Saratoga and he built Fortress West Point where a statue of him remains to this day. See his documentary on your local public broadcasting channel and buy his book on Amazon.

*"This film has been years in the making and finally gives Kosciuszko the attention that he deserves," said Storozynski. "I look forward to discussing this Polish hero with the film audience."*

### Guest Speaker: Polish Economist - Prof. Leszek Balcerowicz at QU - Monday, December 7, 2015



We were honored to host Prof. Leszek Balcerowicz for a lecture at Quinnipiac on "Crises, Systems and Economic Growth". Prof. Balcerowicz is credited with leading Poland's successful transition from communism to capitalism. It was a successful event with over 230 participants representing the QU community, the Polish community from New England, and Connecticut community generally. Balcerowicz has served Poland as deputy prime minister, minister of finance and president of the National



Bank. He has received more than 30 honorary degrees from universities worldwide. He is the author of more than 100 publications on economic topics.



His lecture challenged everyone's thinking on the benefits of capitalism versus other economic systems and on what causes and what prevents crises. His main thesis was that crises happen under all economic systems and are not unique to capitalism. Furthermore, crises under non-capitalist systems tend to be much worse than under capitalist systems. And, finally, the crises that do occur under capitalism, from the Great Depression to the recent Great Recession can all be traced to bad government policies that initiated the crisis in the first place. A

lively discussion ensued and the evening had to be called to a final close despite a line of people still standing to ask questions. Whatever anyone's political views, Professor Balcerowicz made everyone think.

### Yankee Institute Luncheon at the Polish National Home in Hartford - Monday, December 7, 2015

The Yankee Institute for Public Policy of Hartford ([www.yankeeinstitute.org](http://www.yankeeinstitute.org)) jointly with the Polish National Home of Hartford and the CEI hosted Prof. Balcerowicz for a luncheon talk on Poland's changes after socialism. Balcerowicz



played a key role in that transition as deputy prime minister and chairman of the national

bank. The audience was a mix of local business people and members of the Connecticut Polish community.



Balcerowicz has been named the winner of the 2014 Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty, a \$250,000 biennial award presented to an individual for achievement in promoting freedom and individual liberty. The Yankee Institute is Connecticut's CATO affiliate.

### MBA SHORT EXCHANGES

Every spring we host a one-week intensive course at Quinnipiac for a group of Corvinus Executive MBA students from Hungary. Every June we take a group of Quinnipiac MBA students to Hungary for a two-week intensive course which always ends on the second Friday of June with our Executive Networking and Alumni Retreat in Zebegény, Hungary.

### Hungarian Corvinus Executive MBA Visits to Quinnipiac

We were pleased to receive 15 executive MBA students from the Corvinus School of Management in Budapest for one week (March 8-14) in Connecticut. During the week, they visited Quinnipiac's three campuses and also visited major international corporations throughout Connecticut,



including American Seal & Engineering of Orange, Birinyi Associates Inc. of Westport, Foxwoods Resort and Casino of Mashantucket, Light Sources Inc. of Orange, Marcum LLP of New Haven, Mitchells Retail Store of Westport, SeriousFun Children's Network of Westport, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Updike Kelly and Spellacy of New Haven, and Westport Art Center. The next Corvinus MBA visit will be on April 11-15, 2016.





## The 8th annual Quinnipiac MBA trip to Hungary

Ten QU MBA students were joined by two business students from Romania for the annual executive MBA trip to Hungary from June 1–13, 2015. The students spent two weeks visiting leading firms and meeting with business executives from a range of industries, allowing them to hear directly from managers about the challenges and opportunities associated with doing business in Hungary. The group visited 18 companies: Bátor Tábor, Citibank, Culevit, Daalarna Bridal Design Co., E.ON, Ecolabs, Etyek Kúria, EtyekM, Exxon/Mobil, Gerbeaud/Onyx, Graphisoft, Henkel, Info Group, KNRDY, KPMG Consulting, Morgan Stanley, Sauska Vineyard, and Wekler Vineyard. During the stay, the students also



had an opportunity to participate in a variety of cultural events and activities: a weekend visit to Pécs, a city of art and history; Villány, Hungary's southern wine region; and a private tour of the Parliament of Hungary and the Presidential Palace.

The trip ended with the **8th Annual Zebegény Executive Retreat and Alumni Meeting**. It was a successful gathering of over 250 participants representing more than 100 companies, both regional and multinational<sup>1</sup>. The keynote speaker was **Her Excellency U.S. Ambassador to Hungary Colleen Bell**, and the **Quinnipiac alumni attending this year were:** Alexandra Pleier, Éva Bartalos, Ildikó Dombi, Bence Erdélyi, and 25 Corvinus MBA Alumni from the Spring trips to Quinnipiac over the years.

The next **QU MBA Executive trip to Hungary** will be May 29 – June 11, 2016 and the **9th Annual Zebegény Executive Retreat and Alumni Meeting** is June 10, 2016.



Keynote address by Her Excellency U.S. Ambassador to Hungary Colleen Bell at the 9th Annual Zebegény Executive Retreat and Alumni Meeting.



Christopher Ball, István Széchenyi chair and director of the CEI; Don Weinbach, VP for development and alumni affairs at QU; Her Excellency U.S. Ambassador to Hungary Colleen Bell; Bradley P. Bell; Christian L. Sauska, CEI Board Member.

<sup>1</sup> Attendees included: acb Galéria; Accenture Kft.; ALEAS Group Kft.; Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Hungary; Ambassador of the U.S.A. to Hungary; American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary; Amicus Association; Amrop Kohlman & Young; Aquincum Institute of Technology; Art Collectors; Art Factory; Art Historian; Art Magazine; Art Manager; Art Market Budapest; Art Salon Tarsalgo Gallery; Artemese; Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; Bátor Tábor Alapítvány; BKF University of Applied Sciences (BKF); Bortársaság; Budapest Business Journal; Budapesti Kereskedelmi és Iparkamara; BV Interactive Agency; CE Invest Group; Cerlux Kft.; Citibank Europe; Consular Association of WA; Corvinus University of Budapest; Daalarna; David Zwirner Gallery, NY; Deak Erika Gallery; Decathlon Hungary; Díjbeszedő Rt.; E.ON; East Consulting; GTK - Business Consulting Club; Economic Secretary; Edge Communications; ELKA; EON; Erste Bank Hungary; Etyek Kúria; Euromarcus Inc.; ExxonMobil Business Support Center Hungary Ltd.; Fancu Robotics; Fiedler Capital; First Med Kft.; Fulbright; Hungarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange; FWD Affairs; Gallery Weekend Budapest; Gerbeaud Gasztronómia Kft.; Glatz es Tarsa Kft.; Graphic Designer; Greenpoint 2010; Henkel; Hungarian Ministry; HVG; i-cell; iEurope; IJJAS LAW FIRM; InfoGroup; John and Edith Lauer's Pannonius Foundation; KNRDY American Steakhouse & Bar; KURT Co. Information management; Lee Hecht Harrison; Lehmann Maupin; Lufthansa Revenue Services; Mányi architect studio; Márki Translating; Mathias Corvinus Collegium; Maven Seven Network Research Inc.; MD Gastro Business Club; MDM Communications; MEDIX-Mofettair; Mercedes-Benz Manufacturing Hungary Kft.; MET Power; Mielzynski Wine; Ministry of Defence, Hungary; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Miniszterelnökség TVI; MKB Bank; MOL GROUP; Molnár Ani Galéria; Morgan Stanley Hungary Analytics Ltd.; Morphologic; MTI - Hungarian News Agency; Nanushka; NESPRESSO; Niveus Consulting Group; Office of the Prime Minister, Hungary; Oracle; PasséBalett; PAVE Jewelry; Philips Hungary Ltd.; Pont Systems; Presto-UPS LTD - RIELLO Power Solution Agency; Primus Capital; Pro100 Printing; Pulilab; Quinnipiac University; Richter Gedeon Plc.; RSM DTM Hungary Tax and Financial Advisory Services Plc.; Schenker; Semmelweis University; Siemens; Smart Staff Kft.; Streb Polska; Sz-L Bau Kft.; Szazadveg Foundation; Széchenyi University; Szent István University; The Hungary Initiatives Foundation; Tokaj Wine Region Development Council; TÜV Rheinland InterCert Kft.; UBS AG; UniCredit Bank; UPC Magyarország Kft.; VIASat; Wolf Theiss.

## ART AS AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS

The mission of Art as Ambassador is to share Central European art with the American public based on the idea that art is often a nation's best ambassador, representing its people, history and culture. As the CEI's mission is to build bridges between the peoples of the USA and Central Europe, we promote both art exhibitions and the exchange of artists themselves.

## CEENET UPDATE



### Polish Investors and Entrepreneurs Trade Visit to Connecticut on June 8, 2015

The CEI in cooperation with CEENET Inc. ([www.ctceenet.org](http://www.ctceenet.org)) hosted Polish business and university leaders from Kielce, the Holy Cross Province in Poland. Attendees were from the following companies: Regional Board Member of the Holy Cross Province,

Marshal Office of the Holy Cross Province, Spa Busko Zdrój Inc., President of Skarżysko-Kamienna town in the Holy Cross Province, INVEX REMEDIES Ltd., Wirtuale.pl Inc., ActiveTek Ltd., Sepoled Ltd., ŚCITT Ltd., Świętokrzyskie Biuro Rozwoju Regionalnego, and Warsaw Real Estate Holding Inc. The group visited the office of Dana Bucin, an attorney with Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., to explore various legal options and business opportunities for foreign investors in the U.S.



## ART AS AMBASSADOR

Our mission is to link the people of Central Europe with the people of the United States. Our Art as Ambassador program is based on the idea that, in many way, art can be a nation's best Ambassador, connecting people across countries and sometime across time in a uniquely deep way. Under this program title we share art from Central Europe periodic exhibits and connect individual artists directly via artist in residency programs.

### 2015 Artist in Residency: *EastmeetsWestport* Program



**Márton Nemes, our first artist in residence**, returned home on June 10, 2015 following a successful six weeks during May and June 2015 in Art as Ambassador: East Meets WESTport Artist Residency Program at the Westport Arts Center, Westport, Connecticut. During his residency he had the chance to take part in the events surrounding Westport Art Center's annual exhibition SOLOS exhibit featuring local artists, he met local artists and collectors, spoke to local groups about his art and Hungarian art, and he visited the New York City art scene. The CEI was very proud to partner with the **Westport Art Center** on this project and special thanks is due to several people who helped select the winning

artist and organize the residency: Peter Van Heerden (Westport Arts Center Executive Director), Helen Klisser (Westport Arts Center Artistic Director), Árpád Krizsán (Enterprise Research Group), Julia Mechtler (David Zwirner), and Emese Gáll (Central European Institute Art Advisor).

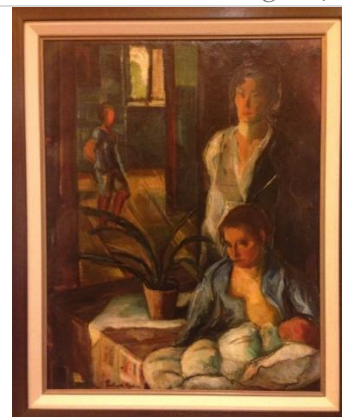
We are proud to announce that **Gergő Szinyova** was selected as our second artist in residence. His residency will be in Spring 2016.



## CEI Art Collection adds another Vilmos Perlrótt-Csaba

Thanks to a second generous donation by Mort Perlróth, in 2015, the CEI received its third art donation to date.

The painting entitled, *Figures with Baby in Interior Scene*, by Vilmos Perlrótt-Csaba, date unknown, is oil on canvas and joins last year's donations by Pete Novak and Mort Perlróth to in the Central European Institute.



## INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND INITIATIVES

### Hungarian Excavation

The CEI sponsored two Polish students Paweł Dziechciarz and Agata Kostrzewa, and three Hungarian students Gergő Lipták, Ádám Balázs, and Anna Szigeti, to participate in the Bronze Age Körös Off-Tell Archaeology (BAKOTA) archaeological research project in Hungary in summer 2015 along with Quinnipiac students. The students were conducting research at the Middle Bronze Age cemetery and settlement of Békés 103, which is now used as a patchwork of private farmland, as part of the Bronze Age Körös Off-Tell Archaeology (BAKOTA) Project.

### Second Hungarian Festival in Connecticut

The CEI was a proud sponsor of the second Hungarian Festival of Connecticut at the **Hungarian Community Club of Wallingford** on September 12, 2015. Chris Ball, the Honorary Hungarian Consul for Connecticut, opened the festival with a



speech welcoming over 200 guests. The festival featured Hungarian food, folk music, folk dancing, various programs and attracted visitors from CT, NY, NJ, and MA interested in experiencing the Hungarian culture.



### Visit from the Consulate General of Hungary

**Mr. Gabor Takacs, 1st Secretary - Science and Technology for the Consulate General of Hungary** visited Quinnipiac on Monday, December 14, 2015. His visit was hosted by the Honorary Hungarian Consulate of Connecticut and the Central European Institute (CEI) to discuss opportunities for Quinnipiac to work with Hungarian innovators, scientists and startups. During his visit Mr. Takacs met with Chris Ball, director of the CEI and Honorary Hungarian Consul of Connecticut, and with Norman Gray, director of Quinnipiac's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.



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MEDIA COVERAGE FOR 2015

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