



COACH-CUHS-OHS Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 30th April 2020

Venue: Zoom conference call

Present

Peter Juhász, *President of COACH*

Agnes Szuda, *Committee Member of COACH*

Balint Bassola, *Committee Member of COACH*

Anna Juhos, *Committee Member of COACH*

Elemer Gidofalvy, *President of HABA and Committee Member of COACH*

Balazs Nemeth, *President of CUHS*

Akos Marton, *Vice-President of CUHS*

Daniel Boros, *Events Officer of CUHS*

Luca Gal, *Events Officer of CUHS*

Kada Williams, *Secretary of CUHS*

Robert Szirmai, *President of OHS*

Bence Botlik, *Treasurer of OHS*

Rachel Szebenyi, *Committee Member of OHS*

Background information

COACH (Cambridge-Oxford Alumni Club of Hungary) was founded in 2018 as a revitalization of a previous alumni club. It currently has around 350 members. Its newsletter includes information about internship and job opportunities. Website: <https://oxcam-hungary.org/>

HABA (Hungarian Association for British Alumni) is an umbrella organization connecting alumni from various UK universities. Website: <https://www.haba.org.hu/>

OHS is a small society. The number of Hungarians per year in Oxford fluctuates: for instance, there are currently 15 Hungarian second-year students in Oxford and 1 first-year student. New members find the society well, partly due to their visibility at the Freshers' Fair. Although there are a number of senior Hungarians, mutual events are atypical. Among undergraduates, lángos cooking is a well-attended and anticipated event. Website: <http://www.hungsoc.com/>

CUHS is larger, with a steady stream of 15 to 30 freshers per year. Freshers are 'integrated' into the society through the society's Access program, the Freshers' Camp in September, and the Initiation Party in October. The society keeps a database of its members (see <http://cuhs.co.uk/about-us>). Most events vary from year to year, although the termly booked parties, Easter term Night Punting, and Easter term Garden Party are awaited each year. Website: <http://cuhs.co.uk/>



Agenda

1. COACH Mentoring program
2. Celebrating 10-year CUHS anniversary in 2021
3. Sparking cooperation between the societies and the alumni club
4. Year opening event (in Budapest, during September)

Summary of discussion

First, a round of brief introductions was in order, as well as a few words about COACH, CUHS, OHS, and HABA, see Background Information. Although Brexit presents uncertainty, regarding tuition fees and settlement, cooperation is very much worth initiating.

Juhász offered that COACH is open to and interested in any suggestions or requests from current students.

Beyond serving as a network for summer internship and job opportunities, alumni could provide guidance to current students.

Szuda noted that it is important for alumni to receive notice about relevant events in due time and for the events to be scheduled for weekends to make attendance feasible. Alumni generally have busy work lives, and a number of them do not live in the UK. Celebrations such as the 10-year anniversary of CUHS would attract many alumni, despite possible distance.

Oxford and Cambridge have much to learn from each other, such as how to organize a Garden Party, or how to mass-produce lángos. Oxford-Cambridge Hungarian society swaps could occur more regularly. It would help to have the committee members subscribe to each other's mailing lists.

A year opening event is being planned for this September. It is to be organized in a bar in Budapest, hopefully with the (new, Oxford graduate) UK ambassador present. This could serve as an initiation into the possible futures Cambridge and Oxford could bring, connecting freshers from the two universities.

COACH-CUHS-OHS meetings will occur twice a year from now on, the next one to be scheduled for this summer.