

Ottó Trogmayer, co-founder of IPC, passed away



It is with great sadness that we have to inform you all of the death of our co-founder and honorary member Ottó Trogmayer from Hungary. (Budapest, July 24, 1934 – Szeged, 28 May 2015 He was one of the most important persons for the unification of the to the world-wide panorama community after the end of Cold War. Ottó Trogmayer, award-winning curator, archaeologist and professor) initiated the first meetings of European Panoramas in the early 1990s. Out of these meetings of panorama specialists grew the organization that is now known as the International Panorama Council. As the director of Móra Ferenc Museum in Szeged he contributed in particular to secure the future of the Feszty-Panorama in Ópusztaszer, Hungary.

Trogmayer studied archaeology at the University of Budapest. Even before graduation he started to work with the Móra Ferenc Museum in Szeged, which became his permanent place of work. From 1970 onwards, he directed the excavations at Ópusztaszer. Under his leadership the Ópusztaszer National Historical Park was realized.

He acted as editor of a series of publications including the 1969-1983 yearbooks of the Móra Ferenc Múzeum. He was part of numerous scientific offices, such as the National Museums Council, the Academic Recognition Committee and the UNESCO Sub-Committee of Archaeology.

After his retirement in 1997 he moved back to his hometown of Budapest, but of course, continued to keep in contact with his professional colleagues and researchers from the region in South Hungary. Habilitated in 1999, when he was appointed professor, he has taught part-time at the beginning of the 2000s as well.

In his last years, Ottó Trogmayer suffered from medical problems that hindered him to travel. Therefore he could no longer participate in the annual meetings of the International Panorama Council.

The passing of Ottó Trogmayer has struck us with a great deal of grief and our thoughts go out to his family and friends in such a trying time. His efforts which strongly contributed to the creation of the International Panorama Council will be remembered for a long time to come.

- *Patrick Deicher*