

WFWP Hungary holds One Thousand and One Aspects about Persia event

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On the occasion of 'Nowruz', the Iranian New Year, on Saturday afternoon of 19 March 2016, WFWP Hungary held a Persian Cultural Afternoon 'One thousand and one aspects of Persia'.

Nowruz is also one of the International Days of the UN. These traditions come from the Zarathustrian Culture which was the religion in Iran, preceding Islam.

I am very grateful that I could create a cultural program about my country and the tradition about our New Year which is the first day of spring.

After a short presentation about WFWP, I explained about Nowruz and a few other traditions around New Year, about Haftseen which is a Table prepared with 7 items starting with the letter "S", about their significance, as well as several other items present on the table of „Haftseen". Then a few cities and their special characteristics were presented along with pictures.

Calligraphy, Iranian Classical music, musical instruments and Classical dance were shown by videos.

Mr. Ebrahim read poems from „Hafez" in the original Persian language (a very well known poet of the 14th century who played a very important role in Iran's literature) while one of our WFWP contacts, Samira, was translating from Persian to Hungarian.

After that, much to everybody's surprise, I danced an Iranian dance; this came as a surprise as the guests did not know there would be a live presentation.

At the end, we tasted Iranian food and sweets.

Being far from my country, preparing for this program brought up deep feelings for me to connect again with my country. I also found more common words with the Hungarian language, which is very interesting showing the connection of two countries in the past.

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