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### **XIXth Károly Széchy Memorial Session, First Young Geotechnical Engineering Meeting, and XXIIInd Geotechnical Evening Forum Budapest, 15th of February, 2013**

The Hungarian National Committee of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) jointly with the Engineering Section of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Geotechnical Section of the Hungarian Chamber of Engineers celebrated the XIXth Károly Széchy Memorial Session on the 15th February, 2013 at the Great Lecture Hall of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, with 200 persons attending the event. In the morning the inaugural meeting of the Association of Young Geotechnics was held at the central building of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics.

The members who have founded the association came from three Hungarian Universities; they were PhD and MSc students. The association is closely related to the ISSMGE HNC, and they plan quarterly meetings to discuss the results of their research, support and inform each other, listen to lectures of guest speakers, and workshop-like meetings are held. In the inaugural meeting 70 young people participated, and listened to Professor John Burland's answers to their question, and then listened to the presentation of three young people.



Participants of the first Hungarian Young Geotechnical Engineering Meeting

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Prof. Dr. John BURLAND



Dr. Balázs KOVÁCS Hungarian lecturer

Again, as it is traditional in these events, the Károly Széchy memorial plaque and prize was delivered. This year the recipient was Dr. Miklós Müller (Budapest University of Technology and Economics), and Prof. Peter Turček (Slovak Technical University of Bratislava) was awarded the honorary Károly Széchy prize 2013.



Dr. Miklós Müller, recipient of the Széchy Károly plaque and prize 2013.



Prof. Peter Turček awarded the Széchy Károly memorial plaque 2013.

The professional events were concluded with an informal dinner. The joyful spirit of the evening was enhanced by the toasts and the amusing speeches given by the recipients of the awards and the main speakers.

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József Mecsi  
President of the HNC ISSMGE

### Széchy Memorial Lecturers 1994-2012:

- 1994 FAZAKAS György (Budapest, Hungary), MISTÉTH Endre (Budapest, Hungary),  
VARGA László (Győr, Hungary), Heinz BRANDL (Wien, Austria), FARKAS József (Budapest, Hungary)
- 1996 KOVÁRI Kálmán (Zürich, Switzerland)
- 1997 VARGA László (Győr, Hungary), LAZÁNYI István (Budapest, Hungary)
- 1998 Heinz DUDDECK (Braunschweig, Germany), GRESCHIK Gyula (Budapest, Hungary)
- 1999 Ulrich SMOLTCZYK (Stuttgart, Germany), SCHARLE Péter (Budapest, Hungary)
- 2000 DULÁCSKA Endre (Budapest, Hungary), Marta DOLEŽALOVÁ (Praha, Czech Rep.)
- 2001 Robert MAIR (Cambridge, United Kingdom), MÜLLER Miklós (Budapest, Hungary)
- 2002 Michele JAMIOŁKOWSKI (Torino, Italy), NAGY János (Budapest, Hungary)
- 2003 Jubilee session  
James K. MITCHELL (Blacksburg, VA USA)  
POSGAY György (Budapest, Hungary), TRÄGER Herbert (Budapest, Hungary)  
MECSI József (Budapest, Hungary),
- 2004 Suzanne LACASSE (Oslo, Norway), SZEPESHÁZI Róbert (Győr, Hungary)
- 2005 Lothar MARTAK (Wien, Austria), SZABÓ Imre (Miskolc, Hungary)
- 2006 SECO E PINTO (Lisbon, Portugal), SZILVÁGYI Imre and SZILVÁGYI László (Budapest, Hungary)
- 2007 Serge VARAKSIN (Paris, France), KLADOS Gusztáv (Budapest and Kuala Lumpur)
- 2008 Roger FRANK (Paris, France), SOÓS Gábor (Budapest, Hungary)
- 2009 Rolf KATZENBACH (Darmstadt, Germany), JUHÁSZ József (Miskolc, Hungary)
- 2010 William VAN IMPE (Ghent, Belgium), BICZÓK Ernő (Budapest and Hamburg)
- 2011 Jean-Louis BRIAUD (USA), ZÁBRÁDI Ernő (Budapest, Hungary)
- 2012 Walter WITTKÉ (Germany), DELI Árpád (Budapest, Hungary)
- 2013 John BURLAND (UK), Balázs KOVÁCS (Miskolc, Hungary)