

**To: President Michael Ignatieff  
Rector of Central European University  
Budapest, Hungary**

Dear Professor Ignatieff:

The International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences (IASCYS) is an honor society for people who have made noteworthy contributions to the fields of systems science and cybernetics. Please see [www.iascys.org](http://www.iascys.org).

We have been watching with concern the difficulties that the CEU is now facing due to a change in Hungarian law. We are aware that Hungary and the international community has benefitted greatly from the activities of the CEU. We admire and respect the actions of students, faculty and staff in supporting academic freedom. We are aware that if the Hungarian law is sustained, other universities will feel more vulnerable and willingness to engage in free inquiry will be dampened. Hence, we want to thank you and your colleagues for your courage and resourcefulness. We are hoping for a positive outcome.

Sincerely,

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