

**NEWS-2****XVIIIth Károly Széchy Memorial Session and  
XXIst Geotechnical Evening Forum  
on 17th of February, 2012  
ACTIVITY REPORT FROM MEMBER SOCIETY**

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 XVIIIth Károly Széchy Memorial Session on the 17th February, 2012, at the Great Lecture Hall of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest with over 230 persons attending the event.

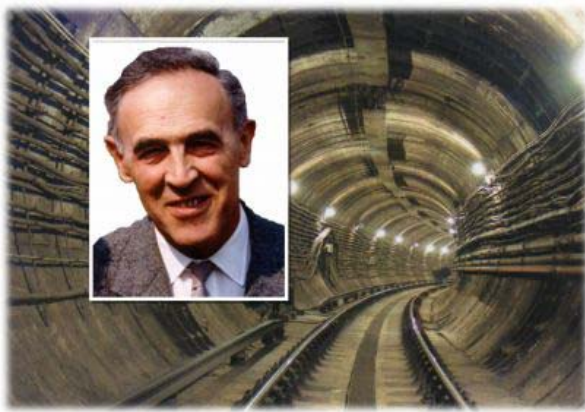


Photo of Károly Széchy



Participants of the Memorial Lecture

This series of festive gatherings has been highlighted from the beginning by lectures delivered by the most illustrious professors paying tribute to the memory of the Hungarian professor, Károly Széchy. This year, the guest speaker from abroad was Prof. Dr. Ing. Dr. Ing. E.H. Walter Wittke (WBI Aachen). The presentation's title was "Tunnel Design Verified by Case Histories".



Prof. Dr. Walter Wittke



Dr. Árpád Deli

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The speaker from Hungary was Dr. Árpád Deli, director of the HBM Ltd (Budapest) and delivered a speech on “What message can deliver the path of life of a big predecessor for the deep foundation specialists of our days?”

In keeping with tradition, a young engineer who has excelled as the best junior speaker at the annual national geotechnical conference is offered the opportunity to introduce himself by a lecture at the Memorial Session. This year the candidate was Ágnes Váró from Mott MacDonald M. Ltd. The title of the presentation was “The structural design of the Bátaapáti NRHT tunnel driving.”

About the event you can see the presentations and photos in the following website:

<http://www.issmge-hungary.net>

Again, as it is traditional in these events, the Károly Széchy memorial plaque and prize were delivered. This year the recipient was János Asbóth, and Roger Frank was awarded the honorary Károly Széchy prize 2011.



Prof. Roger Frank awarded the honorary Károly Széchy prize 2011.



Mr. János Asbóth (right) is awarded the Széchy Károly memorial plaque 2012 from Prof. József Mecsi (left).

The professional events were concluded by an informal dinner, with more than 200 participants. The joyful spirits of the evening were enhanced by the toasts and the amusing speeches given by the recipients of the awards and the main speakers.

Prof. József Mecsi  
President of the HNC ISSMGE

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The history of the Széchy Memorial Lecturers are shown in what follows over the period of 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 WITTKE (Germany), DELI Árpád (Budapest, Hungary)