Together on the university –
the celebration of Corvinus Science Shop

“Science Shop” promotes collaboration between science and society. Our non-profit community partners bring their questions to the university where – through bridging work – they partner up with lecturers, courses and students to seek answers in collaboration. Civil and academic knowledges are given equal weight in this process: we build on the diversity of knowledges as the potential for mutual learning and co-creation.

There is an ever growing need for students with strong sense of responsibility and wider perspective on reality, who are capable of aiming at higher purposes and engage communities through their future work and leadership. The University’s response to this need was strengthening the ties between educators and civil society actors, and providing the necessary resources to allow for their meaningful collaboration.

Autumn 2019 marked the second completed academic year of Corvinus Science Shop, and just like at the kick-off, we thought it’s a great opportunity to get together with our stakeholders.

The 20th November event, titled “Together on the university”, was a workshop, an award ceremony and a friendly meet-up at the same time to highlight and acknowledge the wealth of achievements that the science shop community accomplished here together. In the past two years:
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- 76 course projects involved 29 lecturers, 765 students and 40 community partners,
- while we exchanged views on 18 workshops and events,
- held 15 conference sessions and presentations,
- and made 18 media appearances.

While the current reorganisation of Corvinus University of Budapest offers the chance to broaden the scale of our activities, we continue to nurture the existing network of excellent academic and community partners who shared their excitement to keep engaging and learning from each other in the science shop spirit.

We received encouraging words through video messages from outstanding members of the international Living Knowledge community, Dr. Henk Mulder and Emma McKenna (see their videos here and here) as well as from a long time local mentor and community partner, Rita Galambos, who praised the philosophy and the buoyant operation of the organisation.

The event also gave space to the official launch of three Corvinus Science Shop awards: Dean Zita Zoltay Paprika handed out the first Student, Academic and Community Partner Awards during the celebration that included some tasty surprises from our local community partners.

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