



IAH 2026

World Groundwater Congress

53rd Congress of the International Association of Hydrogeologists



INVITATION

OPENING CEREMONY

53rd IAH World Groundwater Congress

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

08:00 - 09:00

Pátria Hall | Budapest Congress Center

1123 Budapest, Jagelló u. 1-3., Hungary

The Organising Committee of the IAH 2026 World Groundwater Congress cordially invites you to the Opening Ceremony.

The Opening Ceremony will highlight the importance of groundwater as an invisible resource and of international cooperation, while paying tribute to the enduring scientific legacy of the renowned Hungarian hydrogeologist Prof. Joe Tóth.

PROGRAMME

Opening remarks and welcome

Anita Erőss, *Congress Chair*

Welcome address

Anita Orbán, *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary*

Video message

Abou Amani, *Director of the Division of Water Sciences and Secretary of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP)*

Welcome address

Mihály Pósfai, *President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences*

Welcome address

Lénárd Darázs, *Rector of Eötvös Loránd University*

Welcome address

Balázs Horváth, *Deputy State Secretary for Water Management, Ministry for the Living Environment*

Welcome address

Teodóra Szócs, *President of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH)*

Tribute to the scientific legacy of Prof. József (Joe) Tóth and posthumous video message

Judit Mádl-Szőnyi, *Chair of the IAH 2026 Scientific Committee*

Closing remarks

Anita Erőss, *Congress Chair*

We would be honoured by your presence.

We look forward to welcoming you at the start of an inspiring Congress week, rich in scientific exchange and new collaborations.

“Groundwater - a key multi-resource”