

*March 29-April 6, 2008, Budapest, Hungary*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

While lunches are included for the satellite events, we highly recommend that you have your lunch on site for the days of the main conference as well. Lunches need to be ordered 24 hours in advance at the registration desk, so if you have not paid for your Monday lunch before (and you would like to have lunch in the conference hotel), please contact us.

## LOCATION OF THE DINNER

Budafok is the citadel of the Hungarian viticulture with its wine cellar system unique to Europe, which was awarded the honourable title of "The town of grape and wine".



In the former wine cellar of the multi-branched cellar system the Borkatakomba (Wine Catacomb) Restaurant was created, which raises a material memory to the ancient, but still operating viticulture tradition.

The *pre-conference dinner* will be held in Borkatakomba (Wine Catacombs) restaurant in Budafok (Nagytétényi út 64). **Buses will leave from the conference hotel at 19:00.** Although it is not a "suit and tie" event, we recommend taking a sweater with you.

On the way back, buses will tuck everyone to his own hotel. Please contact us with your hotel name if you have not done so at registration. We will help you choosing the right bus when leaving the island.

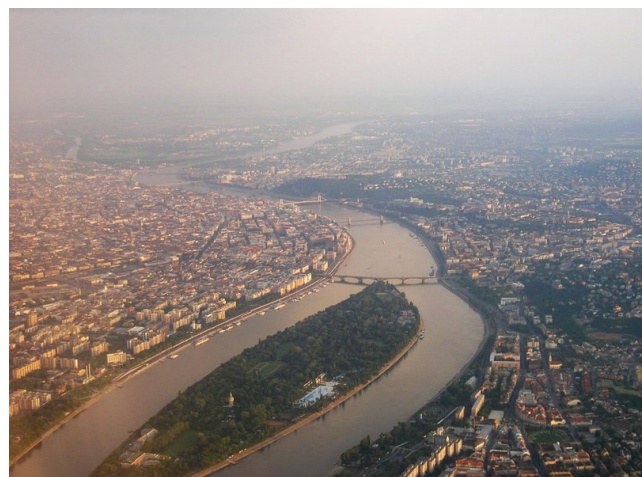
## THE MARGARETH ISLAND

Margareth Island (Margitsziget) is a 2.5 km long (almost fully) pedestrianized recreational island in the heart of Budapest located in the middle of the river Danube between Margareth Bridge and Árpád Bridge. Only minutes away from the centre of the capital, it is literally an island of calm and relaxation.

The island is a protected leafy botanical parkland with ancient trees, a Japanese Garden, a Rose Garden, an open-air amphitheatre, walking and jogging tracks. Bicycles, horses, carts and electric buggies can be hired to help you get around. (Of course, regular ways of public transportation also connect it to the city.) Some extra point that are worth to see:

- the "Music Fountain" and the Centennial Memorial, commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the unification of Budapest (near the Margareth bridge and the athletic stadion)
- a small Japanese Garden with a mildly thermal fish pond and the "Music Well", a small pavilion, a perfect place for open-air concerts in the summer (near the Arpad bridge)
- a tiny zoo (in the middle, on the east side)
- an "art nouveau" (ex-)water tower and an open-air theater for an audience of 3500
- a water park (Palatinus Beach), a swimming pool (Alfréd Hajós Swimming Pool), and an excellent rubber-coated jogging track going around the island
- besides the two hotels, some clubs and restaurants.

Margareth Island has been populated by different orders (Franciscan, Dominican, Premonstratensian, Augustinian) from the 12th to the 18th century. The former Rabbit Island received its current name after Saint Margareth (1242-1270), the daughter of King Béla IV of Hungary, who also lived here in a Dominican convent. In the 18th century, it was chosen to be the resort of palatines (the residents of the king who lived in Vienna mainly), then it was declared a public garden in 1908.



In 2008, the city of Budapest decided to start a process to include Margareth Island into the UNESCO World Heritage List.

## PROGRAMME

		March 30th, Sunday									
		Room	Toboz I	Margit	Room I	Magnolia	Room X	Béla	Room IV	Ybi	Toboz II
9:00	Session 1										
9:30											
10:00		JML	DCC	ACCAT	GT-VMT	RV	QAPL	MBT	SC	WRLA	
10:30		Coffee									
11:00	Session 2										
11:30											
12:00		JML	DCC	ACCAT	GT-VMT	RV	QAPL	MBT	SC	WRLA	
12:30	Lunch	Lunch (included)									
13:00											
13:30											
14:00	Session 3										
14:30											
15:00		JML	DCC	ACCAT	GT-VMT	RV	QAPL	MBT	SC	WRLA	
15:30											
16:00		Coffee									
16:30	Session 4										
17:00											
17:30		JML		ACCAT	GT-VMT	RV	QAPL	MBT		WRLA	
18:00											
18:30											
19:00	Evening	Buses leave at 19:00									
19:30		Pre-Conference Dinner									

Wireless Internet connection is available through the day in the conference halls for free.

## TRIVIA

Béla IV of Hungary (see the name of the QAPL room...), father of St. Margareth offered his daughter to the Church while fleeing from the Mongol invasion ("tatárjárás") in 1241. The invasion ended unexpectedly because of Mongolian rivalisation for the *khan's* position. However, troops left behind a totally pillaged country since that time there were no fortifications in Hungary made of stone.



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## CULTURE

Today is the closing day of *Budapest Spring Festival*, the largest cultural event in Hungary. *Budapest Fringe Festival* is a parallel event for less-known underground artists. See [btf.hu/english](http://btf.hu/english) for details of these events. One of the closing events is the concert of Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra (playing Bartók, Wagner and Stravinsky) at the palace of Arts ([www.mupa.hu](http://www.mupa.hu)).

If you like renaissance music, visit today's concert at the Hungarian Museum of Trade and Tourism (16:00, see [www.mkvm.hu](http://www.mkvm.hu)) where Hungarian and Spanish songs will be performed.

The KoGart House ([www.kogart.hu](http://www.kogart.hu)) offers a retrospective exhibition of the works of painter Lajos Gulácsy, one of the most original Hungarian artists in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, painting in various styles from Art Nouveau to Symbolism.

## WEATHER FORECAST

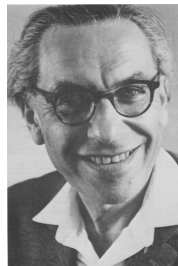
Sunday: Sunny, 15°C (59 F) / 2°C (35 F)

Monday: Cloudy, 16°C (61 F) / 2°C (35 F)

## SCIENTIST OF THE DAY

(From wikipedia)

Paul Erdős (Erdős Pál) was born in Budapest. At the age of three, he could already calculate how many seconds his family's friends had lived. Erdős was one of the most prolific publishers of papers in mathematical history, second only to Leonhard Euler; Erdős published more papers, while Euler published more pages (Hoffman 1998). He wrote around 1,500 mathematical articles in his lifetime, mostly with co-authors. He had 511 different collaborators (The Erdős Number Project Data Files), and strongly believed in (and obviously practiced) mathematics as a social activity. Of his contributions, the development of Ramsey theory and the application of the probabilistic method especially stand out. The Erdős number is a way of describing the "collaborative distance", in regard to mathematical papers, between an author and Erdős.



## QUIZ

Where are the most famous champagne (sparkling wine) cellars of Hungary?

Yesterday's answers: The city is Pécs ("Paytch") which will be the European Capital of Culture in 2010. The painter is Victor Vasarely.