

NEOhio-Hungary Economic Development Project

Partners, Members and Contacts List

Current list of contacts for Trade Mission to Hungary scheduled for May 9-16, 2009

Updated by Jeanette Grasselli Brown as of 3/27/2009

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<http://www.clevelandhdp.org/economicdevelopment/> (Lél Somogyi, Jeanette Grasselli Brown)

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The NEO-Hungary Economic Development Program is working closely with a NEO organizations and representative members of these organizations in advancing its objectives. The list below may not be complete, but is representative of our growing "working team." Correction or additions to this list should be sent to lelsomogyi@hotmail.com.

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Dr. George Eisen - Nazareth College, Rochester – International Programs and Scholarly Exchanges (has \$1.2 m Atlantis Grant for scholarly exchange with univ from Hungary et al and Rochester) -- (Lev Gonick)

Dr. Judit Puskas, Prof polymer science at UA – support from International Institute of NSF. Proposal for “Science of Technology Centers” with Dr. Pungor and match from EU (jpuskas@uakron.edu)

Fred Goodman (fgoodman@mrismystem.com) – head of Beachwood incubator (Tom Sudow)

Batara Sianturi - Citi Country Officer, Chair of board of Citibank Hungary. CWRU grad. Laszlo Balassy, Gen'l Mgr of Citi Markets & Banking and Cleveland. (Sam Dean's boss and friend of April Foley) Interested in getting Hungarian Univ set up for tech transfer (batara.sianturi@citi.com)

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Deborah Scherer – ODOE, Columbus – arranged Trade Mission from Ohio to Hungary, Serbia in Nov 2008. Also Scott Kuehn – same office.

Istvan Foldesi, head of InnoHungary Technology Center in Hungarian Embassy in Washington, DC (www.linkedin.com/in/interaccess) and (www.interaccessusa.com) – (Charlie Brez) -Link to Embassy of Hungary about InnoHungary center – foster business relations between US and Hungarian companies in field of IT and Telecommunications. (www.huembwas.org/Z_News/InnoHungary.htm) - (Lél Somogyi)

Miklos Martin-Kovacs – Investment & Trade Commissioner, Hungarian Consulate General, Chicago
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Prof. Joseph Kennedy, UA Polymer Science Dept – expert in field of polymers for bioscience 2008 Goodyear Medal Award (Tom Sudow)

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In Hungary:

1) Individuals

Captain Robin Minton – Ohio National Guard assigned to Budapest for economic development (rminton@san.osd.mil) replaced Sam Dean who was key to setting up May 2007 trip (Jenny Brown)

Patricia Gonzalez, Steve Knode and Jeff Schavland at US Commercial Services in Budapest located in US Embassy - fully supportive of our mission – contact info at web page of CHDP

Jeffrey Levine, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy, Budapest (Patricia Gonzalez)

Mark S. Tauber (TauberMS@state.gov) – cultural attaché at US Embassy in Budapest (Tamas Csorgo)

Balazs Erdei (balazs.erdei@nkth.gov.hu) – desk officer at NKTH - helpful for May 2007 visit (Jennifer Thomas)

Tibor Kovacs - (KovacsT@state.gov) – Health, Science and Technology Affairs Specialist, Env, Science, Tech, Health Hub Office at US Embassy – helpful since May 2007 visit - Suggests American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary (www.amcham.hu) SME committee

Dr. Andras Pungor - (pungor@bznano.hu) - Miskolc Nanotechnology Center – an IRC founded in 2006 by NKTH (National Office for Research and Technology) – (Joe Veres)
Zoltan Siklosi (Siklosi@invescom.hu) - Invescom Corporate Finance – Hungarian partner with Brown Gibbons & Lang investment bankers. Tamas Treznyak in Hungary. (Reka Barabas)

Dr. Charles Heubner - Hungarian, former GE VP, Hungarian American Enterprise Fund \$70 m sponsored by US govt in 1990 to open Hungary. 1997 managed \$130 m First Hungary Fund (one of largest VC's in central Europe). 2003 partner of iEurope Capital LLC private equity fund for Central and Eastern Europe. (Tom Brick – Harvard & Univ of Detroit Mercy with CH)

Gregory Laperdrix U Berkeley. In Hungary since 1997 in financial sector. Established company consulting on acquisitions and mergers through financial advisors. (Gregory.laperdrix@plateformes.hu) (Jenny Brown)

Tibor Hejj – head of Proactive Management Cluster, P-M-C.hu. Formerly with Boston Consulting Group in Germany and A.T. Kearney in Hungary. (Lél Somogyi has worked with him in the past)

2) *Organizations:*

Theodore Puskas Foundation Institute of International Technology – one of 4 Innovation Relay Centres (IRC) in Hungary , established by EU. Budapest (Charlie Brez)
Dr. Zsolt Kohalmi - Theodore Puskas Foundation (Joe Veres)

Szeged Biological Center (SzBK) – EU Center of Excellence in Hungary – only one in advanced biology and medical research (www.szbh.hu) . Prof. Lajos Keszthelyi founding director of Institute and member of HU Acad of Sci.
(Tamas Csorgo)

Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BUTE) – Rector’s Office for IRC info and Tech transfer info
(Charlie Brez)

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) – EU flagship initiative for innovation in Europe - \$3.4 billion institute modeled after MIT. Mission to boost R&D in Europe. Budget - Euros 300 million but proposed to go to Euros 2.3 billion (\$3.43 billion) (EE Times Europe 9/16/08)

MOL – largest polymer and lubricant player in CEE – (Istvan Toth knows mgt and Co.)

3) *Contacts from Robin Minton:*

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