



Tribute to János Fügedi

Our beloved colleague János Fügedi (b. 1953) passed away on January 31, 2025.

János joined ICKL in 1987 (conference in Namur), became a Fellow in 1989 and then joined the Research Panel. In 1991, he hosted, with Mária Szentpál, the first ICKL Conference in Budapest. Another ICKL conference was organized in Budapest in 2011, and the latest one in 2022, with Henrik Kovács as onsite organizer. The younger generation of ICKL members had the privilege to meet János then.

János was very keen on research matters and proposed several important papers at ICKL conferences. Starting in 2011, he also built editorial norms for ICKL Proceedings and served as co-editor of the publications.

János was elected Chair of the organization and served as its leader from 2017 until 2023.

Aside from his crucial role within and for ICKL, János was a respected and recognized researcher in Hungary. Several of his publications can be found in the “Knowledge Base of Traditional Dances” (<https://neptanctudastar.abtk.hu/en>), a resource website published by the Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute for Musicology, for which he was general editor.

The ICKL organization was fortunate to have among its members this brilliant researcher—who was also a man of great culture, as well as great sensitivity and generosity towards others.

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Photo: János Fügedi's 70th birthday,
Hungarian Dance University, autumn 2023.
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