



## ANNOUNCEMENT

International Conference on

# Alternatives to Reduce Soil Degradation

May 19, 2026, Budapest, Hungary

**Main organizer:**

HUN-REN Centre for Agricultural Research, Institute for Soil Sciences (Talajtani Intézet - TAKI, Budapest)

**Co-organizer:**

AI4SoilHealth, EJP Soil, Budapest University of Technology and Economics

**Aim of the conference:** This conference seeks to promote interdisciplinary partnerships and facilitate the exchange of knowledge, with the goal of better understanding the intricate complexities of soil and assessing the potential for sustainable development.

**Special conference theme:** The main focus of the conference will be on conservation agriculture, soil biological processes, and how to improve soil quality in practice.

The conference focuses on several key topics:

- i) Recent developments in soil science and soil health;
- ii) Conservative agriculture, including tillage, regenerative techniques;
- iii) Advances in soil biology, such as mezofauna studies, fungi, and mycorrhiza research;
- iv) Monitoring and modeling soil processes and water movements through soils.

**Language:** The language of the conference is English.

### **Conference venue:**

This conference is in a hybrid form; all participants will receive a Zoom link prior to the event.

*In-person venue:* TBD, Budapest, Hungary

### **Scientific Committee**

Ágota Horel, PhD (ATK) - chairman; Zsófia Bakacsi, PhD (ATK); Csilla Farkas, PhD (NIBIO, Norway); Grant Campbell (University of Aberdeen); Dragana Djordjevic (Univ. Belgrade, Serbia); Laura Zavattaro, PhD (Univ. Torino, Italy); Gunther Liebhard, PhD (BAW Research, Austria); Lucia Toková, PhD (Inst. of Hydrology, SAS, Slovakia); Petr Fucik, PhD (VUMOP, Czech Rep.); Eszter Tóth, PhD (ATK); Tünde Takács, PhD (ATK); Norbert Flórián (ATK).

### **Organizing Committee**

Nándor Csikós, Chairman of the organizing committee; Zsófia Bakacsi, Ágota Horel, Zsófia Kugler (BME), Annamária Laborczi, János Mészáros, Tünde Takács, Tibor Zsigmond, Gyöngyi Barna, Anita Szabó, Márk Rékási, Andor Bódi, Tünde Takács, Veronika Gergócs, Klára Pokovai

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**Participation:** Participation is FREE but registration is required.

**Registration:** Open from 15 January 2026

[Registration form and abstract submission](#)

### **DEADLINES:**

Abstract submission deadline for **ORAL presentation: April 23, 2026**; Expected decision: April 30, 2026.

Abstract submission deadline for **POSTER presentation: April 30, 2026**; Expected decision: May 04, 2026.

### **Registration deadline:**

On site: May 05, 2026.

Online: May 18, 2026

**Abstracts:**

Requirements: Please provide a 200-350 word abstract of your planned presentation. Please indicate if you are submitting your abstract to give an oral or poster presentation. The abstract should include the title, the names and affiliations of the authors, a short assessment of the research to be presented, keywords, and acknowledgments if applicable. All abstracts will be published in the form of a Book of Abstracts with an ISBN number, downloadable from the conference's website.

Oral presentations should be 12 minutes long with an additional 3 minutes provided for questions and answers.

Please send your abstract(s) to the online abstract submission form (in case of any problem, email [horel.agota@atk.hun-ren.hu](mailto:horel.agota@atk.hun-ren.hu)).

**POSTER**

Poster presentations will have a special section where all presenters will have 3 minutes to provide a short summary of their research. All posters as a read-only version will be available online during and for a specific period after the conference (normally 72 hours) for all registered participants.

Please upload your poster here:

[Poster upload form](#)

Budapest, March 23, 2026