

*"I help, aggregate, articulate and comprehend mutual interests. The art is to be able to make sure that both sides' interests are clearly met." (Dr. Iván Völgyes)*

Dear AmCham Members,

**In memoriam of Dr. Iván Völgyes, the American Chamber of Commerce is calling for nominations for our Dr. Iván Völgyes Award for Promoting Hungarian-American Business Relations.** This annual award is aimed to recognize those individuals who have contributed significantly to the development of the Hungarian-American business relations in the following, but not exclusive, areas of US investment such as through FDI or technology or knowledge or charity.

Dr. Iván Völgyes was a man credited by many as being the father of modern lobbying in Hungary. Born in Hungary, he moved to the United States in 1956, where, after getting a BA, MA and PhD in International Politics, he worked on John F. Kennedy's election campaign in 1959 and then followed him into the White House. After the fall of the iron curtain, he became instrumental in bringing many U.S. based businesses to Hungary including the Gallup Organization and Reader's Digest.

As the chief advisor to General Electric in Hungary, Völgyes also aided in bringing six of GE's 10 global core businesses, along with more than \$1 billion in investment. Dr. Iván Völgyes lost his life in an airplane crash in June 2001.

#### **Nomination and voting process**

Only AmCham members in good standing can nominate an individual for this award. Each candidate should have at least three supporters from the AmCham membership to qualify. Each nomination should be accompanied by a maximum one-page summary describing the achievements of the proposed individual. Applications will be reviewed individually and voted on by the AmCham Board through a secret ballot.

The award will be presented during the Annual General Assembly on December 1.

We kindly ask you to nominate your candidate for this award by November 19<sup>th</sup> at [ildiko.takacs-berka@amcham.hu](mailto:ildiko.takacs-berka@amcham.hu).

Best regards,

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#### **Previous recipients of the award:**

2005 - Péter Hegedűs  
2006 - Lajos Sági  
2007 - András Simonyi  
2008 - Thomas Ramsey  
2009 - László Czirják  
2010 - István Gyarmati  
2011 - Marcel Szabó  
2012 - Charles Huebner  
2013 - Robert Peaslee  
2014 - Gábor Garai  
2015 - László Metzinger (posthumous)  
2016 - Ambassadors Colleen Bell and Réka Szemerkenyi  
2017 – Joerg Bauer  
2018 - Dr. László Ábrahám and Dr. Gábor Orosz  
2019 – Fáth Péter