

Gala Dinner, April 9, 2008. Danube. Ship "Attila".

**Dear Colleagues,**

**Participants of the EU-SARNET (Severe accident research network) and NEA  
(Nuclear Energy Agency) training course in Budapest**

I would like to greet you on behalf of the hosting university, Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME).

Our institution was founded as a civil engineering school more than 200 years ago. BME followed the international trends of development. As you know a nuclear training reactor was built in the 1970-ies. The Faculty of Natural Sciences, containing institutes of Mathematics, Nuclear Techniques and Physics was created 10 years ago. Myself, a mathematician, I am the dean of this faculty.

Our faculty highly appreciates the nuclear science. As an example I can mention that our students live in the student's hostel bearing the name of **Eugene Paul "E.P." Wigner**, the Hungarian born Nobel Prize winner in 1963. Here I cite a few words from his laudation "for his contributions to the theory of the atomic nucleus and the elementary particles, particularly through the discovery and application of fundamental symmetry principles". Actually you can see the statue of Wigner, among other celebrities, in a hidden part of the garden at the Central building of the university.

I understand that you are in the middle of your course. I wish you a nice continuation. As an outsider I wish you as well to use the information obtained here according to objectives of SARnet (research, safety, data bank, diffusion of knowledge) and not in real dangerous situations, accidents.

...and this evening. Have a nice dinner; enjoy the panorama of our capital.

Cheers – a votre santé