

az úton további társak csatlakoztak hozzánk: Kerekes Anna, Mészáros Krisztián, Horváth Bence, Orbán Péter, Lőrincz Réka és Bokor Bea, a Külügyminisztérium fiatal diplomatái. Kiváló csapat állt így össze.

■ Más országokban is működik hasonló klub, mint az önöké?

– Az eddigi információim szerint kifejezetten fiatal diplomaták klubja nem működik, így a klubunk unikális. Külföldi partnereink talán ezért is fogadták ilyen örömmel és lelkesedéssel kezdeményezésünket.

■ Mik a terveik a jövőre nézve?

– Számos szakmai és kötetlen rendezvény szervezését indítottuk már el. Az EU spanyol soros elnöksége és a májusban zajló EU–Latin-Amerika csúcstalálkozó jegyében latin hangulatú ester, salsa workshopot tartottunk nemrég. A tánc tudás ugyanis fontos készség a diplomáciában, a salsa pedig ma a legdivatosabb latin tánc. Szeretnénk feleleveníteni egy korábbi hagyományt is, a Fiatal Diplomata Szüretet. A napokban pedig arra készülünk, hogy az új külügyi vezetés hivatalba lépése után felkérjük Martonyi János kijelölt külügyminiszter urat, legyen a Fiatal Diplomata Klubja fővédnöke és jöjjön el a következő Happy Hourra, talál-

■ Who was the guest of honour of the Happy Hour?

According to the Club's traditions, our Main Patron is the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Therefore, the guest of honour was our Main Patron, Minister for Foreign Affairs Péter Balázs. He and I opened the Happy Hour together. His presence sent a strong message that the Hungarian diplomatic service stands behind and supports our initiative.

■ Do you organize everything by yourself, or do you have fellow members to help?

We work in a team. It would be impossible to do everything alone and it wouldn't be so much fun. As I have mentioned, I started the re-launching of the Club with Zsuzsanna Fernbach-Czibók, and several other young diplomats of the Ministry have joined our work since: Anna Kerekes, Krisztián Mészáros Bence Horváth, Péter Orbán, Réka Lőrincz, Bea Bokor. It's a great team.

■ Are there any clubs similar to yours operating in other countries?

As far as I know, there are no joint clubs dedicated especially for young diplomats anywhere else, so our club is unique. That might be the reason why our foreign partners welcomed our initiative with such enthusiasm.

kozzon a külföldi és magyar fiatal diplomatákkal, ismeresse velük az új kormány külpolitikáját.

■ A mostani találkozó tehát egy folyamat kezdete is volt.



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pest and present the new government's foreign policy agenda.

■ So the recent Happy Hour meeting has only been the beginning of a process.

Yes, it has. We wish to continue putting together events for young diplomats in the rest of the year and in the coming years, as long as newer and newer generations of young diplomats keep joining us and remain enthusiastic for this cause.

■ My last question is: What can be the role of young diplomats in Hungarian diplomacy, and what results can cooperation among young diplomats from different countries bring?

I believe that we young diplomats can significantly contribute to the positive development of Hungary's foreign relations and of Hungary's international image through our fresh outlook, our up-to-date knowledge, our broad international studies, and our ability to use new technologies. Based on these added values, we are ready to play a part in the renewal of Hungarian foreign policy. In my view, the joint activities can assist young diplomats from different cultures in getting to know one another better. This will help us achieve understanding among nations and countries more successfully.

■ What do you have planned for the future?

We have already started organising numerous professional and informal events. In the spirit of the Spanish EU Presidency and the recent EU–Latin America Summit, we have just recently held an evening of Latin culture, including a salsa workshop. Dancing is a very important skill in diplomacy, and salsa is the most fashionable Latin dance these days. We would also like to revive an old tradition: the grape-picking and wine-tasting trip (szüret) for young diplomats. In the next few days, following the inauguration of the new leadership of the Foreign Ministry, we are going to extend an invitation to the incoming Minister for Foreign Affairs, János Martonyi, to serve as the new Main Patron of the Young Diplomats Club. We are also going to invite him to attend the next joint Happy Hour where he could meet the young Hungarian and foreign diplomats of Buda-