



# VERTIGO ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL

## 3<sup>rd</sup> VIRT<sup>TM</sup> Vestibular Implant Related Technologies Sessions

April 03-05, 2025 • Novotel Budapest, Hungary



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## INVITATION



Vertigo Academy International is a Scientific Organization of International Vestibular Society. It's Academic Program and learning objectives offer substantial opportunities to the fellows interested with the topic.

Following 5 successive previous meetings in Turkey, Russia, India, Belarus and Serbia, the VI. Vertigo Academy International Meeting is planned to take place in Budapest.

The scientific impact of the meeting will be significant as very prominent scientists on the topic are involved in the faculty. The Scientific Program of this meeting will compete with the previous VAI Meetings to offer an exceptional experience.

Instructional courses will be organized a day in advance to offer the participants meeting the leaders of the vestibular science.

There will also occasion to submit personal presentations, that will also have the opportunity of competing for a prize.

We are looking forward welcoming you in Budapest.

**Prof. Dr. O. Nuri Ozgirgin**





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**International Vestibular Society**



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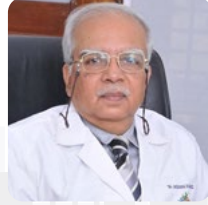
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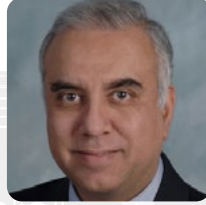
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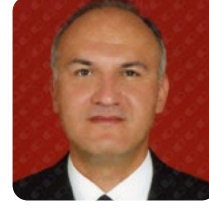
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## VI. VAI MEETING INFORMATION

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| <b>I. Vertigo Academy International</b>   | 16-17 November 2013 – Antalya, Turkey. |
| <b>II. Vertigo Academy International</b>  | 22-23 May 2015 – Moscow, Russia.       |
| <b>III. Vertigo Academy International</b> | 02-04 March 2017 – Mumbai, India.      |
| <b>IV. Vertigo Academy International</b>  | 25-28 April 2019 – Minsk, Belarus.     |
| <b>V. Vertigo Academy International</b>   | 09-11 March 2023 – Belgrade, Serbia.   |

**Meeting Dates:** April 03-05, 2025.

**Official Web Site:** Please bookmark this website: [www.vai2025.org](http://www.vai2025.org)

Please bookmark this website. Primary importance will be given to the website, on every stage of preparation and operation of the meeting, including the scientific program, registration and accommodation.

**Official Language:** Official language of the meeting and of correspondence is English.

**Certificate of Attendance:** Certificate of attendance will be available at the Meeting Registration and Information Desk.

### Important Dates

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Deadline for Online Abstract Submission           | <b>January 17, 2025</b> |
| Notification of Abstract Acceptance               | <b>January 31, 2025</b> |
| Deadline for Early Meeting Registration           | <b>January 17, 2025</b> |
| Deadline for Cancellation of Hotel Booking        | <b>January 26, 2025</b> |
| Deadline for Cancellation of Meeting Registration | <b>January 26, 2025</b> |

**Sponsorship and Exhibition:** An area for exhibition booths will be provided for the industry and publishers. For exhibition and industry related inquiries, please contact Serenas Tourism at [info@vai2025.org](mailto:info@vai2025.org)

## CME ACCREDITATION



The VI. Vertigo Academy International Meeting, Budapest, Hungary 03/04/2025 - 06/04/2025, has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 18.0 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

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## TIME TABLE OF THE PROGRAM

| DAY 1 (APRIL 03, 2025-Thursday) |   |                         |                         |   |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
|                                 | PATRIA  | BARTOK I-II             | LIZST I-II-III          | BRAHMS I-II                             |
| 13:30-14:00                     | Instructional Course 1                                | Instructional Course 2  | Instructional Course 3  | Instructional Course 4                  |
| 14:00-14:30                     | Instructional Course 5                                | Instructional Course 6  | Instructional Course 7  | Instructional Course 8                  |
| 14:30-15:00                     | Instructional Course 9                                | Instructional Course 10 | Instructional Course 11 | Instructional Course 12                 |
| 15:00-15:30                     | Coffee Break  |                         |                         |   |
| 15:30-16:00                     | Instructional Course 13                               | Instructional Course 14 | Instructional Course 15 | Instructional Course 16                 |
| 16:00-16:30                     | Instructional Course 17                               | Instructional Course 18 | Instructional Course 19 | Instructional Course 20                 |
| 16:30-17:00                     | Instructional Course 21                               | Instructional Course 22 | Instructional Course 23 | Instructional Course 24                 |
| 18:30-20:00                     | Opening Ceremony                                      |                         |                         |   |
| DAY 2 (April 04, 2025-Friday)   |   |                         |                         |   |
|                                 | PATRIA  | BARTOK I-II             | LIZST I-II-III          | BRAHMS I-II                             |
| 08:00-08:30                     | Instructional Course 25                               | Instructional Course 26 | Instructional Course 27 | Instructional Course 28                 |
| 08:30-09:00                     | Instructional Course 29                               | Instructional Course 30 |                         |   |
| 09:00-09:30                     | VIRTM Session /<br>Plenary Lecture 1                  |                         |                         |   |
| 09:30-10:45                     | VIRTM Session /<br>Plenary Panel 1                    |                         |                         |   |
| 10:45-11:15                     | Coffee Break  |                         |                         |   |
| 11:15-12:30                     | VIRTM Session / Round Table 1                         | Workshop 1              | Debate Session 1        | Keynote Lectures 1-5                    |
| 12:30-13:30                     | Lunch / IVS International Executive Committee Meeting |                         |                         |   |
| 13:30-14:45                     | Plenary Panel 2                                       |                         |                         |   |
| 14:45-15:15                     | Coffee Break  |                         |                         |   |
| 15:15-16:30                     | Round Table 2   | Debate Session 2        | Keynote Lectures 6-10   | Remarkable Paper<br>Presentations 1-9   |
| 16:45-18:00                     | Invited Lecture 1                                     | Workshop 2              | Invited Lecture 6-10    | Remarkable Paper<br>Presentations 10-18 |
| DAY 3 (April 05, 2025-Saturday) |   |                         |                         |   |
|                                 | PATRIA  | BARTOK I-II             | LIZST I-II-III          | BRAHMS I-II                             |
| 08:00-08:30                     | Instructional Course 31                               | Instructional Course 32 | Instructional Course 33 | Instructional Course 34                 |
| 08:30-09:00                     | Instructional Course 35                               | Instructional Course 36 | Instructional Course 37 | Instructional Course 38                 |
| 09:00-09:30                     | Plenary Lecture 2                                     |                         |                         |   |
| 09:30-10:45                     | Plenary Panel 3                                       |                         |                         |   |
| 10:45-11:15                     | Coffee Break  |                         |                         |   |
| 11:15-12:30                     | Round Table 3   | Debate Session 3        | Invited Lecture 11-15   | IVS General Assembly                    |
| 12:30-13:30                     | Lunch   |                         |                         |   |
| 13:30-14:45                     | Plenary Panel 4<br>Satellite Session<br>(ABBOTT)      |                         |                         |   |
| 14:45-15:15                     | Coffee Break  |                         |                         |   |
| 15:15-16:30                     | Round Table 4   | Debate Session 4        | Keynote Lecture 11-15   | Remarkable Paper<br>Presentations 19-27 |
| 16:45-18:00                     | Invited Lecture 16-20                                 | Keynote Lecture 16-20   | Invited Lecture 21-25   | Remarkable Paper<br>Presentations 28-36 |



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

### DAY 1 / APRIL 03, 2025 – THURSDAY (Afternoon Sessions)

#### PATRIA

- 13:30-14:00**      **Instructional Course 1**  
**Dizziness: When to suspect it is not the ear**  
*Sudhir Kothari*
- 14:00-14:30**      **Instructional Course 5**  
**How to test vestibular function in children, what diagnoses to look for**  
*Josine Widdershoven*
- 14:30-15:00**      **Instructional Course 9**  
**Impact of a vestibular dysfunction on the development of children: the importance of early detection**  
*Leen Maes*
- 15:00-15:30**      **Coffee Break**
- 15:30-16:00**      **Instructional Course 13**  
**Motion and Sea Sickness**  
*Avi Shupak*
- 16:00-16:30**      **Instructional Course 17**  
**Mal de débarquement syndrome**  
*Choi Deblieck*
- 16:30-17:00**      **Instructional Course 21**  
**Artificial intelligence in vestibular disorders**  
*Sung Kwang Hong*
- 18:30-20:00**      **Opening Ceremony**  
**Welcome Address by**  
*Nuri Ozgirgin & Imre Gerlinger*
- Opening Lecture**

#### BARTOK I-II

- 13:30-14:00**      **Instructional Course 2**  
**Bedside examination in patients with Vestibular symptoms**  
*Onur Çelik*
- 14:00-14:30**      **Instructional Course 6**  
**What is still needed in vestibular diagnosis and Management**  
*Daniel Kaplan*
- 14:30-15:00**      **Instructional Course 10**  
**Impact of a vestibular dysfunction on the development of children: The importance of early detection**  
*Leen Maes*
- 15:00-15:30**      **Coffee Break**



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

- 15:30-16:00**      **Instructional Course 14**  
**Vertigo and dizziness in the elderly**  
*Augusto Casani*
- 16:00-16:30**      **Instructional Course 18**  
**Concomitant dehiscences of the temporal bone**  
*Maurizio Barbara*
- 16:30-17:00**      **Instructional Course 22**  
**Acute Unilateral Vestibulopathy: clinical presentation, instrumental patterns, evolution and management**  
*Salvatore Martellucci*

## LIZST I-II-III

- 13:30-14:00**      **Instructional Course 3**  
**Acute vestibular loss**  
*Levent Özlüoğlu*
- 14:00-14:30**      **Instructional Course 7**  
**Vestibular neuritis**  
*Enrico Armato*
- 14:30-15:00**      **Instructional Course 11**  
**Vestibular Paroxysmia**  
*Floris Wuyts*
- 15:00-15:30**      **Coffee Break**
- 15:30-16:00**      **Instructional Course 15**  
**Meniere Disease – Surgical treatment**  
*Ambrose Lee*
- 16:00-16:30**      **Instructional Course 19**  
**Autoimmune vestibular disease**  
*Antonio Lopez Escamez*
- 16:30-17:00**      **Instructional Course 23**





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### BRAHMS I-II

- 13:30-14:00**      **Instructional Course 4**  
**VEMP's and their expectation in diagnosis of vestibular diseases**  
*Gloria Guerra Jimenez*
- 14:00-14:30**      **Instructional Course 8**  
**Downbeat nystagmus**  
*Beatrice Giannoni*
- 14:30-15:00**      **Instructional Course 12**  
**Multidisciplinary approach to Usher syndrome: how to integrate genetic, and vestibular data**  
*Eva Orzan*
- 15:00-15:30**      **Coffee Break**
- 15:30-16:00**      **Instructional Course 16**  
**How to perform the HIT and VHIT**  
*Dan Dupont Hougaard*
- 16:00-16:30**      **Instructional Course 20**  
**Acute Unilateral Vestibulopathy: clinical presentation, instrumental patterns, evolution and management**  
*Salvatore Martellucci*
- 16:30-17:00**      **Instructional Course 24**  
**Overview of persistent postural- perceptual dizziness**  
*Arata Horii*



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 2 / APRIL 04, 2025 – FRIDAY (Morning sessions)

### PATRIA

- 08:00-08:30**      **Instructional Course 25**  
**Vestibular manifestations of brainstem lesions**  
*Vishal Pawar*
- 08:30-09:00**      **Instructional Course 29**  
**Objective measurement of HINTS (Head Impulse, Nystagmus, Test of Skew) in peripheral vestibulopathy**  
*Jawon Koo*
- 09:00-12:30**      **Vestibular Implant and Related Technologies Sessions**
- 09:00-09:30**      **Plenary Lectures 1**
- 09:00-09:15**  
**Otolithic system**  
*Angel Ramos de Miguel*
- 09:15-09:30**  
**Utricular dysfunction**  
*Raquel Manrique Huarte*
- 09:30-10:45**      **Plenary Panel 1**
- Bilateral vestibular disease**  
**Moderator:** *Nuri Özgirgin*
- Improving diagnosis of BVD**  
*Leonardo Manzari*
- Etiology analysis and impact in treatment in patients with BVD**  
*John Rutka*
- Rehabilitation techniques in BVD**  
*Toshiaki Yamanaka*
- New aspects in neurophysiology of BVD**  
*Herman Kingma*
- 10:45-11:15**      **Coffee Break**
- 11:15-12:30**      **Round Table 1**
- Electrical stimulation of the vestibular system**  
**Moderator:** *Angel Ramos Macias*
- The vestibular implant: results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation device**  
*Raymond Van de Berg*
- How to improve diagnosis and testing in patient with VI**  
*Morgana Sluydts*



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

### **Electrical stimulation of the vestibular system**

*Angelica Perez Fornos*

### **New aspects in VI technology**

*Angel Ramos de Miguel*

## BARTOK I-II

**08:00-08:30**

### **Instructional Course 24**

#### **Downbeat nystagmus**

*Beatrice Giannoni*

**08:30-09:00**

### **Instructional Course 28**

#### **Vestibular Paroxysmia**

*Floris Wuyts*

**10:45-11:15**

### **Coffee Break**

### **Gruppo Otologico Session**

**11:15-12:30**

### **Workshop 1**

#### **Session Chair:**

#### **Vestibular schwannoma treatment**

*Mario Sanna*

#### **Labyrinthectomy and CI for end stage Meniere disease**

*Anna Lisa Giannuzzi*

#### **Vestibular rehab after vestibular schwannoma removal**

*Anna Lisa Giannuzzi*

## LIZST I-II-III

**08:00-09:00**

### **Instructional Course 27**

#### **Perilymph fistula**

*Tetsuo Ikezono*

**10:45-11:15**

### **Coffee Break**

**11:15-12:30**

### **Debate Session 1**

#### **Third Window**

**Moderator:** *Vincent Darrouzet*

*Oleg Borysenko, Kemal Görür, Jawon Koo, Enrico Armato, Octavio Garaycochea*



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### BRAHMS I-II

- 08:00-09:00**      **Instructional Course 28**  
**Virtual reality in vestibular rehabilitation**  
*Frank Assaban*
- 10:45-11:15**      **Coffee Break**
- 11:15-12:30**      **Keynote Lectures 1-5**  
**Session Chair:** *Giampietro Ricci*
- KL1 - Classification of Vestibular disorders**  
*Alexandre Bisdorff*
- KL2 - Acute cerebellar disease and its vestibular manifestations**  
*Shenal Kothari*
- KL3 - Latest advances in pediatric vestibular medicine**  
*Soumit Dasgupta*
- KL4 - Spinning into the future: Telehealth solutions for effective vertigo and dizziness management**  
*Anita Bhandari*
- KL5 - Vestibular effects of diving**  
*Mario Milkov*
- 12:30-13:30**      **Lunch / IVS International Executive Committee Meeting**

## DAY 2 / APRIL 04, 2025 – FRIDAY (Afternoon sessions)

### PATRIA

- 13:30-14:45**      **Plenary Panel 2**
- BPPV**  
**Moderator:** *Anita Bhandari*
- Eduardo Martin-Sanz, Francisco Carlos Zuma e Maia, Rudi Pecci, Eun-Ju Jeon, Enis Alpin Güneri, Giuseppe Chiarella, Yi-Ho Young*
- 14:45-15:15**      **Coffee Break**
- 15:15-16:30**      **Round Table 2**
- Vestibular disorders in children**  
**Moderator:** *Soumit Dasgupta*
- Sylvette Wiener Vacher, Nina Bozancic, Sudhira Ratnayake, Antonio della Volpe, Giuseppe Chiarella, Yi-Ho Young*
- 16:45-18:00**      **Invited Lectures 1-5**
- Controversial issues in BPPV**  
**Moderator:** *Tayfun Kirazli*





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### **Eye torsion measurement in BPPV: State of art**

*Kamran Barin*

### **SVV in BPPV**

*Mario Faralli*

### **Atypical BPPV**

*Bülent Satar*

### **A mechanical rotation chair provides superior diagnostics of benign paroxysmal positional vertigo**

*Dan Dupont Hougaard*

### **Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo: What we do and do not know**

*Daniele Nuti*

## BARTOK I-II

**15:15-16:30**

### **Debate Session 2**

#### **Surgical treatment for Vestibular disorders**

**Moderator:** *Andrzej Zarowski*

*Juan Carlos Cisneros, Shakeel Saeed, Narayanan Prepageran, Franco Trabalzini, Mohan Kameswaran, Rubens de Brito, Sofiane Ouhab*

**16:45-18:00**

### **Workshop 2**

#### **Vestibular Rehabilitation**

**Moderator:** *Lilian Felipe*

*Didem Turkyılmaz, Nour Salman, Mădălina Gabriela Georgescu, Pieter Medendorp*

## LIZST I-II-III

**15:15-16:30**

### **Keynote Lectures 6-10**

**Session Chair:** *Nazım Korkut*

#### **KL6 - The diagnosis of central vestibular disorders based on the complementary examination of the vestibulospinal reflex**

*Agnes Szirmai*

#### **KL7 - Conditions to Recover rather than Compensate vestibular deficits**

*Michel Lacour*

#### **KL8 - Home use of the Geneva-Maastricht Vestibulo-Cochlear Implant**

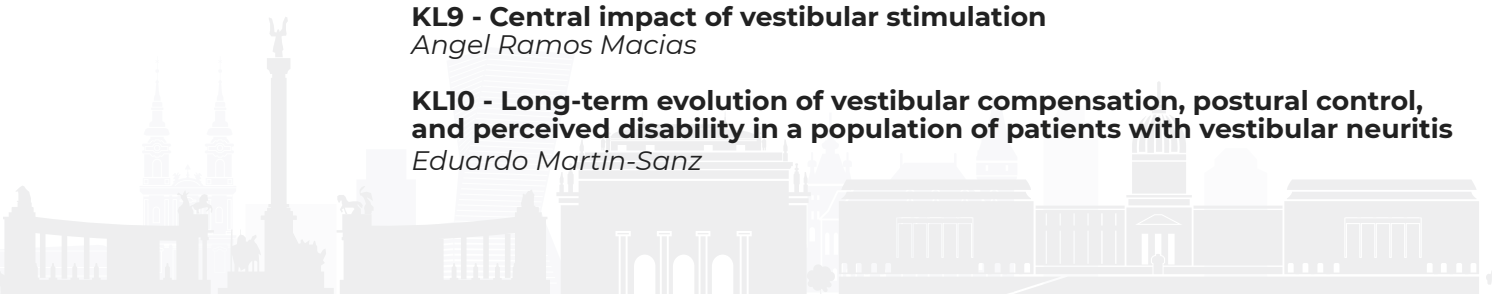
*Nils Guinand*

#### **KL9 - Central impact of vestibular stimulation**

*Angel Ramos Macias*

#### **KL10 - Long-term evolution of vestibular compensation, postural control, and perceived disability in a population of patients with vestibular neuritis**

*Eduardo Martin-Sanz*



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

16:45-18:00

### Invited Lectures 6-10

**Moderator:** *Imre Gerlinger*

**High frequency versus low frequency patterns of Vestibular system**  
*Mayada Elsherif*

**SSC occlusion in Meniere's Disease**  
*Shankai Yin*

**The effect of ipsilateral ocular fixation on the control of vertigo attacks in Ménière's patients**  
*Metė Kirođlu*

**Therapeutic strategies in the treatment of Menière's disease: the Italian experience**  
*Nicola Quaranta*

**Hintpoints of Labyrinthectomy for Meniere Disease**  
*Ediz Yorgancılar*

## BRAHMS I-II

15:15-16:30

### Remarkable Paper Presentations 1-9

**Session Chair:** *Nesibe Gül Yüksel Aslier*

#### I: Evaluation & Assessment

**1. DVA assessment: a comparison between people with bilateral vestibulopathy and healthy age- and sex-matched participants**  
*Meichan Zhu, Lisa van Stiphout, Benjamin Volpe, Miranda Janssen, Mustafa Karabulut, Angélica Pérez Fornos, Nils Guinand, Kenneth Meijer, Raymond van de Berg, Christopher McCrum*

**2. Proposal of a standardized testing protocol for BPPV using 3d simulations of positional tests**  
*Rajneesh Bhandari, Anita Bhandari, David Samuel Zee, Daniele Nuti, Herman Kingma, Raymond Van De Berg*

**3. Identifying vestibulo-trigeminal lesion in patients with vestibular neuritis: A comparative study across M-VEMP stimuli**  
*Anjana R, Anuj Kumar Neupane*

**4. Dizzy patient in the emergency, should we call the neurologist?**  
*Adraa Nouini*

**5. Subjective visual vertical (SVV) alterations in Parkinson's disease**  
*Alexandra Belyakova-Bodina, Maria Tsvetkova, Anastasia Mezenchuk, Ekaterina Fedotova*

**6. Videonystagmography (VNG) findings in vestibular migraine**  
*Prateek Porwal, Srinivas Dorasala, Pradeep Vundavalli*



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### **7. Gain values of vestibulo-ocular reflex (VOR) in video head impulse test in children without otoneurologic symptoms**

*Rosana Rodríguez-Villalba, Miguel Caballero-Borrego*

### **8. Influence of cognitive load on cervical vestibular evoked myogenic potentials (VEMP) in normal subjects**

*Rahina Abubacker, Pradeep Yuvaraj, Anannya Adhikari, Aravind Kumar Rajasekaran*

### **9. Practical quality of life assessment for vestibular implant candidates**

*Mehmet Kadir Ercan, Andy J Beynon*

16:45-18:00

## **Remarkable Paper Presentations 10-18**

### **II: Management**

### **10. Triple semicircular canal occlusion for the treatment of Ménière's disease**

*Shankai Yin*

### **11. Effects of the vestibulocochlear implant on balance and gait in bilateral vestibulopathy**

*Meichan Zhu, Rik Marcellis, Paul Willems, Jona Beckers, Bernd Vermorken, Benjamin Volpe, Stan van Boxel, Joost Stultiens, Elke Devocht, Angélica Pérez Fornos, Nils Guinand, Kenneth Meijer, Raymond van de Berg, Christopher McCrum*

### **12. Combining multi-canal vestibular implant stimulation to restore the vestibulo-ocular reflex in 3D**

*Stan C.J. van Boxel, Bernd Vermorken, Benjamin Volpe, Nils Guinand, Angelica Perez - Fornos, Elke Devocht, Raymond van de Berg*

### **13. Vestibular rehabilitation with virtual reality in patients with long-term dizziness**

*Daniele Corbo, Valentina Santomauro, Alessandro Maroli, Federica Simoni, Eolo Castello*

### **14. Role of vestibular rehabilitation in bilateral vestibular lesions**

*Preeti Madaan*

### **15. Results of a vestibular rehabilitation program combined with virtual reality in bilateral vestibular hypofunction**

*Bilal Burak Bayraklı, Ömer Kuzu, Canan Çelik*

### **16. Investigation of behavioral vestibular function after intratympanic injection of potassium chloride in epileptic rats**

*Yavuz Gündoğdu, Mahmut Furkan Beyaz, Fatma Nur Kömür, Orhan Asya, Ali Cemal Yumuşakhuylu*

### **17. Digital advancements in vestibular rehabilitations: evaluating the effectiveness of an online therapy program**

*Rajneesh Bhandari, Anita Bhandari*

### **18. Effectiveness and adoption of an online vestibular tutorial for physiotherapists: insights from the UTAUT model**

*Yael Arbel, Liora Shmueli*



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

**DAY 3 / APRIL 05, 2025 SATURDAY – (Morning sessions)**

### PATRIA

- 08:00-08:30**      **Instructional Course 31**  
**Changes in symptom pattern in Meniere's disease by duration: The need for comprehensive Management**  
*Jing Zou*
- 08:30-09:00**      **Instructional Course 35**  
**Capturing nystagmus during vertigo attacks using a smartphone: adherence, characteristics, pearls and pitfalls**  
*Ali Melliti*
- 09:00-09:30**      **Plenary Lectures 2**  
  
**Contemporary radiologic evaluation in Vestibular disorders**  
*Robert Guerkov*
- 09:30-10:45**      **Plenary Panel 3**  
  
**Vestibular Migraine**  
**Moderator: Neşe Çelebisoy**  
  
*Pınar Yalınay Dikmen, Anirban Biswas, Fumiyuki Goto, Roberto Teggi*
- 10:45-11:15**      **Coffee Break**
- 11:15-12:30**      **Round Table 3**  
  
**Persistent Postural Perceptual Dizziness**  
**Moderator: Jeffrey Staab**  
  
*Arata Horii, Chisato Fujimoto, Owen Judd, Jan Erik Berge, Jorge Madrigal*

### BARTOK I-II

- 08:00-08:30**      **Instructional Course 32**  
**Utility of the hyperventilation test in the evaluation of the dizzy patient**  
*Luigi Califano*
- 08:30-09:00**      **Instructional Course 36**  
**Eye movements for Vestibular Physicians**  
*Pradeep Vundavalli*
- 10:45-11:15**      **Coffee Break**







## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

11:15-12:30

### Debate Session 3

#### Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex

**Moderator:** *Mans Magnusson*

*Li Wenyan, Takao Imai, Marco Mandala,  
Patrik Theodor Nerdal, Ali Özdek*

## LIZST I-II-III

08:00-08:30

### Instructional Course 33

08:30-09:00

### Instructional Course 37

10:45-11:15

### Coffee Break

11:15-12:30

### Invited Lecture 11-15

**Moderator:** *Ahmet Koç*

#### Vestibular findings during pregnancy and puerperium

*Melissa Castillo Bustamante*

#### Sleep apnea and vertigo: a correlation or a coincidence?

*Ossama Hamid*

#### Diagnostic Value of Computerized Dynamic Posturography in the Assessment of Peripheral Vestibular Disorders

*Norberto Martinez*

#### MRG findings in hydropic ear and Meniere's disease

*Kadir Serkan Orhan*

#### Vestibular disorders in adolescents

*Saba Battelino*

## BRAHMS I-II

08:00-08:30

### Instructional Course 34

08:30-09:00

### Instructional Course 38

10:45-11:15

### Coffee Break

11:15-12:30

### IVS General Assembly

12:30-13:30

### Lunch



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 3 / APRIL 05, 2025 SATURDAY- (Afternoon Sessions)

### PATRIA

13:30-14:45

**Plenary Panel 4  
Satellite Session**



**BPPV-Related Residual Dizziness: New Insights and Contemporary Approaches**

**Moderator:** *Nuri Özgirgin*

*Herman Kingma, Leonardo Manzari*

14:45-15:15

**Coffee Break**

15:15-16:30

**Round Table 4**



**Vestibular Compensation**

**Moderator:** *Badr eldin Mostafa*

*Anis Bouazzaoui, Sameer Qureshi, Henda Gouider, George Zaytoun, Karimova Nargiza Abdullayevna, Fawzi Moustafa*

16:45-18:00

**Invited Lecture 16-20**

**Galvanic vestibular stimulation for the treatment of MDDS: An open, randomized, personalized feasibility treatment trial**

*Dario De Smet*

**Boosting mid and high frequency vestibulo-ocular reflexes with a vestibular implant in bilateral vestibulopathy**

*Bernd Vermorken*

**Motorist's vestibular disorientation syndrome**

*Srinivas Dorasala*

**Intratympanic applications for vestibular disorders**

*Emre Ocak*

**Acute vestibular deficit in children**

*Paola Staffa*

### BARTOK I-II

15:15-16:30

**Debate Session 4**

**Post traumatic vestibular disorders**

**Moderator:** *John Rutka*

*Amy Lennox, Oleg Borysenko, Christopher A. Schutt, Onur İsmi, Seyra Erbek, Arun Pajaniappane, Magdalena Jozefowicz-Korczyńska*



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16:45-18:00

### Keynote Lecture 16-20

**KL16 - The quality of life in patients with unilateral vestibular hypofunction**  
*Mustafa Karabulut*

**KL17 - Clinical examination of balance and gait Vibrotactile feedback improves balance and mobility in patients with severe bilateral vestibular loss**  
*Souad Hajjoub*

**KL18 - The effect of topically applied antimycotic agents on inner ear vestibular function**  
*Ronen Perez*

**KL19 - Barriers and facilitators of vestibular rehabilitation: Patients and physiotherapists' perspectives**  
*Liran Kalderon*

## LIZST I-II-III

15:15-16:30

### Keynote Lecture 11-15

**Moderator:** *Özgür Yiğit*

**KL11 - Understanding the immune response in vestibular migraine and Meniere disease**  
*Antonio Lopez Escamez*

**KL12 - Endotype does not influence therapeutic outcome of double approach delivery of corticosteroids in refractory Meniere's disease**  
*Jing Zou*

**KL13 - International consensus (ICON) on treatment of Ménière's disease**  
*Vincent Darrouzet*

**KL14 - Galvanic vestibular stimulation**  
*Fazıl Necdet Ardiç*

**KL15 - Labyrinthine fistulas due to chronic otitis media**  
*Vijayendra Honnurappa*

16:45-18:00

### Invited Lecture 21-25

**Bilateral Lateral Canal BPPV**  
*Sandeep Sharma*



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### BRAHMS I-II

15:15-16:30

#### Remarkable Paper Presentations 19-27

##### III: Pathophysiology

**19. Endolymphatic hydrops impair inner ear uptake and distribution of injected agents in patients with Meniere's disease**

*Jing Zou, Hongbin Li, Minhui Zhu, Luguang Chen, Zhen Wang, Tianhao Lu, Yukun Chen, Jianping Lu, Ilmari Pyykkö*

**20. The impact of dual tasking on the vestibular ocular reflex**

*Itay Avivi, Noa Rozendorn, Amit Wolfowitz, Yoav Gimmon*

**21. Vestibular responses to virtual reality in individuals with and without motion sensitivity**

*Hadas Ben-Rubi Shimron, Mor Bitterman Peri, Amit Wolfowitz, Yoav Gimmon*

**22. Beyond environmental factors: migraine as a key contributor to benign paroxysmal positional vertigo recurrence**

*Pelin Kocdor, Emel Işık, Oğuzhan Çetin, Rüya Somer, Suat Avci, Levent Naci Özlüoğlu*

**23. The basic mechanism of vertigo attacks in Meniere's disease with explanatory animation**

*Stephen Gary Spring*

**24. Neural correlates of vestibular adaptation in cosmonauts after long-duration spaceflight**

*Catho Schoenmaekers, Steven Jillings, Dmitrii Glukhikh, Elena Tomilovskaya, Ilya Rukavishnikov, Peter zu Eulenburg, Floris Wuyts*

**25. Postural dysfunction in auditory neuropathy spectrum disorder: a computerized dynamic posturography**

*Pradeep Yuvaraj, Rahina Abubacker, Chethan K, Aravind Kumar Rajasekaran, Muralidharan Kesavan*

**26. Potential migraine impact on Ménière's disease regarding demographics and endotypes**

*Yi-Ho Young*

**27. Bilateral neural connectivity between vestibular end organs in patients with unilateral vestibular schwannoma**

*Andy Beynon, Mehmet Ercan, Anne Voncken*







## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

16:45-18:00

### Remarkable Paper Presentations 28-36

#### IV: General Approach

**28. Two centuries of vertigo research: trends, gaps, and global contributions**

*Melanie Grace Yap Cruz, Deborah Manandi, Ma. Natividad Almazan*

**29. Turkish validity and reliability study of the vestibular activities avoidance instrument-9**

*Merve Gundas, Gulce Kirazli, Feyza Inceoglu, Nese Celebisoy, Tayfun Kirazli*

**30. Mapping the scientific trends and collaboration networks in vestibular migraine: a bibliometric analysis**

*Emel Tahir, Nurullah Türe*

**31. Endre hógyes (1847-1906), forgotten father of the vestibulo-ocular reflex**

*László T. Tamás, Albert Mudry*

**32. Virtual reality application matches the standard treatment for MDSS: A non-inferiority, randomized, open clinical trial**

*Catho Schoenmaekers, Dario De Smet, Jan Van Riel, Andrzej Zarowski, Choi Deblieck, Floris L Wuyts*

**33. Vestibular system in patients after mild traumatic brain injury**

*Magdalena Jozefowicz-Korczynska, Wojciech Skora, Bogna Zielinska-Kazmierska, Anna Puzio-Suwart*

**34. Central causes of vertigo: A case series of VNG findings in patients from 2023 to 2025**

*Ceren Karaçaylı, Abdullah Sunar, Bülent Satar, Uğur Burak Şimşek*

**35. Risk factors associated with benign paroxysmal positional vertigo: a national database study**

*Nedim Durakovic, Prithwijit Roychowdhury*

**36. Revealing the underlying pathophysiological mechanisms of MDSS with the use of functional magnetic resonance imaging**

*Catho Schoenmaekers, Steven Jillings, Megan Van Deun, Andrzej Zarowski, Floris L Wuyts*



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## TOPIC

- Acute Vestibulopathy
- Vestibulo-Ocular, Vestibulo-spinal & vestibulo-collic reflexes
- Contemporary diagnostic setup to screen Vestibular disorders (HIT & VHIT; FHIT & DVA; SVV, SVH and Rod & Disc; VEMP's)
- Evaluation of Nystagmus remotely
- Classification of vestibular disorders
- Vestibular system and posture control
- Gravity & balance
- Vestibular Migrane
- Sea sickness and mal de barquement disease
- Artificial Intelligence in Vestibular Disorders
- Vestibulotoxicity
- Vestibular disorders in children.
- Comorbidities among vestibular disorders -
- Vestibular neurectomy versus intratympanic gentamicin
- Vestibular evaluation in ER: Acute stroke syndromes, vestibular neuritis and acute labyrinthitis
- Gentamicin's effect over the peripheral Vestibular endorgan –
- Invasive treatment for meniere's disease
- Lateral canal BPPV: What is new.
- Clinical and molecular subtypes in Meniere's disease spectrum.
- Meniere's disease: Its pathophysiology and relevant contributions to treatment plans.
- Association between syncope and tumarkin Attacks in ménière's disease.
- Vestibular function in children with cochleo-vestibular malformations,
- Dizziness: When to suspect it is not the ear -
- PPPD
- Phobic vertigo
- Perilymph fistula
- Post BPPV Symptoms how to explain how to treat.
- Posterior canal BPPV: What is new
- Vestibular System in geriatric patients.
- Vestibular dysfunction in neurodegenerative disorders
- High frequency versus low frequency patterns of vestibular system
- Membranous or hypermobile stapes footplate: A new anatomic site resulting in third window syndrome
- Vestibular schwannoma:
- Dizziness post head injury:
- Bilateral vestibular disease: What will be the future treatment
- Virtual reality in vestibular rehabilitation
- Vestibular suppressants in vertiginous disorders.
- Otolithic system
- Classification of vestibular disorders
- Vestibular dysfunction: VHIT
- Vestibular dysfunction: VEMP's

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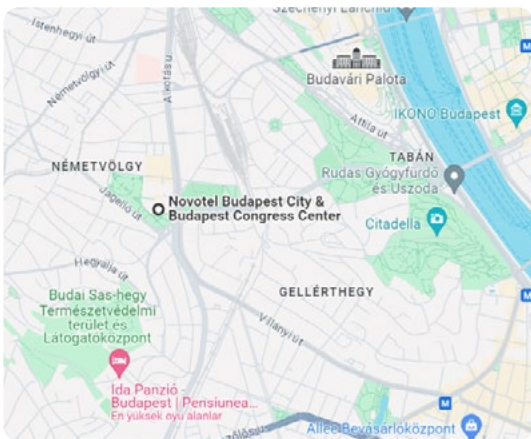
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**Taxi Stands:** Located at airports, train stations, and busy city areas.

Hailing on the Street: You can hail a taxi on the street; make sure it's a licensed one. Booking: You can book a taxi by phone or through mobile apps.





## GETTING TO BUDAPEST

### By Plane (Carries)

**Wizz Air:** <https://wizzair.com/>  
**Ryanair:** <https://www.ryanair.com/>  
**Lufthansa:** <https://www.lufthansa.com/>  
**British Airways:** <https://www.britishairways.com/>  
**Air France:** <https://www.airfrance.com/>  
**KLM Royal Dutch Airlines:** <https://www.klm.com/>  
**Austrian Airlines:** <https://www.austrian.com/>  
**LOT Polish Airlines:** <https://www.lot.com/>  
**Turkish Airlines:** <https://www.turkishairlines.com/>  
**Emirates:** <https://www.emirates.com/>  
**Qatar Airways:** <https://www.qatarairways.com/>  
**Finnair:** <https://www.finnair.com/>  
**Swiss International Air Lines:** <https://www.swiss.com/>  
**Brussels Airlines:** <https://www.brusselsairlines.com/>

### International Airport

- Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD): Located about 16 kilometers southeast of Budapest city center.
- Flights to Budapest: Direct flights from major European cities, including London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Istanbul and Barcelona, as well as intercontinental flights from North America, Asia, and the Middle East.

### Airport Transfer Options

- Airport Shuttle: Shared shuttle services and private transfers are available from the airport to the city center.

**Important Note:** Roundtrip transfer Budapest Ferenc Liszt Airport - Novotel Hotel- Budapest Ferenc Liszt Airport can be provided for participants who received the accommodation service **from Serenas Group (Official Agent of the VAI Meeting) together with announced accommodation fees.**

- Public Transport: Bus 100E connects the airport to Deák Ferenc Square in central Budapest.
- Taxi and Ride-Sharing: Taxis and ride-sharing services are readily available at the airport.

### By Train

#### International Trains:

- **From Vienna, Austria:** Direct trains run frequently between Vienna and Budapest (duration approximately 2.5-3 hours).
- **From Prague, Czech Republic:** Direct trains connect Prague and Budapest (duration around 6-7 hours).
- **From Bratislava, Slovakia:** Direct trains from Bratislava to Budapest (duration approximately 2-2.5 hours)
- **From Munich, Germany:** There are direct train connections from Munich to Budapest (duration around 6-7 hours).

#### Domestic Trains:

- From other Hungarian cities: Budapest is well-connected by rail to major cities within Hungary, including Debrecen, Szeged, and Pécs.



## Train Stations in Budapest

- **Keleti (Eastern) Railway Station:** Main international and domestic hub located in Pest.
- **Nyugati (Western) Railway Station:** Another major station, located close to the city center in Pest.
- **Déli (Southern) Railway Station:** Situated in Buda, serves regional and some international routes.

## By Car

### From Nearby Countries:

- **From Vienna, Austria:** Drive along the E60/A4 highway, approximately 2.5-3 hours.
- **From Bratislava, Slovakia:** Take the E75/D2 highway, around 2 hours.
- **From Prague, Czech Republic:** Via the D1 and E65 highways, approximately 5-6 hours.
- **From Munich, Germany:** Drive via the A94 and A3 highways, around 6-7 hours.

### Distance from Budapest to the main European cities:

1. **Vienna, Austria:** Approximately 250 kilometers (155 miles) to the west.
2. **Prague, Czech Republic:** Approximately 525 kilometers (326 miles) to the northwest.
3. **Berlin, Germany:** Approximately 770 kilometers (478 miles) to the north.
4. **Bratislava, Slovakia:** Approximately 200 kilometers (124 miles) to the northwest.
5. **Warsaw, Poland:** Approximately 550 kilometers (342 miles) to the northeast.
6. **Rome, Italy:** Approximately 1,220 kilometers (758 miles) to the southwest.
7. **Paris, France:** Approximately 1,350 kilometers (839 miles) to the west.
8. **Madrid, Spain:** Approximately 2,400 kilometers (1,491 miles) to the southwest.
9. **London, United Kingdom:** Approximately 1,600 kilometers (994 miles) to the northwest.
10. **Athens, Greece:** Approximately 1,050 kilometers (652 miles) to the southeast.

These distances are approximate and can vary depending on the specific route taken and mode of transportation (e.g., car, train, or plane).

## VISA INFORMATION

### Visa Regime for Entering to Hungary

Please click for Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary:

<https://2015-2019.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/contacts>

Visitors to Hungary must obtain a Visa from one of the Hungarian diplomatic missions unless they come from one of the visa exempt countries.

### Embassies in Hungary

#### United States: Szabadság tér 12, 1054 Budapest

- Phone: +36 1 475 4400
- Website: hu.usembassy.gov

#### United Kingdom: Füge utca 5-7, 1022 Budapest

- Phone: +36 1 266 2888
- Website: www.gov.uk/world/hungary

#### Germany: Úri utca 64-66, 1014 Budapest

- Phone: +36 1 488 3500
- Website: budapest.diplo.de

#### France: Lendvay utca 27, 1062 Budapest

- Phone: +36 1 374 1100
- Website: hu.ambafrance.org

#### Italy: Stefánia út 95, 1143 Budapest

- Phone: +36 1 460 6200
- Website: ambbudapest.esteri.it





**Canada: Ganz utca 12-14, 1027 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 392 3360
- Website: [www.canadainternational.gc.ca/hungary-hongrie](http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/hungary-hongrie)

**Australia: Királyhágó tér 8-9, 1126 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 457 9777
- Website: [hungary.embassy.gov.au](http://hungary.embassy.gov.au)

**Spain: Eötvös utca 11/B, 1067 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 269 5050
- Website: [exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas/Budapest](http://exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas/Budapest)

**Russia: Bajza utca 35, 1062 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 332 0166
- Website: [hungary.mid.ru](http://hungary.mid.ru)

**China: Benczúr utca 18, 1068 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 413 2400
- Website: [hu.china-embassy.gov.cn](http://hu.china-embassy.gov.cn)

**Japan: Zugligeti út 57, 1125 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 398 3100
- Website: [www.hu.emb-japan.go.jp](http://www.hu.emb-japan.go.jp)

**India: Búzavirág utca 14, 1025 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 325 7742
- Website: [www.eoibudapest.gov.in](http://www.eoibudapest.gov.in)

**Brazil: Verecke út 79, 1025 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 326 2888
- Website: [www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-budapeste](http://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-budapeste)

**South Korea: Rézmál utca 6, 1021 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 462 3050
- Website: [overseas.mofa.go.kr/hu-en/index.do](http://overseas.mofa.go.kr/hu-en/index.do)

**Turkey: Benczúr utca 16, 1068 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 413 3810
- Website: [budapest.be.mfa.gov.tr](http://budapest.be.mfa.gov.tr)

**Sweden: Kapisztrán tér 8-9, 1014 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 460 7000
- Website: [swedenabroad.se/en/embassies/hungary-budapest](http://swedenabroad.se/en/embassies/hungary-budapest)

**Netherlands: Szabadság tér 7, 1054 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 301 4950
- Website: [netherlandsandyou.nl/your-country-and-the-netherlands/hungary](http://netherlandsandyou.nl/your-country-and-the-netherlands/hungary)

**Switzerland: Benczúr utca 16, 1068 Budapest**

- Phone: +36 1 460 7020
- Website: [eda.admin.ch/countries/hungary](http://eda.admin.ch/countries/hungary)



## ABOUT BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



**Hungary**, nestled in the heart of Central Europe, is a country renowned for its rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning landscapes. From the grandeur of Budapest, its capital city split by the Danube River, to the tranquil beauty of Lake Balaton, Europe's largest freshwater lake, Hungary offers diverse experiences for visitors.



Historically, Hungary has been at the crossroads of Europe's major civilizations, shaping its unique identity. The country's heritage is reflected in its architecture, with medieval towns like Szentendre and Eger preserving their historic charm alongside magnificent palaces and cathedrals. Culturally, Hungary is celebrated for its classical music tradition, including composers like Franz Liszt and Béla Bartók, and its folk traditions, such as vibrant festivals and intricate handicrafts.



Hungarian cuisine is also a highlight, with dishes like goulash, paprika-spiced stews, and hearty pastries delighting palates worldwide. Nature lovers are drawn to Hungary's diverse landscapes, from the rolling hills of the wine-growing regions to the forested hills of the Bükk and Mátra Mountains. Thermal baths, a legacy of the country's Ottoman and Roman past, provide relaxation and rejuvenation in places like Széchenyi and Hévíz. Today, Hungary is a member of the European Union, contributing dynamically to regional politics, economics, and culture. Its warm hospitality and rich tapestry of experiences make Hungary a captivating destination for travelers seeking both history and modernity in a European context.

Hungary is a landlocked country located in Central Europe, bordered by Slovakia to the north, Ukraine to the northeast, Romania to the east, Serbia to the south, Croatia and Slovenia to the southwest, and Austria to the west. Its capital and largest city is Budapest, situated along the Danube River.

The country covers an area of approximately 93,000 square kilometers (35,900 square miles) and is known for its diverse landscapes. The Great Hungarian Plain (Alföld) dominates the eastern part of the country, characterized by flat, fertile plains ideal for agriculture. To the north, the landscape becomes hillier and more mountainous, particularly near the border with Slovakia and Austria. The highest point in Hungary is Kékes Mountain, reaching 1,014 meters (3,327 feet) above sea level.

Hungary's strategic location in Central Europe has historically shaped its cultural and economic development. The country has a rich cultural heritage, influenced by its history as part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and its later independence. Today, Hungary is a member of the European Union and plays a significant role in regional politics and economics. In summary, Hungary's map reflects a diverse terrain with plains, hills, and mountains, while its central location in Europe positions it as a crossroads of history, culture, and commerce.



**Buda Castle and Castle Hill:** Explore the historic Buda Castle complex, including the Royal Palace, Matthias Church, and Fisherman's Bastion, offering stunning panoramic views of the city.



**Parliament Building:** Admire the Gothic Revival architecture of Hungary's Parliament, situated along the Danube River and illuminated beautifully at night.



**Széchenyi Thermal Bath:** Relax in Europe's largest medicinal bath complex, featuring outdoor and indoor pools, saunas, and therapeutic spa treatments.



**Chain Bridge:** Walk or drive across Budapest's iconic Chain Bridge, connecting Buda and Pest, and enjoy spectacular views of the Danube River and cityscape.



## HISTORY AND CULTURE IN BUDAPEST

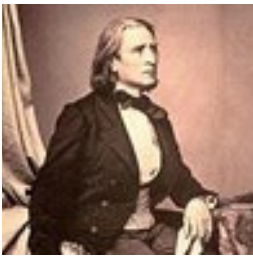
Budapest, the dynamic capital of Hungary, stands as a testament to a rich tapestry of history and culture. Nestled along the scenic banks of the Danube River, this city has been shaped by over a millennium of events and influences, evolving into a vibrant hub in the heart of Europe.

Budapest's history unfolds like a chronicle of Central Europe's tumultuous past. It traces its origins back to Roman times when the settlement of Aquincum thrived as a key outpost of the Roman Empire. In the medieval period, Buda and Pest emerged as separate towns on opposite sides of the Danube, with Buda becoming a royal seat and Pest a bustling trade center.

The city endured Ottoman rule for about 150 years starting from the mid-16th century, leaving behind a legacy of thermal baths that remain popular attractions today, such as Széchenyi and Gellért Baths. The Habsburg era saw Budapest flourish as a vital part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, undergoing significant urban development and modernization.

Culturally, Budapest is a melting pot of architectural styles, arts, and traditions. Gothic and Baroque churches stand alongside elegant Art Nouveau buildings, showcasing the city's diverse architectural heritage. The Hungarian State Opera House and the grandeur of Heroes' Square exemplify Budapest's love for music and the arts. The city's cultural scene is enriched by museums like the Hungarian National Museum, which preserves the nation's history through its extensive collections, and contemporary galleries such as the Ludwig Museum of Contemporary Art. Budapest's culinary delights, from hearty goulash to sweet pastries, reflect its warm hospitality and culinary traditions found in bustling markets like the Great Market Hall.

### Famous People from Hungary



#### **Ferenc Liszt**

Renowned composer and virtuoso pianist, known for his contributions to Romantic music.



#### **John von Neumann**

Mathematician, physicist, and computer scientist who made fundamental contributions to mathematics, quantum mechanics, and computing.



#### **Magda Szabó**

Renowned novelist and playwright, known for works like "The Door" and "Abigail."



#### **Imre Kertész**

Nobel Prize-winning author known for his writings about the Holocaust and totalitarian regimes.





