

Dear Professor László Lovász,
Dear Colleagues,

As a guest in many symposia organized by the Institute of Musicology RCH HAS, I have highly appreciated its extraordinary collections, the Museum of Music History, the important contacts with colleagues as well. The topics and discussions were highly interesting, and I have learned a lot from listening to my Hungarian and international peers. The Hungarian musicology – and especially research focused on Belá Bartók – is world wide esteemed and admired, for good reasons.

I have heard about the unfortunate state of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and its research institutes. In a modern Europe such a sad situation is disconcerting: once more, we all have to defend the humanities in particular, and the independence of research, in general.

As Rector of New Europe College, Institute for Advanced Study in Bucharest, I would like to express my full support to the colleagues working in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. We share indeed the same commitment to freedom and integrity of academic life, therefore we plead for our independence. It is the only way in which we could develop honest and valuable intellectual inquiry, and make our voices heard by intellectuals all over the world.

We all hope that the situation will improve, and the Institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences will be able to continue their good work!

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