

I would like to thank the Hungarian Academy of Science for bringing the exhibit of Roland Eötvös's work to the EGU General Assembly. This is the largest geoscience meeting in Europe covering all aspects of the discipline. We have 22 scientific divisions and, while many of the geoscientists working on the diverse topics we cover may not be familiar with Roland's pioneering work, so much of what we do relies on it. I am a glaciologist by background but much of what I do uses geodetic techniques that require accurate geodetic datums and an understanding the the Earth's gravity field and so even in my own discipline, he contributions are being felt over century after he made them.

We thank you for choosing EGU as a venue for highlighting his outstanding contribution to geophysics and wish you a successful centennial celebration of his life and works.

Jonathan Bamber, EGU President

Eötvös was one of the great pioneers in geoscience. At this conference of the European Geosciences Union (EGU), attended by 16,000 participants, including many young researchers. We all realize that we are standing on the shoulders of pioneers such as Loránd Eötvös. 100 years ago in 1919 was also a landmark in the gosciences with the foundation of the International Union of Geophysics and Geodesy (IUGG), a field to which Eötvös contributed so much. It is most fitting that the Hungarian Academy of Sciences is present this year with this nice exhibition both at the EGU and IUGG conferences in respectively Vienna and Montreal. It is wonderful that this beautiful instrument behind me was brought from the recently renovated HAS institute of Geophysics and Geodesy in Sopron to Vienna for this occasion. Hungary plays an important role in international research programs in geosciences with a central role by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, as also illustrated by the presence here today of the EGU President at this exhibition. I like to express my congratulations and to thank HAS for organizing this event today.

Sierd Cloetingh, President of Academy Europaea

