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AWCDH President Andrea Ferenczi Honors U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, April H. Foley, in Budapest

The Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary (AWCDH) honored Her Excellency April H. Foley, U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, on February 27 in the Hunting Hall of the Hungarian Parliament, Budapest, Hungary.



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I. to r. Dr. Gurmai, Ambassador Foley, and AWCDH President Andrea Ferenczi.

also delivered remarks concerning the development of women's rights and career development opportunities. Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Kinga Gonz, also addressed guests.

President Ferenczi has invited Ambassador Foley to sit on the Honorary Advisory Board of AWCDH. Dr. Gurmai serves as President of the Advisory Board.

The program began with a hymn performed by Isabella Szeles and concluded with a performance by concert pianist Szilvia Karaszy who composed an original piece for piano in honor of Her Excellency Foley.

AWCDH is dedicated to involving women of Hungarian origin to promoting women's equal opportunities in Hungary. "We are confident that these women can help strengthen democracy in Hungary and help the country toward a better future by offering their expertise and personal devotion towards this country," said President Ferenczi. "In my experience, Hungarian women stand out with their talent, beauty, and good taste. It has always been natural for them to do equally well in their work and in caring for their families, and they have been doing so for many years with such effortless ease, that hardly anyone has noticed their accomplishments."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice swore in Ambassador Foley on July 5, 2006. She arrived in Hungary on August 10, 2006, and presented her credentials to President of the Republic of Hungary László Sólyom on August 18, 2006.

Andrea Ferenczi, President of the Association, stated that Ambassador Foley was the first U.S. Ambassador to Hungary who gave special priority to the promotion of equal opportunities for women. The Association bestowed on Her Excellency the "Award for Women's Equality in 2007."

President Ferenczi said, "we thank you for your earnest and heartfelt support of our aims and common projects during your mission to Hungary."

Association President Ferenczi welcomed the many attendees and delivered opening remarks. Dr. Zita Gurmai, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality,



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Ambassador April H. Foley has had an extensive career in professional management. Most recently, she served as First Vice President and Vice Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the US. Prior to that, she served as a member of the Board of Directors of Ex-Im Bank. She worked for 17 years as an executive for PepsiCo in roles including strategic planning, financial management, and mergers and acquisitions. She also worked for Pfizer and The Reader's Digest.

In addition to her business experience, she has held significant volunteer leadership positions. She was Co-Chair of the Special Gifts Committee for Smith College's capital campaign. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution. She was President of United Way of Northern Westchester. She was Chairman of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of Westchester/Putnam Counties. She was Co-Chair of the Friends of the Northern Westchester Shelter.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Smith College and an MBA from Harvard University.

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