

**Opening address by János Áder, President of Hungary,
the Main Patron of the Roland Eötvös Commemorative Day (April 8, 2019)
at the Opening Ceremony of the World Science Forum (Budapest, November 20, 2019)**

János Áder, President of Hungary, started and ended his opening address with Roland Eötvös. *It has been a hundred years since Roland Eötvös, the outstanding physicist, died. He was not only a great scientist, but also a first-rate leader, the legendary president of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. When he became President of the Academy 130 years ago in 1889, he told in his first speech that science was a common building. János Áder quoted Roland Eötvös: "Nations do not work in different sciences; they are all working on building the same structure (...) What one begins, the other continues, and the end result belongs to all those who contributed to its creation."* In the end of his speech, wishing inspiring discussions, taboo issues, and effective conference to all participants at this year's World Science Forum, President of Hungary concluded: *let us make sure that the "building" of science that Roland Eötvös talks about is not just a wonderful monument of human performance, but a common refuge.*



*János Áder, President of Hungary, quoting Roland Eötvös in his opening address at the World Science Forum,
Budapest, November 20, 2019*

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