

Washington, February 28, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

As Ambassador of Hungary, I would like to cordially invite you to our traditional Homecoming Forum, an annual gathering of young-at-heart Hungarian professionals and scholars studying and working in the US.

This year's Forum will be co-organized as usual with the HungarianAmerica Foundation and held on Saturday, April 17th, 2010 at the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary, 3910 Shoemaker street, NW, Washington DC 20008 from 9:30 a.m. to 16:00 p.m.

The general purpose of the Forum is no different from that of the previous years, namely to provide an opportunity for networking, exchanging ideas on mobility, brain circulation and career paths as well as the possible transfer of knowledge and valuable human resources back and forth between Hungary and the US.

This April, however, the Forum will also have a brand new science diplomacy development to discuss – after years of legal procedure the new Hungarian-US Science and Technology Agreement will have been signed by then. We will aim at exploring professional, scientific and entrepreneurial opportunities that stem from mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries and welcome anyone with a fresh view on potential collaboration to share with the audience.

We are also determined to keep the EU factor within the discussion, as some of the speakers will provide an overview on what the EU Seventh Framework Program for Research and other member states have to offer to professionals willing to try themselves on the “old continent”. The language of the Forum is going to be English in the first part during our thought-provoking keynote speeches, but will switch to Hungarian after lunch for a more informal series of discussions and culinary highlights.

If you are able to attend, please RSVP at your earliest convenience to berdei@kum.hu in a short email with Homecoming Forum in the subject line with your name, affiliation and contact details for a speedier processing. This invitation was intended to be most inclusive, so if you know of any professionals who would like to come, but have not received word, please let them know about the event by passing along this invitation.

You can learn more about the Forum, its scope, goals and achievements from previous years as well as the agenda and logistics at <http://www.hungarianamerica.com/homecoming/>.

We hope to welcome you on Saturday, April 17th, 2010 at the Embassy of Hungary.

Sincerely yours,

Béla Szombati
Ambassador of Hungary