

CURRICULUM VITAE  
of  
**István Vásáry**

- 1945: Born in Budapest, Hungary.
- 1963-1968: Faculty of Arts of the Loránd Eötvös University (ELTE), Budapest, studies in Turcology, English, and History.
- 1968: M.A. (ELTE); 1971: Ph.D. “An Armeno-Kipchak Document: Parts from the Kamenets Chronicle” (ELTE); 1981: Cand. Scient. “Chancellery of the Golden Horde” (Budapest).
- 1968-1980: Research fellow in the Altaistic Research Group of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- 1980-1990: Associate Professor at the Chair of Turkic Studies (ELTE).
- 1981-1982: Two terms Visiting Professorship at the University of Venice (Università di Venezia), Italy.
- 1988-1989: a ten-month research fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.
- 1990-91: Consul General of the Republic of Hungary in Istanbul, Turkey.
- 1991-1995: Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary to Ankara, Turkey.
- 1999-2003: Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary to Tehran, Iran; from 2002 also accredited to Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan.
- 1996-: Professor of Turkic Studies (ELTE), Budapest.

Scholarly interest:

Various themes of Turkic philology and history connected with the role of Turkic elements in the history of Central and Eastern Europe: 1. History of the steppe region of Eastern Europe in the 5th-13th centuries (Huns, Avars, Onogurs, Bulgars, Khazars, Pechenegs, Cumans), 2. Turco–Hungarian contacts in the same period, 3. documents and history of the Golden Horde and its successor states (the Kazan and the Crimean Khanates, the Nogay Horde) in the 13th-16th cc.

Positions held and travels:

- 1970-: Member of the Oriental Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
- 1997-1999: Elected president of the aforementioned committee.
- 1977-1982: Member of the editorial board of *Acta Orientalia*, international journal of Oriental Studies published by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- 2003-: Editor-in-chief of *Acta Orientalia*.
- 1968-: Founding member of the Kőrösi Csoma Society, scholarly association of the Hungarian Orientalists.
- 1988-1990: Vice-president of the Kőrösi Csoma Society.
- 1981: Kőrösi Csoma Award for his works in Turcology and early Hungarian history.
- 1988: Correspondent Fellow, from 1999 Honorary Fellow of the Turkish Linguistic Society (Türk Dil Kurumu).

1973-: Regularly attends Hungarian and international fora (conferences, symposiums, etc.) of Turcology and related fields (Bloomington/Ind., Cambridge/Mass., London, Paris, Berlin, Bonn, Göttingen, Leiden, Venice, Spoleto, Vienna, Helsinki, Ankara, Istanbul, Moscow, Novosibirsk, Kazan, Astrakhan, Ashkhabad, etc.).

1970-90: altogether seven research trips in Moscow and Leningrad.

He is author of *The Golden Horde* (1986), *Chancellery of the Golden Horde* (1987) and *History of Pre-Mongol Inner Asia* (1993) (all in Hungarian), *Cumans and Tatars. Oriental Military in the Pre-Ottoman Balkans, 1185–1365*. (Cambridge, 2005) and numerous articles in international periodicals.

Language competence:

Speaking, writing and reading knowledge of Hungarian, English, Turkish, Russian and German. - Reading knowledge of Greek, Latin, Persian, French, Italian, and Polish.

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