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Historian, writer. He was born in Budapest in 1940. He got his diploma as historian at the Eötvös Lóránd University of Human Sciences (Budapest) in 1969. From 1979 to 2005 he worked in the Central Library of the Hungarian National Museum. In 1988 he took part in the field-work of the joint Hungarian–Mongolian Academic Archaeological Expedition at the Dulga Uul Xiongnu cemetery. He has continued the cooperation with István Erdélyi on the field of the ancient Magyars' research from that time. Between 1988 and 2008 he was doing field-work in Mongolia and Kazakhstan almost every summer. His research theme: the ethnographic parallels of the ancient Magyar history among the Central and Inner Asian Nomads; the relics of the Eastern Magyar ethnic groups. His scientific articles were published in Hungarian and foreign academic journals. Four books with coloured pictures of his were published about Mongolia and the Kazakh Republic: *The Nomadic Life in Central Asia* (1998); *On the tracks of Friar Julian* (2001); *The Magyars of the Torghay Steppes* (2003); *Magyar Kipchaks* (2008). His expeditions were granted by the Stein-Arnold Exploration Fund of the British Academy four times. He was awarded by the Officers' Cross of the Hungarian Republican Order for his several decades-long activities, on the field of the Hungarian–Kazakh cultural relations, and for the scientific studies of the Eastern Magyars.

ERDÉLYI, István

He was born in Oradea Mare (Romania), in 1931. Graduated from archaeology and museology at the Eötvös Lóránd University of Sciences, in 1955. He continued his Ph.D studies at the University of Leningrad, at the Department of History in 1955-1960. He was awarded by Ph.D in the field of history for his dissertation „Magyars in Levedia” in 1960, and became full professor for his work „The Avars and the East from perspective of the archaeological sources” in 1976. He worked as archaeologist in the Archaeological Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

from 1969 to 1991, until his retirement. In 1992-93 he worked in the Innermost Asian Institute of the Eötvös Lóránd University of Sciences. In 1994-1998 he was the head of the Historical Department and the deputy of the dean of the Károli Gáspár Calvinist University (Budapest). In 1996 he became professor of the Eötvös Lóránd University of Sciences (Budapest). In 1999-2000 he taught the history of the ancient Magyars at the Geographic Institute of the University of Pécs. He worked as the head of the Mongolian-Hungarian Archaeological joint expedition in 1961-1990, and also as the head of the Soviet-Hungarian Archaeological joint expedition on the left bank of the Volga River in 1975-1982. Main works: The Art of the Avars (1966); The people living in the Carpathian Basin before the Hungarian Conquest (1980); The Hungarian Conquest and the Events Leading to it (1986); From the Baikal Lake to the Balaton Lake: Archaeological Data for the History of Turkish Speaking Peoples (1997). From 1961 he worked closely together with Mongolian archaeologists, namely in Xiongnu studies. In the company of D. Navaan and D. Tsevendorj Mongolian archaeologists he excavated many Xiongnu burials of ordinary people in Naimaa Tolgoi, Duulga Uul and Tevsh Uul and published reports on their research. In 2000 he reported the main results of his archaeological researches of the Bronze Age, of the Xiongnu and Turkish Period. Awards: grant of the Stein-Arnold Exploration Fund of the British Academy (1990), Körösi Csoma Prize (1997), „Pro Universitate et Scientia” award of the World Council of Hungarian Professors (2000); Honorary Diploma No. 017. of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences (2007), Sámuel Teleki Medal of the Hungarian Geographic Society (2010); Honorary Diploma of the Mongolian Embassy in Hungary (2011).

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Born in 1971, Budapest, Hungary. Received her diploma (M.Sc.) in Agricultural Sciences and her Doctorate (Ph.D.) in Plant Physiology, in 1995 and 2001, respectively, both from the Szent István University of Gödöllő, Hungary. In 2003 she graduated as an engineer in Plant Protection at the University of Veszprém, Hungary and worked for the Hungarian Plant and Soil Protection Service. Between 2004 and 2005 she worked as a postdoctoral student at the Technopôle Brest-Iroise in Brest, France. She is specialized in the physiology and molecular biology of halophyte plants. Between 2007 and 2012 she studied fine arts at the Academy of Fine Arts of The Hague, The Netherlands until her graduation in 2012. Her special field of interest is the artistic depiction of organic growth processes.

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