

## Mentoring has started

We are excited to share that the HABA - HYA Mentorship Program has officially launched in June, 2021.

In collaboration with the Hungarian Youth Association (HYA), we have matched 15 Mentors from HABA with 15 Mentees from HYA's community of current students and young professionals for a 6-month mentorship that primarily focuses on professional development, career advising and network building.

Mentors and Mentees were carefully paired by the Coordinators of the Mentorship Program according to their past studies and area of expertise and interests. Among all, law, diplomacy and finance were the most popular and frequent fields selected by both Mentors and Mentees, however, interest towards niche areas including machine learning or microbial ecology also occurred. Fortunately, each applicant's preferences were successfully met.

During June, the first independently organized online/offline meetings took place when matched pairs could get to know each other and plan common goals for the upcoming 6 months. As a form of feedback, we would like to encourage our Mentors to reach out to us and share their experience and first impressions in a few sentences. Should any of the Mentors have questions or concerns, please read our Mentor Guide or contact us at [haba@haba.org.hu](mailto:haba@haba.org.hu).

We wish a fruitful mentorship for all participants and an enjoyable journey with the Mentees.

Warmest regards,

Júlia Véglesi  
Mentorship Program Coordinator



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## Message from the HABA Board

Dear HABA Members & Friends,

The HABA Board hope that all of you and your families are safe and well, most of you probably had their vaccines by now. We also would like to thank you for your support of HABA during these challenging times.

You are most likely aware of our new initiatives, which we had this year. One of them is the mentoring program, where more experienced, senior members can provide highly valued advice and guidance to younger members of this or similar organisations. You can read an update on the status of the programme in this issue of the Newsletter.

The other new initiative is the Newsletter itself. We try to keep our membership informed on past and upcoming events but we also would like to encourage our members to have a closer contact with the Board and the editors by **notifying us of any relevant events**, that we might

not be aware of, and of **success stories** that deserve the attention of all the HABA members.

In our In the Spotlight section we plan to **introduce our members to each other**, so we might **contact you** personally for permission to add some professional and maybe some personal details about yourselves.

In this issue we start with Máté Martin, who is the member of the HABA Board. Martin is our Treasurer and is responsible for the smooth running of HABA by keeping track of our expenses and income.

We had two successful online events in the last three months: one of them was a joint event with HYA and Engame Academy "30 Years 3 Generations" and the other one was a panel discussion with the title "The World of Big Tech". HABA's guests were Norbert Maier (Copenhagen Economics) and Levente Nyakas (NMHH, Institute of Media Sciences). You can find further details about these past events in this issue.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June the Ambassador Paul Fox invited HABA among others to a reception at the British Residence, where he introduced a new international scholarship programme. You can read more about it on page 2.

We kindly remind you not to forget to pay your membership fee for the year 2021. It is 3000 HUF for the calendar year, transferable to the following bank account:

Erste Bank Zrt. 11600006-00000000-83399211, IBAN: HU84 1160 0006 0000 0000 8339 9211

*N.B. Please do indicate your name in the comment section of the transaction.*

On behalf of the Board of HABA, we are very much looking forward to seeing you all again, returning to our normal way of operating.

See you at the picnic on the Margaret Island on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

The Board



## Studying in the UK after Brexit

Hungarian students will have to pay international tuition fees instead of the British one from September 2021 and there are many who may have abandoned the plan to study in the UK.

British universities have been opposed to Brexit from the start, from which we can conclude that rescue solutions are being made for the future.

One of these schemes, the Turing Scheme was introduced by Ambassador Paul Fox, Deputy Ambassador Richard Shackleton and Attila Molnár, Director of the British Council Hungary, to representatives of alumni organisations including HABA and British and Hungarian education experts at a reception held at the British Residence on June 30th.

After Brexit bilateral higher education cooperation and exchange programmes are supported by the UK's new international scholarship, the Turing Scheme. It is the UK government's global programme to study and work abroad. The scheme provides funding for international opportunities in education and training across the world.

Find more information on the scheme here: [www.britishcouncil.org/education/h-science/turing](http://www.britishcouncil.org/education/h-science/turing)

## Hungarian Start-up to Help Students of British Higher Education

Prepared has been listed among the 101 Of The Best Ed-Tech Startups To Watch Out For In 2021 (101 Of The Best Ed-Tech Startups To Watch Out For In 2021 – The Startup Pill ([startuppill.com](http://startuppill.com)) and on Crunchbase under the name Bindr.

The founders are three Hungarians, Andras Geiszl, Balint Jakabos, Marton Kosdi-Kovacs.

On Bindr students can join study sessions with their peers to hold each other accountable whenever they lose focus or just need some company while working from home. Anyone can start or schedule a study session and other students can join or sign up for them. In the sessions students are on mute so they don't disturb each other, but they get to know their study partners by texting encouraging messages in the group chat, and possibly arrange the next session. With the current climate, it can be particularly challenging for students to interact with one another, therefore we aim to help them through their difficulties with a tool that enables them to study together like they would do in a library.

From: [Bindr - Crunchbase Company Profile & Funding](#)



## In the Spotlight

### HABA's Members I.

#### Máté Martin



**Máté, you joined HABA and its Board in 2017 when Elemér became the president and you are our Treasurer since. Máté, where and what did you study in the UK?**

MSc International Political Economy at the London School of Economics, and I graduated in 2013.

**Why did you choose to study in the UK?**

The UK was a natural choice for me – I went to international and British schools in different countries, it was therefore a natural progression to study in the UK.

**You came back to Hungary and worked here for a while until quite recently, right?**

Yes, that is correct. Previously I lived in Hungary and worked in corporate banking and the automotive industry. Currently I live and work in Vienna, in investment banking.

**Do you have any hobbies? How do you charge your batteries?**

I enjoy playing tennis, running with my dog, meeting friends, and going to concerts. Hopefully, we will be able to resume travelling soon!

**What other languages do you speak apart from Hungarian and English?**

German, Portuguese, basic French and Spanish

**You said you liked going to concerts. Do you have any favourite British performers, musicians?**

Jethro Tull, but generally I really respect how British musicians gave new life to American blues music, reinterpreting it, but at the same time making the old early 20<sup>th</sup> century classics popular again.

**Do you have a bucket list at all? What's on it?**

Skydiving

**Would you tell us what the biggest challenge was in your life so far?**

Deciding to live in Brazil for a year without knowing a word of Portuguese or anyone there. It was a huge challenge, but even more satisfying once I could get around and had built up a great group of friends. It of course it helped a lot that Brazilian culture and the people are extremely open, friendly, and welcoming.

**Drawing a conclusion from that challenge, is there a useful piece of advice, that you could share with other HABA members?**

Don't be afraid of change – I think there is an interesting difference between the American and European mindset, namely that in Europe we tend to be more wary of change and uncertainty. I've been the same way, but then decided to make a big career change to a different country, without first knowing how it will actually work out. In the end I felt it was liberating to put myself in a situation where the only option was to succeed. I think we could all benefit from being a little less cautious (within reason).



## HABA's Recent Events

### 30 Years 3 Generations

On the 29th April 2021 HABA organised its first, very successful event of the year with the title '30 years, 3 Generations' in collaboration with the Hungarian Youth Association and Engame Akadémia. The well-received event was a talk among former graduates and current students, who represented 3 generations studying in the UK. One of the panellists was our HABA Board Member, Zoltán Marosi. Those, who missed the live Zoom event, can access the recording via the following link or just by clicking on the picture here: <https://www.facebook.com/100011316611919/videos/1394399054280635/> (please note that the actual event starts at 4:20)



## HABA's selection of online and live events

### 9th Jazz Picnic July 29 and 31, 2021

The 9th jazz picnic, held in the village of Paloznak north of Hungary's most popular holiday resort, will feature jazz, funk and soul greats such as English jazz-funk band Level 42. The three-day festival will also feature Hungarian jazz performers, local wine and cuisine.

[Detailed program available here](#)

### Budapest Airport Run in September

Budapest Airport will organize its charity run, the Runway Run, for the ninth time this year, in support of the SUHANJ! Foundation and the Anthony Nolan foundation.

The foundation websites:

[Home | Anthony Nolan](#)

[Suhanj – Erőt adunk!](#)

### EuroCafe with Bremain and Brexpat

Sat, Jul 24, 2021, 11:30-12:30 CEST P

Free online event

[by Cheltenham for Europe](#)

### Take your pick from streamed theatre shows in London:

[London Shows | What's On In London |](#)

[West End Shows |](#)

[LondonTheatre.co.uk](#)

### Visit the British Museum from your home.

Take virtual tours in the museum. [How to explore the British Museum from home - British Museum Blog](#)



## The World of Big Tech

HABA held its springtime discussion on the exciting topic of the role of Big Tech companies in today's ever more complex world. The invited speakers included Mr Norbert Maier (managing economist at Copenhagen Economics) and Mr Levente Nyakas (head of the NMHH's Media Institute), while the discussion was moderated by HABA Board Member Zoltán Marosi. Mr Maier took care to discuss the competition-economics side of the issue (eg zero pricing), Mr Nyakas explained the media law / regulatory background to these issues, while Mr Marosi contributed to the competition law aspects of the topic. Afterwards, a Q&A discussion took place, where both the speakers and the participants discussed various further important aspects of this continuously evolving topic.

## Upcoming Events

### • Annual Picnic

Date and time: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 17:30

Finally we can meet again live! We invite you to join us on the Margaret Island for our annual HABA Picnic on the 23rd July 2021 at 5:30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

