

## Twin Town News – February, March 2012

Százhalombatta participated the twelfth time in the International Travel Exhibition and Fair, between 1st and 4th of March to propagate the cultural values of the town. In 1996 only the "Matrica" Museum and Archaeological Park took part, but five years later Százhalombatta was already an exhibitor. The responsible team worked to renew the town's stand, and the publications have changed too both in appearance and content. In addition, craft activities, a mini exhibition and a town quiz had entertained the visitors. Százhalombatta also appeared on the stand of Budapest and the Central Danube Region with the Summerfest festival which is the region's outstanding international cultural event.



The II. Százhalombatta Swimming Pool Dragon Boat Race was held with great interest and good mood on March 3, in László Kiss Swimming Pool. Guests from all over the country were welcomed and encouraged to visit us other times as well by deputy mayor László Sinka. The 53 registered rowing teams had 400 rowers in all, 12 teams represented Százhalombatta in the race.

(Photos from the race: [http://www.battanet.hu/battanet4/hirek\\_vetito.php?ssz=6396](http://www.battanet.hu/battanet4/hirek_vetito.php?ssz=6396) )

The **Village Conservation Society - Waste Commando Social Services Patrol** will continue its preventive actions in 2012. There are tons of rubble and waste along the main road next to the town. The environment protecting patrol and the police have joint actions to stop the illegal dumping. This year's first check was on the afternoon of March 6 on the access roads. A total of 51 cars, 37 lorries, and a motorcyclist were inspected.

For the third time participated a team from Százhalombatta in the nearly nine thousand kilometers long **Budapest-Bamako Rally**. The Batta-3Runners team took part in the race category in the January session. From the two hundred teams only 94 finished the race, the team from Százhalombatta was in the first third of the finishing teams.

Outstanding **sport achievements of last year were rewarded** in the City Recreation Center on February 17. The Sport and Physical Education Certificate of Merit is granted since 2003 by the Town Council. The sport concept adopted in March last year allows an even wider recognition of athletes and coaches. This year's awards were handed out in sixteen categories. Laszlo Kiss, honorary citizen of our town received the biggest applause. The master coach awarded with the Lifetime Achievement Award had been the coach of several Olympian swimmers and is the captain of the Hungarian national swimming team for years.

Many participants came for the all-day conference on physical education held in Százhalombatta, February 16. Local PE teachers and institutions leaders presented the experiences of the every day physical education lessons of the new system introduced in Százhalombatta in the last school year. The law regarding **daily PE lessons** comes into force from September 2012. Százhalombatta took the opportunity and is already ahead of the law. By now all schools in the town planned and run the every day PE lessons.