

THE KATHLEEN HEASLIP WODALA MEMORIAL AWARD



Dr. Kathleen Heaslip Wodala worked at the English Department of József Attila University for twenty years. She originated from Scotland and had degrees in French and German. She began her career at (JATE, now called SZTE) University of Szeged in 1974 as a British Council lector. Her husband being Hungarian, after her years with the British Council were over, she remained in Szeged as a full-time assistant lecturer at the Department. She was involved in teaching language, methodology, and translation studies. Since her family was bilingual (Kate also spoke excellent Hungarian), she made a scientific study of the subject, writing and defending her doctoral thesis in 1985 on the basis of her experiences with her own children. The work was published under the title *The Development of Reading Skills in an English-Hungarian Bilingual Child (the Initial Stages)*. During her later years with us, she held speech technique classes, using excellent methods with outstanding results. In addition to all her family and teaching activities, she managed to find time and energy to sing in the Szeged Bartók Choir, help her colleagues, teach Scottish dances on summer courses, and assist in organizing the English Department at the University of Toulon in France. It is to commemorate and prolong her presence at this Department that the Award named after her will be presented annually, to a student who has demonstrated outstanding ability in some respect.

Award winners:

- 1995 Gáspár Róbert
- 1996 Varga Edina
- 1997 Kovács Ágnes Zsófia
- 1998 Vékony Attila
- 1999 Szarvas Júlia
- 2000 Dragon Zoltán
- 2001 Rauzs Orsolya
- 2002 Kelemen Csilla
- 2003 Balogh Erzsébet
- 2004 Maczák Zsuzsanna
- 2005 Janurik Boglárka
- 2006 László Zsuzsa
- 2007 Borthaiser Nóra
- 2008 Hajdú Richárd
- 2009 Makra Péter