



THE LEGACY OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS IN EUROPE AND IN HUNGARY

International conference

Organizers:

**Savaria Museum (Vas County Museums Authority) - Saint Martin Institute
The Hungarian Council of Saint Martin European Cultural Route**

Backers:

The Council of the City of Szombathely Interreg Central Europe NPA Project

Date: 16-17 May 2019.

Venue: Gallery of Szombathely – conference hall - Szombathely, Rákóczi u. 12.
(17 May – Szombathely – Kőszeg – Lukácsháza)

The goal of the event: to help local traditions and customs connected to St. Martin of Tours become an officially recognized part of national or regional heritage in as many places as possible.

During the conference the renewed altarpiece of the St. Martin Church of Csesztve (Nógrád County) is exhibited in the foyer of the Gallery.

Moderating the Conference: Ildikó Szommer, head of institute Savaria Museum - Saint Martin Institute

The Conference is in Hungarian and English languages. Professional interpreters will be present during the event.

Program:

16 May, Thursday

8.30-9.00

Registration

9.00-9.30 Welcome speech

Dr. Tivadar Puskás, Mayor of the City of Szombathely

Anikó Krucsainé Herter, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Human Capacities

9.30-11.00 Presentations

The roads of St. Martin's legacy in Pannonia - director **Andrea Csapláros** (Savaria Museum)

The heritage of St. Martin, a „UNESCO World Heritage” – the example of Utrecht - **Rien**

Sprenger (Sint Maartensberaad – Utrecht)

The road to recognition – Possibilities and experiences – **Eszter Csonka -Takács** (Committee of Intangible Cultural Heritage – Szentendre)

11.00-11.15 Intermission

11.15-12.45 Presentations

Heritage of the Birthplace – facts, legends, traditions – **Gábor Kiss**, archaeologist-historian (Savaria Museum – Szombathely)

The Thousand Years Veneration of Martin in Pannonhalma – **Konrád Dejsics OSB**, cultural director (Pannonhalma Archabbey)

Keeping the traditions of St. Martin and “building the road” in Slovakia - the example of Čerín – **Martin Kvak** and **Éva Szűcs** (Rada Európskej kultúrnej cesty svätého Martina na Slovensku)

12.45-13.00 Comments

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.45 Presentations

The legacy of Martin in North Rhine-Westphalia – The road to official recognition – **Jeyaratnam Caniceus** (Kempen, Germany)

The veneration of Martin in Puglia – **Silvio Spiri** (Centro Culturale San Martino Puglia – Taviano, Italy)

The revival of St. Martin's Veneration in Keszthely – **Zsuzsa Csángó, Eszter Ráczné Páldy** (City Preservation Organization – Keszthely)

15.45-16.15 Comments, summary

16.15-16.30 Intermission

16.30-18.30

Introducing Project New PilgrimAge – **Szabolcs Szakály**, head of department (Mayor's Office – Szombathely)

17 May, Friday

9.00 Meeting in the church of St. Martin

Where Martin was born according to Legend – the Birthplace with the eyes of an archaeologist - **Gábor Kiss** (Savaria Museum – Szombathely)

9.30 – Visiting Kőszeg by bus

A half-millennial tradition reborn – How did St. Martin protect the town in 1532?
Demonstrating the St. Martin apparition – **Botond Tóth**, with the **Darabonts of Kőszeg**.
Short walk in town, then visiting Lukácsháza.

- The veneration of St. Martin in Hungarian folk traditions and gastronomy - **Gábor Barna**, ethnographer (University of Szeged – Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology)

- Introducing St. Martin's Pastry from Poznan (Poland) - **Magdalena Bönditzné Siwec**

- The role of Via Sancti Martini in tending to the Legacy – closing speech – **Róbert Orbán** (The Hungarian Council of Saint Martin European Cultural Route)

13.30 Lunch in Lukácsháza, travel home

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