“Budapest will now become the headquarters of our movement”
Freud, 1918

28 September 2018 will mark the 100th anniversary of the 5th International Psychoanalytic Congress, which was held on 28–29 September 1918 at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and was attended by Sigmund Freud and other members of the psychoanalytic movement who eventually achieved greatness themselves. Organized toward the end of the First World War, the Congress focused on war trauma and options for treatment, themes represented by Sándor Ferenczi and Karl Abraham. The fact that high-ranking military officials from the Austrian-Hungarian Empire also participated was an indication of how seriously this matter was taken at the time. Indeed, a plan was soon developed to open hospital wards to provide psychological treatment for those affected by war trauma. This was the point when psychoanalysis moved beyond private practice to serve the broader society, and—at Sándor Ferenczi’s appointment as professor of psychoanalysis in 1919—it also became part of standard medical education.

With the participation of Austrian and Hungarian scholars, the Centennial Conference will form a bridge between previous and current theoretical and therapeutic approaches, highlighting the question of war trauma, the intense reciprocal effect between psychoanalysis and the arts, and the current place of psychoanalysis in healing and in the history of science.

Conference programme—HAS, Great Lecture Hall

Opening: 9:00–9:30 a.m. / Moderator: Judit Mészáros

Csaba Pléh, Fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and Distinguished Visiting Professor, Central European University

Alexandra Szuly-Bobrovniczky
Deputy Mayor, Budapest

Valeria Csépe
Fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and Chair, Hungarian Accreditation Committee

Zsuzsa Lőrinz
President, Hungarian Psychoanalytical Society

János Harmattu
A Founding Member, Sándor Ferenczi Society, and Honorary President, Hungarian Psychiatric Association

Panel: 9:30–11:00 a.m. / Moderator: János Harmattu

Judit Mészáros, Training Analyst, Hungarian Psychoanalytical Society, Professor Honoris Causa, Eötvös Loránd University, and President, Sándor Ferenczi Society

Thomas Aichhorn
Psychoanalyst and Archivist, Vienna Psychoanalytic Society, IPA

Coffee break: 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Panel: 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. / Moderator: Csaba Pléh

Ferenc Erős, D.Sc., Professor Emeritus, Institute of Psychology, University of Pécs

Tibor Bulka, D.Sc., Lieutenant Colonel, Military Historian, Military History Institute, Budapest

Szabolcs Kéri, D.Sc., Professor, Budapest University of Technology and Economics and Semmelweis University

Lunch break: 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Panel: 2:30–4:00 p.m. / Moderator: Antal Bókay

Gergely Baráti, Art Historian, Ferenczy Museum Centre, Semmering

Andrea Bronner, M.D., Psychiatrist and Psychoanalyst, Vienna Psychoanalytical Society, IPA

Elisabeth Ann Danto (Vienna)
Professor Emerita, Hunter College/City University of New York

Coffee break: 4:00–4:15 p.m.

Panel: 4:15–6:15 p.m. / Moderator: Péter Davidbózzi, Fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Emeritus, Literary Historian

Csaba Pléh, Fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and Distinguished Visiting Professor, Central European University, Budapest

Alexandra Strauss, Art and Cultural Historian, Vienna

Eszter Molnár
Literary Historian, Petőfi Literary Museum, Budapest

Antal Bókay, Professor, Dept. of Literary History and Theoretical Psychoanalysis Doctoral Programme, University of Pécs

The fate and context of love in psychoanalysis: The new Freudian readings of Kandel and Roudinesco

Anna Freud and “The Conscience of Society”: Introduction and video film presentation

The prehistory of Géza Csáth’s The Psychological Mechanisms of Mental Diseases

Literature and language in Ferenczi’s psychoanalytic thinking

The conference is in Hungarian and English with simultaneous interpretation. The conference was organized by the Sándor Ferenczi Society, which is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding. Conference programme and organizing committee: János Harmattu, Judit Mészáros, Csaba Pléh. Patrons: The Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Austrian Cultural Forum.