

Dear mourning family members, colleagues, students, nurselings and friends, all you who respected and loved Ildikó, and with whom we now commemorate together, although from a physical distance!

With Ildikó Kozma, our late director general passing by, we lost an icon of conductive pedagogy. We are losing a person who – by her mother – was „born into” the dawn of conductive pedagogy, into its evolution and formation, and whose life intertwined with the history of conductive pedagogy, herself also being a historian of flourishing and disseminating this educative system throughout the world.

The cause diverted her from the Technical University: she chose conductive education as a vocation, and at the Villányi road headquarters she went through each and every step of conductor education and the work of a conductor.

In this sorrowful moment we do not only say farewell to a colleague and friend, but also to a leader who determined the way of this organization with her work and personality and who, as a worthy successor of Mária Hári, was devoted to organize the accreditation of conductor training and further ways for upskilling conductors, while staying active in the everyday practice of teaching and education, first as a conductor, then as an educator, later as a vice deputy director general and finally, from 1994 as director general.

Ildikó Kozma played an undisputed role in the creation of the educative framework, identifying requirements of the era and the profession: through her exceptional vocational activity she represented the cause of conductive education in a devoted manner both in Hungary and in the international scene.

She handled the challenges and obstacles in her vocational and managerial career and in her physical existence all the way with that unbelievable desperation, diligence and devotion to conductive pedagogy so characteristic of her. All her activities mirrored the expertise and unquestionable purposefulness of a real professional.

She further extended the wide network inherited from Mária Hári and supported the widespread application of conductive pedagogy at various places in the world, recognizing the importance of opening to the international scene. As a vertex of all these activities, she founded the International Pető András Association of Conductive Education in 1991, and as a first president she set out the aim of creating a scientific forum for the theory, practice and

research of conductive pedagogy, a forum where the exchange of experience can be ensured on the international level in order to facilitate continuous development for this educative system. This was crowned by the organization of world congresses for conductive education, which still serve as an agora for the representatives of the conductive profession and the co-professions, for the patients and for their families. The 10th anniversary congress was organized in 2020, Ildikó could still participate in the organization work.

Dear mourning community!

There aren't many harder tasks to me than saying farewell to a friend, colleague, ideal, a person of exceptional talent and character. It is our human desire to believe that this farewell is not final, but I also believe that the spirituality of Ildikó will be a perennial professional compass and guiding light.

In order to represent her heritage with dignity, we shall preserve her principles, serve the cause of conductive pedagogy and develop it in the spirit of the great ancestors.

We say farewell with these thoughts, with respect and gratitude, preserving her memory in our heart. Rest in peace, Ildikó!