NEWS ON RECENT CONFERENCE

XIXth Károly Széchy Memorial Session, First Young Geotechnical Engineering Meeting, and XXIInd 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
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.

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.
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 DUDECK (Braunschweig, Germany), GRESCIHIK Gyula (Budapest, Hungary)
1999  Ulrich SMOLTZYK (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 JAMIOLKOWSKI (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), SOOS 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 WITTKE (Germany), DELI Árpád (Budapest, Hungary)
2013  John BURLAND (UK), Balázs KOVÁCS (Miskolc, Hungary)