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Obuda University Strengthens Academic Cooperation with CSUST

A significant milestone in the developing partnership between Obuda University and Changsha University of Science and Technology (CSUST) was the awarding of the honorary professor title to a representative of Obuda University. This prestigious recognition reflects the importance of the academic relations established between the two institutions and provides a strong foundation for further joint educational and research initiatives.



During the visit, a lecture was delivered to CSUST students from various academic disciplines, sharing professional experience and insights into the strategies and approaches that can support their academic development and future careers.

Discussions between the delegations focused on the content and structure of planned joint training programmes, with particular emphasis on harmonising curricula, maintaining high educational standards and promoting the exchange of knowledge and experience. Beyond joint degree programmes, the partnership offers opportunities for student mobility, collaborative research, development and innovation (RDI) projects, and professional events for students, lecturers and researchers.

The positive experiences of Chinese students who previously participated in Obuda University's summer programmes further demonstrate the potential of this cooperation and the value of international academic exchange.

The two universities also explored opportunities to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) into teaching, develop programmes to enhance educational quality, and establish regular professional consultations. Recognising the transformative potential of AI-based solutions, both sides expressed interest in exploring innovative approaches to modernising education and continuously improving university programmes.

Another important outcome was the proposal to establish a joint working group comprising representatives of both institutions. Through regular meetings, the group would identify priorities, formulate proposals and coordinate future activities. Plans also include establishing joint laboratories and strengthening collaboration among academic staff and researchers.

The discussions are expected to continue in late October, when a CSUST delegation will visit Hungary. This upcoming meeting will provide an opportunity to refine shared objectives, advance preparations for the planned training programmes and further strengthen the strategic partnership between Obuda University and CSUST.

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Celebrating Seven Decades of Academic Excellence: Obuda University at CSUST's 70th Anniversary

A delegation from Obuda University visited Changsha, the capital of China's Hunan Province, at the invitation of Changsha University of Science and Technology (CSUST), a key Chinese partner institution. The visit's highlight was participation in the celebrations marking CSUST's 70th anniversary, which brought together university leaders, students, alumni and international guests.



As the sole invited international guest, the representative of Obuda University had the honour of delivering a speech, highlighting the importance of international partnerships and the role of internationalisation in strengthening universities' global visibility and academic recognition.

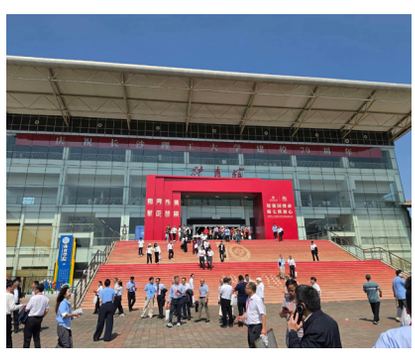


Obuda University has retained its position among the world's top 800 universities in the latest Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. The growing international recognition of its degree programmes and research achievements reflects its commitment to innovative higher education and close collaboration with international partners, including CSUST.

The anniversary celebrations also provided an opportunity to review the achievements of the partnership and identify new areas for cooperation. Discussions between the university leaders focused on existing joint study programmes, the expansion of research and development projects, and opportunities for student and staff mobility.

Student exchange remains a key pillar of the relationship. Obuda University regularly welcomes students from China, while scholarship opportunities offered by the Chinese partner institution have attracted considerable interest among Hungarian students. Both universities aim to build on these positive experiences and further expand international study opportunities.

The planned joint degree programme represents a particularly promising next step, with the potential to create new opportunities for educational cooperation, joint research and innovation. By combining their expertise and resources, the institutions seek to develop initiatives that benefit students, researchers and academic staff alike.



The visit reaffirmed the commitment of both universities to deepening their strategic partnership through closer academic ties, expanded mobility opportunities and new joint initiatives. Building on their achievements to date, Obuda University and CSUST aim to establish a strong foundation for sustainable, mutually beneficial cooperation in education and research.

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Obuda University Strengthens Global Partnerships and Joins the Magna Charta Universitatum

The 2026 anniversary celebrations of the Magna Charta Universitatum in Vilnius, Lithuania, marked an important milestone for Obuda University, creating opportunities to strengthen international relations while reaffirming its commitment to the fundamental values of higher education.



In a ceremonial setting at Vilnius University, founded by Stephen Báthory, Prince of Transylvania, Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland, Obuda University formally signed its accession to the Magna Charta Universitatum alongside 15 other universities. The international document enshrines the core principles of university autonomy, academic freedom in teaching and research, and the social responsibility of higher education institutions. By joining this international community, Obuda University reaffirms its commitment to quality education, independent academic thought and European university values, while strengthening its position in the global higher education community.

The anniversary event also provided a valuable platform for establishing new partnerships. A key highlight was the signing of a cooperation agreement with Dongseo University in Busan, South Korea, represented by its president, Dr Chang Je-kuk.

Dongseo University has developed into a dynamic international institution, recognised for its innovative educational programmes and extensive international network. Its expertise in digital technologies, design, film and media arts, and computer science offers promising opportunities for cooperation with Obuda University.



The agreement establishes a foundation for closer academic relations, with potential cooperation in student and researcher mobility, knowledge exchange, joint educational initiatives and research projects. By combining their expertise and resources, the two universities aim to create new opportunities for their academic communities and strengthen their international presence.



For Obuda University, these developments form part of its broader commitment to internationalisation and active participation in global higher education dialogue. Membership in the Magna Charta Universitatum reinforces the university's dedication to academic freedom and institutional responsibility, while partnerships such as the one with Dongseo University translate its international ambitions into practical opportunities for collaboration.

Together, these milestones reflect Obuda University's commitment to openness, mutual learning and cross-border cooperation, laying the groundwork for sustainable international relationships that will benefit students, researchers and the wider university community in the years ahead.

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Obuda University to Join the Magna Charta Universitatum, Strengthening Its Commitment to Academic Freedom

The 2026 anniversary event of the Magna Charta Universitatum took place at Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, Lithuania, bringing together representatives from more than 30 countries. The international organisation unites over a thousand higher education institutions worldwide and promotes the fundamental values and principles that underpin universities and their role in society.

The event marked an important milestone for Obuda University, which formally signed its accession to the Magna Charta Universitatum at a ceremony held at Vilnius University. Following the university's return to the Erasmus programme, Obuda University became the first Hungarian higher education institution to join the organisation since the period in which no new Hungarian institutions were admitted amid concerns about academic freedom. Although several Hungarian universities are already members, this accession represented a significant step in expanding Hungary's participation in the international academic community.



Obuda University's application was approved following a detailed review, enabling the institution to join the organisation as a full member. This decision represents important international recognition of the university's commitment to the principles and values upheld by the Magna Charta Universitatum.

The Magna Charta Universitatum establishes a shared framework for higher education institutions, emphasising university autonomy, freedom of teaching and research, and social responsibility. These principles underline the importance of academic independence and the essential role universities play in advancing knowledge, fostering critical thinking and contributing to society.

The anniversary event also highlighted the continuing evolution of the organisation's values. As emphasised by its president during the opening ceremony, integrity and sustainability are central alongside academic freedom, rights and institutional values. These principles are not merely aspirations; they also entail responsibilities that universities must uphold in their daily activities and long-term development.

By joining the Magna Charta Universitatum, Obuda University strengthens its engagement with the international higher education community and reaffirms its commitment to academic freedom, institutional autonomy and responsible, sustainable university development.

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Obuda University Explores Research and Innovation Opportunities in Energy Security

As part of its joint programme with Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VILNIUS TECH), a delegation from Obuda University visited the NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence in Vilnius, where they were welcomed by Deputy Director Colonel Gildas Précheur.

The meeting provided an opportunity to explore potential areas of cooperation between the institutions, with discussions focusing on technological innovation, the practical application of scientific research and the increasingly important field of energy security.

Particular attention was given to opportunities for joint research projects, academic publications and professional programmes. These areas offer promising possibilities for connecting academic expertise with practical challenges and translating research results into tangible applications.

For Obuda University, the visit represents an important step towards expanding its international professional network and identifying new avenues for collaboration. Engagement with specialised international organisations can help strengthen the links between research, education and real-world technological developments, while creating opportunities for knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary cooperation.

The discussions also highlighted the potential to develop initiatives that benefit both teaching and research. By building on its existing international partnerships and exploring new professional connections, Obuda University aims to encourage research-driven innovation and contribute academic expertise to addressing complex technological and energy-related challenges.

The parties intend to continue their discussions to assess the opportunities identified during the visit and explore how they can be developed into concrete collaborative activities. This engagement forms part of Obuda University's broader efforts to strengthen international cooperation and create lasting value through research, innovation and knowledge sharing.

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Obuda University Plays a Key Role in the Global Expansion of IEEE SMCS Conferences

The IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society (SMCS), one of the oldest of the IEEE's 39 technical societies, continues to play an important role in advancing research and innovation in systems science, human-machine interaction, cybernetics and artificial intelligence. With more than 8,000 members worldwide, the Society brings together researchers and professionals through its annual World Congress and international conference network.

This year's IEEE SMC World Congress took place in Seattle, Washington, in early October. In preparation for the event, the Society's 26-member Board of Governors convened for two days to review the year's achievements, evaluate ongoing initiatives and establish strategic priorities for the year ahead.



Since early 2026, Obuda University has been represented in the Society's leadership through the appointment of its representative as Vice President for Conferences and Meetings. This role provides an opportunity to contribute directly to the development of the Society's international conference activities and strengthen the university's presence in the global scientific community.

The Society's conference programme has experienced remarkable growth. In 2026, a record 147 international professional conferences were held worldwide, including three organised jointly by the Hungarian Chapter and Obuda University. This represents a 68% increase compared with 2025 and a 194% increase compared with 2024, demonstrating the growing international reach of the Society's professional activities.

The expansion also reflects the increasing importance of the SMCS's research areas, particularly artificial intelligence and its applications across science, technology and society.

The IEEE SMC World Congress in Seattle attracted contributions from researchers around the world. Nearly 2,500 papers were submitted, of which more than 1,200 were accepted and presented, representing the work of researchers from 52 countries. The event provided an important platform for presenting scientific advances, exchanging ideas and strengthening international research collaborations.



For Obuda University, participation in the Society's leadership represents both a significant professional responsibility and an opportunity to contribute to the development of the international scientific community. It also highlights Hungary's active role in global scientific cooperation.

Special recognition goes to the members of the Conferences and Meetings Committee, whose dedication and year-round efforts have contributed to the continued growth and success of the Society's international conference activities.

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Obuda University Contributes to Global Dialogue on AI and the Future of Higher Education

Obuda University was represented at the Times Higher Education (THE) World Academic Summit 2026 in Cape Town, South Africa, where a university representative participated as a guest speaker in a featured panel discussion entitled "Innovation in AI, Data, and Research: How Can Institutions Keep Pace?" The discussion brought together international higher education leaders to examine how advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing are reshaping research, education and university operations.

The THE World Academic Summit is a major international forum for higher education leaders, researchers and institutional decision-makers. This year's event welcomed more than 500 participants and 100 speakers, representing approximately 250 universities. The 2026 summit was particularly noteworthy as it was held on the African continent for the first time, providing a platform for international knowledge exchange and collaboration.

During the panel discussion, participants explored how universities can respond to rapid technological developments while ensuring that emerging technologies are integrated safely, responsibly and effectively. The conversation highlighted the growing importance of AI in transforming academic practices and institutional strategies. Artificial intelligence is no longer simply an additional technological tool; it is becoming a key factor shaping the future of teaching, research and university management.

These issues are closely aligned with Obuda University's strategic priorities. Through its AI Campus programme, the university is working towards becoming an AI-native institution, embedding the responsible, ethical and effective use of artificial intelligence across its activities. This transformation encompasses education, research and institutional operations, with the aim of preparing the university community for the opportunities and challenges of an increasingly AI-driven world.

Participation in the THE World Academic Summit offered Obuda University an important opportunity to share its experiences, engage with international peers and gain insights into how leading institutions are addressing technological change. By contributing to these discussions, the university continues to strengthen its international presence and reaffirm its commitment to innovation, responsible AI adoption and the continuous development of higher education.







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Obuda University and Vilnius Tech Establish New Framework for International Cooperation

Obuda University has taken another important step in expanding its international academic network with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (Vilnius Tech) in Lithuania. The agreement establishes a framework for strengthening institutional relations, developing joint research and innovation initiatives, and creating new international opportunities for students and academic staff.



Vilnius Tech is one of Lithuania's leading technical higher education institutions, recognised for its educational and research activities in engineering, computer science, technology and innovation. Its academic profile offers promising opportunities for collaboration with Obuda University, particularly in areas where scientific expertise and technological development can contribute to shared research and educational objectives.

The partnership has already been reinforced through direct institutional engagement. The previous week, a delegation from Vilnius Tech visited Obuda University's Alba Regia Faculty in Székesfehérvár, providing an opportunity to strengthen professional connections and explore potential areas of cooperation. The MoU was subsequently signed during Obuda University's visit to Vilnius, held in connection with the formalisation of its accession to the international Magna Charta Universitatum organisation.

The agreement creates a foundation for closer collaboration between the two universities, including the exchange of knowledge and scientific achievements, the development of joint projects, and opportunities for international experience for students and staff. By connecting their academic communities and expertise, the institutions aim to foster innovation and support the continued development of higher education and research.

International partnerships are essential to addressing the challenges facing universities in an increasingly interconnected world. Through its cooperation with Vilnius Tech, Obuda University seeks to strengthen its international presence, expand its professional network and create sustainable opportunities that benefit both institutions and their academic communities in the long term.



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Obuda University Joins the International 4GU Community to Shape the Future of Higher Education

Obuda University has taken an important step towards strengthening its international presence in higher education innovation by joining the 4th Generation Universities (4GU) Community, an international alliance dedicated to shaping the future of universities and their role in society.

Founded last year by universities embracing the fourth-generation university model, the alliance held its first meeting this year in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. The location was particularly significant, as the 4GU concept originated there in 2024 through collaboration between Eindhoven University of Technology and Elsevier. Building on this initial initiative, experts from 12 universities contributed to the development of the concept and the establishment of the international 4GU Community.

The event brought together more than 100 participants from 23 countries, providing a platform for exchanging experiences, sharing innovative practices and discussing the evolving responsibilities of higher education institutions. Obuda University participated as the sole Hungarian higher education institution, reaffirming its commitment to international cooperation and its active role in discussions about the future of universities.





The fourth-generation university model represents a shift in how higher education institutions contribute to the world around them. Beyond generating and transferring knowledge, universities are expected to play an active role in economic development, social progress and regional innovation. The approach emphasises mission-driven collaboration, knowledge co-creation, open innovation and investment-oriented thinking, supported by the four-helix model, which brings together universities, industry, government and society.

These principles closely align with Obuda University's strategic mission to develop a regional innovation ecosystem in which academic expertise and research results generate tangible economic and social value. By fostering stronger connections between academia, industry and public institutions, the university aims to translate scientific achievements into practical solutions that address real-world challenges.

Joining the 4GU Community creates new opportunities for Obuda University to share its experiences, learn from international best practices and contribute to the development of innovative approaches to higher education. Through active participation in this international network, the university seeks to strengthen its partnerships and help shape a model of higher education that responds to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

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Obuda University and Quinnipiac University Advance Strategic Cooperation in Education and Research

At the invitation of Quinnipiac University, a delegation from Obuda University participated in a series of events celebrating the 10th anniversary of Quinnipiac's School of Computer Science and Engineering. Obuda University was the only invited international higher education institution, highlighting the significance of the strategic partnership between the two universities.





The visit provided an opportunity to review the achievements of their cooperation to date and identify new areas for future collaboration. A key priority was the preparation of a dual-degree programme scheduled to launch in September 2027, which is expected to create new international study opportunities and further strengthen academic ties between the institutions.

Discussions also focused on advancing the joint research programme already underway and identifying potential funding opportunities in both the United States and Europe. These efforts aim to support the development of competitive research initiatives and establish a sustainable framework for long-term academic cooperation.

Beyond engineering and information technology, the two universities explored opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, particularly in biomedical engineering, hospital engineering and health sciences. These fields offer considerable potential for combining the institutions' complementary expertise and addressing complex challenges through innovative educational and research approaches.

Meetings with Quinnipiac University's leadership and the deans of several colleges further highlighted opportunities to develop joint academic programmes, expand research collaboration and strengthen student and faculty mobility. By fostering closer connections between their academic communities, the universities aim to create new opportunities for knowledge exchange and international professional development.



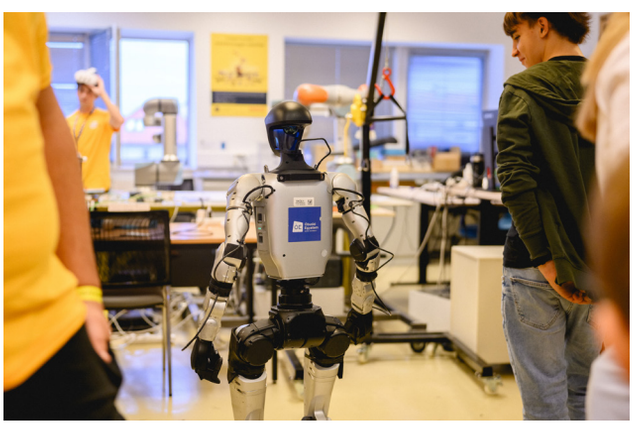
The visit marks another important milestone in the strategic partnership between Obuda University and Quinnipiac University. Building on their existing achievements, both institutions are committed to transforming their cooperation into long-term, sustainable educational and research initiatives with international reach and impact.

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Space Research and Robotics Shine at Researchers' Night

The University Research and Innovation Center (EKIK) of Obuda University welcomed several hundred visitors to nine interactive programs at this year's Researchers' Night on the Bécsi Road campus. The event focused on space exploration, robotics, virtual reality, healthcare innovation and sustainable energy.



One of the event's most popular attractions was the SpaceLab Research Center's "Countdown Begins – Space Quiz on Kahoot!". Across multiple sessions, children and adults tested their knowledge of space exploration in a lively 22-question competition. Small prizes added to the excitement, making the quiz EKIK's most popular activity of the evening.

The SpaceLab Research Center also presented the work of the EVRST student rocketry team and its rocket development activities. Another highlight was the development of a rover designed for future lunar missions, offering visitors insight into the engineering challenges of space technology and the university's ongoing space research.

Robotics demonstrations also attracted considerable interest. At the Antal Bejczy Center for Intelligent Robotics (BARK), visitors used VR headsets and handheld controllers to operate the arms of a Unitree G1 humanoid robot in real time. The "Step into the Shoes of a Humanoid Robot!" program demonstrated how researchers collect motion data to train robotic systems. During the "Pass the Ball to the Quadruped Robot!" activity, participants observed how an AI-powered robotic dog detected and tracked a moving ball, an experience particularly popular among younger visitors.

Other EKIK programs highlighted the diversity of research at the university. The BioTech Research Center invited visitors to experience PathoVR, a virtual reality-based healthcare application. The Hydrogen and Hybrid Technologies Research Center introduced the potential of solar energy and hydrogen technologies, highlighting their role in developing sustainable energy solutions for the future.

The repeated sessions and strong visitor interest demonstrated how EKIK's interactive programs successfully bring cutting-edge scientific and technological developments closer to audiences of all ages.

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RoBOoVaxx Receives Innovation Award at EuroTier

A research group from Obuda University's Alba Regia Faculty has received significant professional recognition for its agricultural research. The RoBOoVaxx automated cattle injection system was awarded the Silver Medal for Innovation at EuroTier, the international livestock farming exhibition held biennially in Hanover, Germany.

RoBOoVaxx is an innovative solution that automates cattle injections using RFID identification, robotics and machine vision. The system identifies individual animals through RFID tags and administers the prescribed injection using a robotic arm equipped with a compressed-air injection gun. A 3D camera and machine vision algorithms identify the appropriate injection site, supporting accurate and reliable delivery of the active substance.

The system's benefits extend beyond reducing manual labour. Precise, appropriately timed injections can contribute to better animal health management, while automation aims to reduce the stress experienced by animals during treatment. The development therefore combines technological innovation with practical animal welfare considerations, addressing important challenges in modern livestock farming.





The research group is led by Dr habil. Éva Hajnal Nagy. The team members are Bálint Farkas, Assistant Lecturer; Zoltán Szilágyi, Assistant Lecturer; Dr habil. Károly Széll, Associate Professor; Csaba Bráda, Master Instructor; Dr Bertalan Beszédes, Assistant Professor; Dr Csaba Hajdu, Part-Time Lecturer; doctoral students István Jakab, Kornél Szabó and Bence Zsiga; agricultural specialist Áron Simon; and veterinarian Dr Zsófia Nyerges-Bohák.

The project is being carried out in cooperation with consortium partners Belvárdgyulai Mezőgazdasági Zrt., the consortium leader, and Agrometál Zrt. Their collaboration combines academic research with agricultural and industrial expertise to develop practical technological solutions for livestock production.

The award at EuroTier represents an important achievement for the research team and highlights the potential of robotics and automation to improve efficiency, precision and animal welfare in modern agriculture.

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Where Theory Meets Practice: Bánki Students Explore an Underground Mine

Students enrolled in the Blasting Engineering postgraduate specialist programme at Obuda University's Bánki Donát Faculty of Mechanical and Safety Engineering travelled to Gemerská Hôrka, Slovakia, for a field visit that brought classroom knowledge to life. Organised as part of the Environmental Effects of Blasting course, the visit offered a rare opportunity to experience a working underground mine first-hand.





Following the closure of the Bakonyoszlop II mine, comparable industrial training opportunities are no longer available in Hungary. The mine near Gemerská Hôrka, which extracts calcium sulphate for gypsum production, therefore provided a particularly valuable setting for students to observe mining operations under real working conditions.

The programme began with a comprehensive safety briefing covering personal protective and rescue equipment, underground transport, machinery and emergency procedures. Students then descended into the mine to examine drilling operations, blasting preparations and subsequent extraction processes. They saw how rock properties, explosives, ventilation, lighting and occupational safety form an interconnected technical system rather than isolated subjects.

Dr Árpád Lőrincz, mining engineer and manager of the Gemerská Hôrka mine, emphasised that the scale and complexity of underground operations cannot be fully understood through lectures or textbooks alone. Professor Emeritus Dr László Lukács, founder of the specialist training programme, likewise highlighted the irreplaceable educational value of practical experience. Lecturer Krisztián Végh noted that the visit helped students connect individual topics studied in class and understand their interdependence in everyday industrial practice.

The professional programme continued at the Mining Museum in Rožňava, where historical exhibits introduced participants to the region's mining and metallurgical heritage. Together, the two locations offered a perspective on both the past and present of the industry.

Organised with the involvement of the Hungarian Blasting Technology Association and the support of the Adult Education Centre, the visit demonstrated Bánki Faculty's commitment to practice-oriented engineering education. More than a study trip, it equipped future specialists with first-hand insights into the technologies, responsibilities and safety culture of underground mining.

As the traditional miners' greeting puts it: "Good luck!"

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Bánki Student Finishes Among the Top Ten at the Finn Dinghy European Championship

Elemér Péter Haidekker, a student at Obuda University's Bánki Donát Faculty of Mechanical and Safety Engineering, achieved an outstanding international result at the 2026 Finn Dinghy Open European Championship, held from 20 to 27 June in Gdynia, Poland, on the Baltic Sea.



The prestigious competition brought together 103 sailors from 17 nations. Competing against a highly experienced international field, Haidekker secured an impressive 8th place in the overall standings, finishing among Europe's leading Finn Dinghy sailors.

Sailing has been a defining part of his life since childhood. Introduced to the sport by his father, he received his first single-handed boat at the age of seven and has competed ever since. Throughout his career, he has won eight Hungarian national championship titles, represented Hungary at European and World Championships, and been selected for the national Olympic sailing squad on several occasions. He also achieved third place with his team at the prestigious Kékszalag race aboard an AC45 catamaran.

His father, who competes in the same boat class, remains his most important training partner and mentor. Their preparations for the European Championship also benefited from the expertise of a former Argentine Olympian.

The Baltic Sea presented a particular challenge. Although Haidekker had prepared extensively for strong winds and demanding conditions, an unexpected heatwave resulted in predominantly light winds throughout the championship. These conditions were less favourable for his sailing style, which is particularly suited to stronger winds.

One of the most memorable moments came during the final race, which he led from the start. However, a controversial 720-degree penalty for alleged illegal rocking caused him to drop from first to third place. Despite the setback, his overall performance fulfilled his ambition of remaining among the world's top competitors while pursuing his university studies.

Looking ahead, Haidekker is currently focusing on completing his thesis and final examinations. He then plans to begin on-water training in La Rochelle, France, in February, preparing for the next European Championship in the Bay of Biscay. His next major objective is clear: a place on the podium.

The Bánki Faculty warmly congratulates him on his remarkable achievement and wishes him continued success in both his academic and sporting career.

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Exploring China: Bánki Faculty Study Trip Supported by the Pannónia Scholarship Programme

Students and lecturers from Obuda University's Bánki Donát Faculty of Mechanical and Safety Engineering took part in a nine-day study trip to Jiangxi Province, China. Made possible by the Pannónia Scholarship Programme, the visit provided an opportunity to gain international experience, discover new perspectives and strengthen intercultural connections.

The programme began with an official opening ceremony in Nanchang, the provincial capital. Participants were soon introduced to the flavours of traditional Gan cuisine through a hands-on cooking session and food tasting. Comparing Hungarian goulash with Chinese stews offered an engaging starting point for conversations about shared culinary traditions and cultural differences.

A series of creative workshops brought the region's artistic heritage to life. Rather than simply observing, students tried porcelain painting and learned about the intricate techniques of brush making and Chinese calligraphy. These activities provided a first-hand appreciation of the craftsmanship and patience behind traditions that have been passed down through generations.

Alongside the cultural activities, the delegation explored the development of modern China and its architectural achievements. A visit to the Jiangxi Provincial Museum offered further insight into the region's long history and rich heritage, connecting contemporary experiences with the province's historical roots.



One of the highlights was a visit to Hailu Tea Expo Park, where participants discovered the importance of tea in local culture. Learning about tea picking and preparation, as well as tasting dishes made with tea, provided another opportunity to engage directly with local customs.

The nine-day programme concluded with a certificate presentation ceremony, marking the end of an inspiring international experience. Beyond the knowledge gained during the visits and workshops, students and lecturers returned with new contacts, lasting memories and a deeper understanding of Chinese culture.

The Pannónia Scholarship Programme played a vital role in making this journey possible. By supporting international mobility, it helps Bánki Faculty students develop a broader outlook, build meaningful cross-cultural relationships and bring valuable experiences back to their academic community. The visit also contributed to strengthening Obuda University's international connections.

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26th F4 Hike – Community, Tradition, and 20 Kilometres of Great Experiences

On September 20, 2026, the Kandó Kálmán Memorial Hike, better known as the F4 Hike, was held for the 26th time. The event is one of the oldest and most cherished traditions of the Kandó Kálmán Electrical Engineering College for Advanced Studies.

This year, nearly 30 participants, including lecturers, PhD students, first-year and senior students, and alumni, completed the 20-kilometre route in excellent spirits. Beyond the physical challenge, the hike provided a great opportunity for relaxation, informal conversations, and strengthening community ties. At the finish, participants enjoyed delicious traditional Hungarian goulash.

A Tradition Connecting Generations

The F4 Hike brings together different generations of the Kandó community, allowing current students, lecturers, and alumni to share experiences, reconnect, and create lasting memories.

Originally initiated by Tamás Sándor, the event is now jointly organised with Döníz Borsos, ensuring the continuation of this tradition spanning more than a quarter of a century.

The F4 Hike reflects the College's commitment to community building. Alongside professional and scientific activities, the College places great importance on fostering personal connections, shared experiences, and university traditions.

We thank everyone for participating and contributing to the wonderful atmosphere!

We look forward to welcoming everyone again at the 27th F4 Hike in 2027!



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The NTDK Celebrated Its 50th Anniversary with Heartwarming Nostalgia

The Scientific Students' Association of Built Rural Heritage (NTDK) at Ybl Miklós Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering marked its 50th anniversary with a commemorative conference on October 2, 2026, held at the Hungarian Academy of Arts (MMA) headquarters, the Pesti Vigadó. Throughout the day, former and current students, educators, experts, and enthusiasts of folk architecture discussed the Society's fifty-year history, its professional accomplishments, and its contribution to community development.

The anniversary celebration started with a joint performance of the national anthem, then continued with an opening speech by Attila Turi, President of the Hungarian Academy of Arts. In his greeting, he acknowledged NTDK's fifty years of dedicated efforts and highlighted the significance of community activities, camp building, and passing down traditions. Prof. Dr Anthony John Gall, Ybl Prize-winning architect and Dean of the Faculty, delivered the opening lecture at the conference. He discussed the relationship between the Ybl Faculty and the NTDK, highlighting the importance of fieldwork in architectural education.

Balázs Váradi, a current leader of the Student Circle, provided an overview of the daily operations of the NTDK and the camp activities conducted over the past decades in his presentation titled 'NTDK50 – 50 Years in the Service of Folk Architecture'. Dániel Badik-Szabó, the other leader of the NTDK, inaugurated the traveling exhibition called 'NTDK50'. Consisting of 50 panels, the exhibition showcased the history of the past fifty years.

During the morning session, András Jánosi, folk musician and member of the Folk Art Section of the Hungarian Academy of Arts, Zoltán Valkay from the Subotica Regional Centre of the Serbian Chamber of Engineers, Győző Esztány from the Károly Kós Association for Nation-Building and Klára Polák-Erdős from the Szentendre Open-Air Ethnographic Museum shared their presentation with the public.



In the afternoon session, current NTDK students showcased their work. Fanni Bálint discussed her research on 'Creating a searchable database for the NTDK,' while Tamás Dósa presented on 'NTDK + HBIM – digital survey methods in folk architecture.' The session wrapped up with László Kuli's presentation titled 'Time Gate with Dovecot.'

After the professional programme, there was a panel discussion centered on utilizing the values of folk architecture and exploring ways to preserve our settlements, building culture, and communities.

Gábor Erhardt, an architect distinguished by the Miklós Ybl and Pro Architectura awards, led the discussion. He is a member of the Károly Kós Association and teaches at our Faculty as well as at Budapest University of Technology and Economics. He was accompanied by Tímea Móger, a poet, writer, journalist, contributor to Hungarian Radio in Subotica, and organiser of the 2012 NTDK camp in Doroszló, Western Bačka; Dániel Badik-Szabó; and Dr István Fülöp DLA, a former NTDK student who led the organisation from 2005 to 2020.

The conference's closing speeches were given by Ferenc Salamin, a member of Hungary's Architectural Section of the MMA, and Dr László Szabó DLA, emeritus professor who, along with two others, founded the NTDK in 1976 and led it until 2001. The anniversary celebrations ended with a dance party, serving as a fitting conclusion to an event that reflected on the past fifty years and looked forward to the future of the NTDK.

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The NTDK50 Anniversary Travelling Exhibition Has Arrived at Doroszló-Szentkút

A travelling architectural exhibition showcasing the work of the Student Society for Folk Architecture (NTDK) over the past 50 years arrived in Doroszló-Szentkút on 4 October. Organised as part of the NTDK50 anniversary programme by Ybl Miklós Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering. The exhibition highlights the society's professional heritage and the importance of professional and community ties in Vojvodina, and particularly in Western Bačka.

As part of the anniversary programme, a professional conference was held on 2 October at the Pesti Vigadó in Budapest, where the travelling exhibition organised to mark the anniversary was unveiled. Ilona Pelt and Tímea Móger accepted its travelling banner on behalf of the contributors from Western Bačka.



At the exhibition's opening in Doroszló, Rev. Ákos Horvát, director of the shrine, welcomed the audience as host. The programme included a specialist presentation by Balázs Váradi, a PhD student and head of the NTDK, as well as a literary recital.

Balázs Váradi explained that the NTDK's work had extended to Vojvodina, including the Western Bačka region, and that he had taken part in surveys conducted there. He emphasised that they consider it important to maintain the relationships they have established and to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary together with professional and community partners across the border, above all with friends from Vojvodina and Transylvania.

The exhibition provides a comprehensive overview of the NTDK's fifty years of activity since its foundation. Its panels showcase the annual assessment camps, building camps, and various initiatives and special professional events connected with the student society. Alongside material explaining the NTDK's work, the exhibition also includes panels in English to make the content accessible to Serbian colleagues.

The travelling exhibition is next scheduled to visit Gyergyócsomafalva in Transylvania in November, where the local community and representatives of the architectural profession will be able to view it and include it in their own professional programmes.

At the opening, Ákos Horvát remarked that the special exhibition provides a fitting culmination to this year's pilgrimage season. With the season drawing to a close, he said, the exhibition's opening is a significant event that can serve as a fitting conclusion to 2026 in the life of the shrine.

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