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Women in Science Excellence Awards Presented

Viktória Sugár PhD Receives the Recognition from Our University

In the Engineering Sciences category, architect Viktória Sugár PhD from our university received this year's Women in Science Excellence Award at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Presented for the thirteenth time, the award honors the outstanding scientific achievements, community leadership, and mentoring activities of female researchers. The recognition was earned by professionals who have made a lasting impact at both national and international levels, while actively promoting careers in engineering and science among young girls.



Viktória Sugár PhD, Associate Professor and Vice-Rector for Sustainability and Strategic Development at Obuda University, focuses her research at the intersection of architecture, energetics, and climate adaptation. Through her theoretical and practical work, she examines how to make our cities, existing buildings, and residential houses more liveable, sustainable, and energy-efficient, allowing them to better adapt to the challenges of climate change while preserving their original character. For her, historical residential buildings are not merely engineering structures, but cultural heritage and community spaces whose future depends on responsible professional decisions. Her research in this field is of paramount importance, as it

shapes the quality of the urban environment and the living conditions of future generations in the long term.

The Nature-award-winning Association of Hungarian Women in Science (NaTE) established the Women in Science Excellence Award in 2013 to recognize the work of the most successful young female researchers in their respective fields. The award is presented year after year under the patronage of the Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO.

The Association of Hungarian Women in Science (NaTE) is an independent network of women working in technology-oriented fields. Its goal is to build a supportive community where members can draw inspiration from one another, exchange professional, leadership, and personal experiences, and share their achievements and successes. By showcasing, honoring, and creating role models out of successful innovators in tech professions, and through practical programs, workshops, trainings, and conferences, they work with a perspective-shaping purpose to promote and spread an equal opportunity mindset based on professional knowledge and qualifications.



Obuda University at the Times Higher Education Europe Universities Summit

Following the success of last year's Times Higher Education (THE) Europe Universities Summit in Budapest, which was co-hosted by Obuda University and Semmelweis University, Obuda University participated as an Innovation Partner in this year's THE Europe Summit. OU is a leading technical university in the Central European region, having secured the top position among technical universities in THE's 'research quality' and 'research environment' categories for the fourth consecutive year, and it remains one of the most dynamically developing universities in Europe. This prestigious invitation serves as recognition of these achievements. In the national rankings, Obuda University currently holds the 2nd position among Hungarian universities.

The summit focused on the challenges and opportunities facing European higher education, with a particular emphasis on technological transformation, geopolitical challenges, and strengthening the international competitiveness of universities. Participants examined how institutions can reinforce their roles in the global knowledge and innovation space through strategic collaborations.

Obuda University was represented by Rector Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács, who delivered a presentation titled 'The Obuda University Model of the Entrepreneurial University', highlighting the institution's innovation ecosystem and its entrepreneurial-driven operating model. In his lecture, he emphasized that modern universities must simultaneously strengthen their research performance and international visibility, while also developing an entrepreneurial mindset capable of transforming innovative ideas into social and market value.

The presentation showcased the ÓU innovation ecosystem, supported by Obuda Venture Capital, which bridges the gap between academic research and industrial and market applications both in Hungary and internationally. Rector Levente Kovács highlighted the importance of involving students in the innovation process at an early stage and addressed how innovation performance can be maintained during a period marked by financial and institutional challenges.

Following the presentation, Rector Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács participated in a panel discussion regarding the future of graduate employability, alongside professors from the Université de Toulouse (France), the State Agency for Science and Higher Education (Azerbaijan),



and Bocconi University (Italy). During the discussion, participants examined how universities can prepare students for a rapidly changing labor market environment. In this context, he emphasized the importance of defining a clear strategic direction by university leadership that takes into account the needs of both students and employers. Addressing concerns that the widespread use of Artificial Intelligence among students has diminished employer confidence in the value of degrees, Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács highlighted the responsibility of universities to foster critical thinking and competitive skills. He noted that this can be achieved through flexible, innovative pedagogical solutions and the application of a lifelong learning mindset.

In addition, Obuda University was present at the event with an exhibition stand, which provided an opportunity to strengthen international partnerships, showcase the university's educational and research achievements, and further enhance its international visibility within the European Higher Education Area.

Obuda University and Initium Ventures Labs Zrt. Jointly Host MedTech Business Day

The first joint MedTech Business Day event, organized by Obuda University and Initium Venture Labs Zrt., was held to great interest. The program focused on the university's continuously expanding service and research and development capabilities in the health-care industry, as well as new R&D&I cooperation opportunities. A prominent role in this was given to the research team of Obuda University's MedTech Innovation and Education Center, which was inaugurated last year.



In his opening lecture, Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács, Rector of Obuda University, emphasized that the current level of preparedness is the result of a conscious development process spanning more than a decade. Thanks to this, the University's MedTech ecosystem has now reached a new stage of development. He highlighted that developments will continue in the future, with special regard to next-generation holistic solutions supported by cyber-medicine and artificial intelligence.

A highlight of the program was the panel discussion in which key players of Obuda University's innovation ecosystem presented their complementary services. The participants of the discussion were Dr. Zsombor Zrubka (EKIK), Prof. Dr. Tamás Haidegger (Initium Venture Labs Zrt.), Veszna Várhelyi (OUVC Zrt.), and Dr. Gyula Szigeti.



Connected to this thought, the presentation by Prof. Dr. György Eigner showcased the complex competencies of the MedTech lab from the perspective of the Zsám-bék Future Industry Science and Innovation Park. In his lecture, he detailed the university service capabilities that can support the entire lifecycle of medical technology developments.

Three thematic working groups were established with the active participation of the attendees. The Regulatory and Government Strategic, the Technological and Innovation, and the Financial and Market Strategic working groups aim to develop a comprehensive, white-paper-style proposal package to support the domestic development of the medical technology sector.



Dr. Magdolna Kádár, digital health-care expert, and Gyula Király, Managing Director of Hospital Kft., reported on the opportunities in the digitization of healthcare data, as well as on completed and planned device development projects. Industry participants also confirmed the significance of the services currently available at the MedTech lab.

To conclude the morning session, interested participants had the opportunity to visit the MedTech laboratory located at Obuda University's John von Neumann Faculty of Informatics.



Detailed information about the available services is accessible on the laboratory's renewed website, where direct requests for proposals from our industry partners can also be submitted through the platform.





Hungarian Fulbright Alumni Day and Conference – Focusing on Connecting Knowledge and Impact

Obuda University hosted the Hungarian National Fulbright Alumni Day Conference, an international professional event organized by the Hungarian Fulbright Association on May 21. Centered around the theme "Bridging Knowledge and Impact – International Models of Academic-Industry Knowledge Transfer," the conference focused on knowledge transfer between academic and industrial stakeholders, innovation collaborations, and international talent mobility.



Opening remarks at the event were delivered by, among others, Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács, Rector of Obuda University, Prof. Dr. János Leventovszky, Vice-Rector of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, as well as representatives from the U.S. Embassy and the Hungarian Fulbright Association.

and international research relations. The presentations placed a special emphasis on the commercialization opportunities of university research, as well as the role of the Fulbright Program in supporting academic and professional networking.



During the plenary and breakout sessions of the conference, domestic and international experts shared their experiences in the fields of intellectual property protection, university-industry collaboration, innovation management,

The event provided an excellent opportunity for professional dialogue, institutional networking, and the sharing of international best practices, further strengthening Obuda University's international and innovation-driven commitment.



Dual Degrees and Joint Research

Our University Strengthened Ties with Quinnipiac University

Obuda University continues to deepen its international integration and academic network with Quinnipiac University, located in the United States. The reinforced collaboration focuses on joint research initiatives and a dual master's degree program in information technology. Through this partnership, the global visibility of the high-quality research conducted at our university will once again significantly increase.



Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács, Rector of Obuda University, emphasized that connections become truly valuable when they build genuine professional collaborations and research communities, noting that Quinnipiac's Central European Institute forms an excellent bridge between the region and the USA in the fields of educational, cultural, and economic exchange programs. According to university leaders, this milestone marks the beginning of a long-term, strategic partnership that will provide continuously expanding

opportunities for student mobility, faculty research, and academic innovation for both institutions. Representing the American university, Provost Debra Liebowitz, Dean Taskin Kocak, and Chris Ball, Director of the Central European Institute, attended the meeting.

From the perspective of Obuda University, the partnership provides outstanding opportunities, as students participating in the information technology master's program can complete a significant portion of their studies in the USA, receiving a degree from both institutions upon completion, which offers a massive competitive advantage in the global labor market. Furthermore, Budapest—as a safe, affordable, and internationally accessible European capital—combined with the university's academic programs, becomes a highly attractive destination for overseas

and other international students interested in STEM fields, thereby enhancing the international appeal of the Hungarian institution.

The collaboration promises highly fruitful results for both parties, as demonstrated by the two-year joint research fund totaling 100,000 USD. Financed equally by both universities, this fund directly supports faculty work and joint projects. Obuda University designed the program based on the model of its successful partnerships in Slovakia and Taiwan, ensuring the long-term viability of the framework.

Even during the initial matchmaking phase, more than 20 faculty members from both sides expressed their intent to participate, aiming to publish high-prestige, joint scientific publications in the latest fields of computer science, engineering, and applied research.



Obuda University and the Bay Zoltán Research Center have signed a cooperation agreement

The talent management-focused cooperation provides serious research and development opportunities for our most outstanding students, particularly those participating in the Excellence Obuda scholarship program, while further strengthening our university's corporate network.

The agreement was signed on May 14 at the institute's headquarters in Budapest by Rector Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács and, on behalf of Bay Zoltán Research Center, Managing Director Dr. Balázs Schmidt, within the framework of the professional day titled 'Battery Industry 360° Program: Industrial Application of Hungarian Developments'.

During the program, our Excellence-scholarship students, who are deeply committed to research, development, and innovation, gained insight into the operations of the institute's primary research and development areas (materials technology, biotechnology, and industrial remediation). They also caught a glimpse of the institute's research infrastructure during laboratory visits, and were able to acquire more detailed information

and new knowledge about the respective research fields through roundtable discussions.

The main objective of the cooperation is for Obuda University and the Bay Zoltán Research Center to mobilize their theoretical and practical knowledge bases in order to achieve their shared professional goals. Through this joint effort, combining the university's academic knowledge with the research center's professional experience, they aim to further elevate the standard of research, development, and innovation in Hungary,

The Bay Zoltán Research Center possesses internationally significant patents, research capacities, and excellent RDI experts; therefore, it serves as an ideal professional partner in supporting Obuda



University's talent management strategy, particularly in the successful implementation of the Excellence Obuda Scholarship Program.

The main pillars of the cooperation include mentoring, joint project work in selecting TDK (Scientific Students' Associations), thesis, and dissertation topics, as well as professional networking and applied research."

Successful CANDO-EPE 2026 Conference Held at Obuda University

The IEEE 8th International Conference and Workshop in Obuda on Electrical and Power Engineering (CANDO-EPE 2026) was successfully organized between 26–28 May 2026 at the Józsefváros Campus of Obuda University in Budapest. The conference provided an international forum for researchers and professionals working in electrical engineering, power electronics, energy systems, automation, and smart technologies.



The opening ceremony featured welcome addresses by Prof. Dr. Viktória Sugár, vice-rector for sustainability and priority developments of Obuda University, representing Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács, Rector of Obuda University, and Dr. habil. Dániel Drexler, representing the IEEE Hungary Section. The participants were also welcomed by Prof. Dr. Róbert Szabolcsi, Dean of the Kandó Kálmán Faculty of Electrical Engineering and General Chair of CANDO-EPE 2026, who highlighted the importance of international cooperation in engineering research and education. Dr. József Kopják, General Chair of the conference, introduced the scientific program and welcomed the authors, reviewers, session chairs, and participants contributing to the success of the event.

The conference attracted 94 paper submissions, of which 62 papers were accepted and presented, resulting in an acceptance rate of 66%. Authors from approximately ten countries contributed to the scientific program, further strengthening the international character of the event.

The plenary program featured distinguished invited speakers:

- László Oláh – *Monetize University Lab Output*
- Wolfgang Gruber – *At the Heart of Bearingless Drive Technology*
- Anikó Costa – *Hands-On Learning for Social Good: Adapting Toys for Children with Special Needs*
- Vladimír Soběslav – *Cybersecurity in Smart Cities: Integrating Process and Ontological Modeling, Security Baselines, and Experimental Validation*



The organizers would like to thank all authors, reviewers, session chairs, keynote speakers, and participants for contributing to another successful edition of the CANDO-EPE conference series. The event once again demonstrated the importance of international collaboration in advancing research and innovation in electrical and power engineering.

Bruce Balough Visits the Bánki Faculty

On May 8, 2026, Bruce Balough, grandson of Károly Balogh (Charles Balough), visited the Bánki Faculty from the United States together with his wife. The occasion of the visit was connected to the historical relationship between his grandfather and József Galamb. After graduating together from the predecessor institution of our faculty, they worked side by side at the Ford Motor Company in Detroit during the development of the Ford Model T.

Representing the faculty at the reception were Dr. Tibor Farkas, Acting Dean, Dr. József Gáti, honorary associate professor, and Emese Dávid-Tóth, Head of Administration. The program was also attended by László Szilágyi, president of the Maros-parti Veteran Vehicle Enthusiasts Sports Association of Makó, together with his wife. They played a significant role in establishing and operating the József Galamb Veteran Vehicle Exhibition Center in Makó.



Károly Balogh graduated in 1902 from the metal and iron industry department of the Hungarian Royal State Higher Industrial School in Budapest. Together with his friends József Galamb and Manó Fischhof, who had also graduated from the same institution, he traveled to Germany for professional studies, where they spent nearly a year at the Adler automobile factory. In 1903, they traveled to the United States to visit the St. Louis World's Fair and gain professional experience. Following the visit, the friends pursued separate paths in applying their acquired knowledge. In 1905, Károly Balogh began working at the Northern Automobile Company in Detroit.

At that time, József Galamb was already employed by Ford and offered Balogh a position on the development of the Ford N-model. Balogh spent only a few months at Ford before seeking new

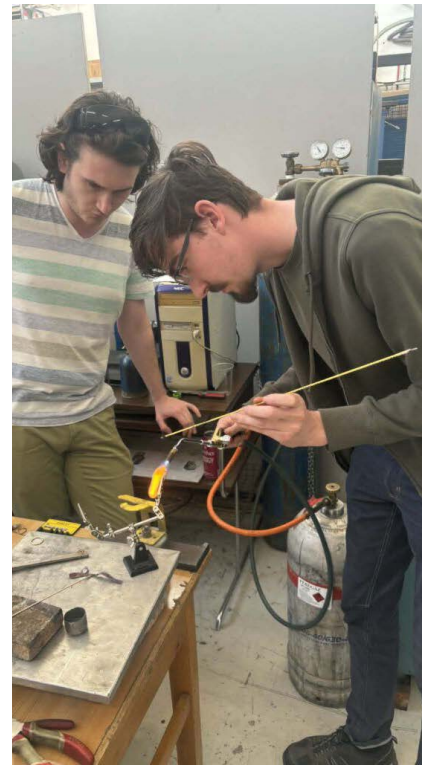
opportunities after the completion of the project. In 1907, he returned to Ford and joined the engineering team responsible for developing the Ford Model T. Together with József Galamb, Jenő Farkas, and Gyula Haltenberger, he helped transform Henry Ford's concepts into technical plans and reality. After the completion of the Model T project, Balogh once again left Ford and eventually settled in Canton, Ohio, where he participated in founding the Hercules Motors Company and later became its president.

During the friendly and informal meeting, Bruce Balough shared numerous personal stories and memories about his grandfather's life and his work at the Ford factory. He also presented several original historical documents to the representatives of the faculty, including letters written by Balogh to Galamb and digital copies of period photographs.



The participants also viewed the 1922 Ford Model T owned by the Bánki Faculty, which had been restored with the involvement of faculty students under the leadership of Dr. László Legeza. At the conclusion of the visit, the faculty representatives presented the guests with commemorative gifts, including the English-language edition of the book "The Car of the 20th Century: 100 Years of the Ford Model T" by József Gáti, Sándor Horváth, and László Legeza.

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Silver Medal at the National Welding Competition

We are proud to announce that students of the Bánki Donát College for Advanced Studies achieved outstanding success at this year's National Welding Competition, where some of the country's most highly skilled teams competed to demonstrate their professional knowledge and practical expertise.

Representing the institution under the team name "Arc-angyalok," the four-member student team showcased exceptional technical preparation, precision, and teamwork throughout the competition. During the event, participants were required to complete complex theoretical and practical tasks designed to test not only their welding technology knowledge, but also their problem-solving abilities, engineering accuracy, and collaborative skills.

A total of 13 teams participated in the competition, making the achieved second place a particularly

remarkable professional accomplishment. This result stands out even in the context of previous years and reflects the dedication, perseverance, and high-level practical engineering education represented by our students and institution.

The competition also provided an excellent opportunity for participants to exchange professional experiences with students from other institutions and to apply their skills in tasks closely reflecting real industrial challenges. Events like this play a significant role in preparing future engineers

with strong practical competencies and a competitive professional mindset.

We congratulate every member of the team on this exceptional achievement and would also like to thank the instructors and supporters who contributed to their preparation. We are proud that our students once again represented the Bánki Donát College for Advanced Studies with excellence at a national level.

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Bánki Successes in Timișoara

We are pleased and proud to announce that students of the Bánki Faculty represented our institution with outstanding results at the 27th Timișoara Technical Scientific Students' Conference. The prestigious professional event provided an excellent opportunity for participating students to present their scientific research in an international environment, while also building professional connections with students and lecturers from other institutions, including representatives of Hungarian technical higher education communities beyond the borders of Hungary.

In the Mechanical Engineering section, Viktória Annamária Varga achieved first place with her thesis titled "Comparative Investigation of the Properties of Duplex Coating Systems Formed on 42CrMo4 Steel." Her work was supported and supervised by Dr. Richárd Horváth and Prof. Dr. Mihály Antal Réger.

The faculty was also represented by Ákos Zsámbok, who presented his research in the Applied Informatics section under the title "Real-Time Robot Localization and Model Fitting in Virtual Reality." The supervisor of his work was Bence Varga.

The participants returned with valuable experiences, inspiring ideas, and renewed motivation, all of which may play a significant role in their future research activities and professional development.

We congratulate our students and their supervisors on these excellent achievements, and we thank them for representing the Bánki Faculty with distinction at the 27th Timișoara Technical Scientific Students' Conference.

We look forward to meeting again next year at the 28th Timișoara Technical Scientific Students' Conference, hopefully with similarly inspiring presentations, valuable professional experiences, and further Bánki successes.



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Visit of the Educational Authority at Bánki

Today, our institution had the pleasure of welcoming András Hosznyák, analyst of the Hungarian Educational Authority, who delivered a professional presentation focusing on current challenges and trends affecting higher education. The meeting addressed several important topics that may significantly influence the future development of technical higher education and the academic success of students.

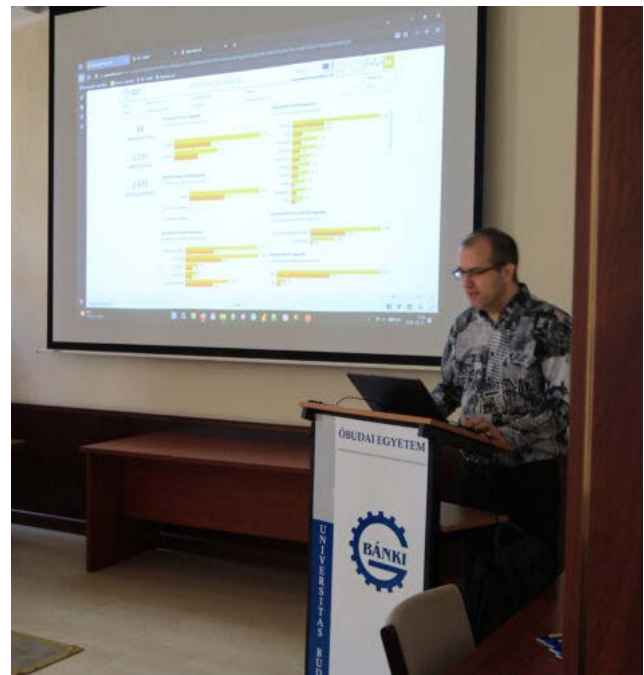
During the presentation, participants gained valuable insights into student dropout rates, the proportion of students entering higher education from vocational training, and the effectiveness of recruitment and admission strategies. The analysis highlighted the importance of student support systems, mentoring opportunities, and institutional cooperation in promoting academic achievement and reducing dropout rates.

The event was attended by faculty members, colleagues from the academic administration office, staff members of the faculty, and representatives of the Student Union. The discussion provided an excellent opportunity for participants to exchange ideas about supporting students throughout their academic journey, strengthening recruitment processes, and exploring long-term solutions and best practices aimed at reducing student attrition.

The visit also initiated a meaningful professional dialogue that may contribute to the further development of institutional strategies supporting both current and future students in their academic and community life.

We would like to thank András Hosznyák for the informative presentation and for the constructive and forward-looking professional discussion.

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Keleti Faculty Successfully Hosts the 63rd Scientific Students' Conference

On April 29, the Obuda University Keleti Károly Faculty of Business and Management successfully organized its 63rd Scientific Students' Conference (TDK), providing a platform for talented students to present their research projects, professional knowledge, and innovative ideas. The event once again highlighted the faculty's strong commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and talent development.

The conference was officially opened by Prof. Dr. Mónika Garai-Fodor, who emphasized the important role of the TDK movement in supporting students' professional growth and encouraging scientific thinking among young researchers.

A distinguished guest of the event was Prof. Dr. Péter Szendrő, one of the most influential figures in Hungarian talent development and the Scientific Students' Associations movement. He served as the president of the National Council of Scientific Students' Associations between 1987 and 2022, contributing significantly to making the TDK one of Hungary's leading platforms for supporting young academic talents.

The conference featured presentations across six professional sections, covering a wide range of contemporary topics such as digitalization and consumer trends, sustainability and innovation, artificial intelligence in business, finance, and market analysis. Altogether, 67 students presented their research

during the event. An especially remarkable achievement this year was the participation of high school students, further strengthening the connection between future talents and higher education.

The success of the conference was also supported by several respected corporate professionals and partners. Experts from B+N Referencia Zrt., a member of the LIWO Group, actively contributed to the event, including training and organizational development manager Szilvia Papp and head of electrical engineering János Nagy. The professional atmosphere of the conference was further enhanced by Bernadett Varga, HR manager of Márka Üdítőgyártó Kft., and Dr. Judit Baka, People & Culture leader of Heinemann Magyarország.

The 63rd TDK conference once again demonstrated that the Keleti Károly Faculty of Business and Management is one of Hungary's leading centers for scientific excellence, innovation, and the development of future professionals.





IOK 2026 Conference at Obuda University

On May 16, 2026, the 14th Information Technology Education Conference (IOK2026) was held, organized by the John von Neumann Faculty of Informatics at Obuda University and the HTTP Foundation.

The event was hosted by Obuda University, where nearly 250 participants attended in person, while hundreds more followed the program online.

The central theme of the conference was the future of computer science education and the impact of AI on education. One of the featured speakers in the plenary sessions was Prof. Dr. György Eigner, Dean of the John von Neumann Faculty of Informatics, who spoke in his presentation about the challenges and opportunities of the AI transition in higher education. He presented the experiences and developments of Obuda University's AI Campus program, which aims to support the daily work and studies of teachers and students in the age of artificial intelligence.

At the end of the plenary session, the NetAcad Education Awards were presented for the fourth time, recognizing outstanding work in the field of computer science education.



The afternoon program continued with three sessions: "Vocational Training, ITMP, and NetAcad," "Digital Culture," and "IT in Higher Education." A highlight of the program was the roundtable discussion on the master's program in artificial intelligence and computer science, where the participants—Dr. habil. Gábor Kertész, Dr. Ágnes Vathy-Fogarassy, Prof. Dr. Sándor Imre, Dr. László Gulyás, and Dr. Ákos Dávid—shared their experiences and the challenges of launching the jointly developed program with the audience.

The IOK2026 conference once again provided an important forum for stakeholders in computer science education to collectively reflect on the future of digital education and the opportunities offered by AI.

Digital Innovation for Reducing Water Consumption

Our Student's Development Earns Recognition

One of the most pressing challenges today is managing the issue of drought. At the same time, the rise of digital technologies is fundamentally transforming modern agriculture, as next-generation advancements are crucial for achieving more efficient and sustainable farming practices. Precise soil moisture indicators and data-driven irrigation systems not only reduce water consumption but also increase crop yields and protect environmental resources. This is precisely the goal of the project by Márton Simon, a student at the John von Neumann Faculty of Informatics, whose work has earned the professional special prize at the K&H STEM awards.

The young researcher's development combines sensor-based measurements with satellite data, and the positive impacts of this technology extend far beyond agriculture. More conscious water management also affects our daily lives; by reducing waste, we can preserve natural reserves, while precisely calculated irrigation contributes to food security. Through these data-driven systems, agriculture can adapt more successfully to extreme weather conditions, ensuring long-term sustainability.

The award-winning student's project is based on the integration of a hardware sensor unit and a software platform. The device measures soil moisture levels at regular intervals, and the data is displayed on an online interface, where it is supplemented by satellite observations, such as indicators reflecting vegetation health. This provides farmers with a detailed and accurate picture of the current state of their land, offering a reliable foundation for irrigation decisions. One of the system's greatest advantages lies in its unique network architecture; the sensors do not rely on traditional cellular IoT technology, but rather use a specialized radio solution. Thanks to this, a single central unit can cover an area with a radius of up to 10–20 kilometers, meaning that in practice, the network functions flawlessly even in isolated agricultural regions completely lacking cellular coverage. The project is a prototype of a working soil moisture sensor and data platform, offering tangible assistance to farmers in cutting costs and water consumption, while making agricultural processes more environmentally friendly.



The Ybl Conference is growing in popularity year after year

Four years on, the annual conference organized by the Miklós Ybl Faculty of Architecture has become something of a tradition; this year's event took place on May 8 in the historic building on Thököly Street. This year's event focused on the identity, building culture, and communities of East Central Europe ("East Central Europe: Let's Build Together"), but of course this motto was not intended to limit the speakers, but rather to inspire them.

Accordingly, the topics presented by the nearly 140 speakers and numerous exhibitors were exceptionally diverse this year as well. Apart from the opening ceremony and the plenary session, researchers, professionals, and educators from both the national and international scene presented their research in a total of twenty-three sections, in two languages.

At the opening ceremony, Dr. András Horkai, assistant professor and associate department chair, welcomed the participants and expressed his gratitude to everyone who helped organize the event, with special thanks to the founders of the conference series: Dr. Habil. Viktória Sugár, Vice Rector, and Dr. Habil. Zsuzsanna Fácányi, Vice Dean for Research, as well as Dean Prof. Dr. Anthony Gall and Rector Prof. Dr. Levente Kovács for their support.

Prof. Dr. Anthony Gall noted that four years ago, the conference did not look the same; today, the range of speakers has expanded tremendously, and with it the range of topics, among which everyone can find the ones that interest them most.

Dr. habil. Viktória Sugár welcomed the attendees on behalf of the leadership of Obuda University and the conference organizing committee. As a founder, she emphasized how important it is to see the interest in the event grow year after year.

For the first time this year, an international expert, Prof. Richard P. Anderson of the Department of Architectural History and Theory at the University of Edinburgh, delivered the plenary lecture on the evolution of architecture in Central and Eastern Europe during the Cold War.

The presentations took place in three sessions across a total of eight lecture halls; as in previous years, the program was arranged by themes and languages.



Sustainability—in line with the Faculty's profile and the current challenges of our time—continued to play a significant role in the sections, examining the issue from the scale of individual buildings to the urban level. Alongside forward-looking topics such as engineering achievements, infrastructure developments, innovative technologies, and algorithmic design methodologies, this year also saw a significant number of research presentations focused on the protection and management of built heritage, as well as the preservation and lessons learned from local and folk architectural values.

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ECEM meeting was hosted by the Ybl Miklós Faculty

In the beginning of May, the Ybl Miklós Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering hosted the annual meeting of the consortium of ECEM.

The “European Civil Engineering Management (ECEM)” curriculum was established in 1992 through the collaboration of four senior higher education institutions. Three of these founding partners were based in European Union member states—Oldenburg (Germany), Groningen (the Netherlands), and Wolverhampton (United Kingdom)—while one partner institution originated from a Central and Eastern European country, namely Szczecin (Poland). Since its inception, the Ybl Faculty has been an active member of the ECEM University consortium.

The annual meeting of the consortium this year was hosted by the Obuda University Ybl Miklós Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering. The event was scheduled for May 7. The morning program was dedicated to the preparation and delivery of professional presentations, followed by academic discussions. In the afternoon, participants were formally received by the International Directorate of Obuda University. On May 8, attendees also had the opportunity to participate in the 4th Ybl Conference on the Built Environment. The most prestigious event organised by the Ybl Miklós Faculty. On the last day, the remaining participants had visited the city's most famous architectural sites.

Participation in these events facilitates engagement with leading partner institutions, fostering the development of joint research initiatives as well as enhancing both student and faculty mobility. These objectives constitute the core mission of the ECEM network.

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