

THE CLUB OF BUDAPEST

in association with

**The Presidential Committee for Environmental Sciences of
THE HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

announces

***The 21st Anniversary Conference of
The Club of Budapest***

**At the Academy of Science's Conference Center in the Castle District of
Budapest**

the 5th and 6th of December, 2014

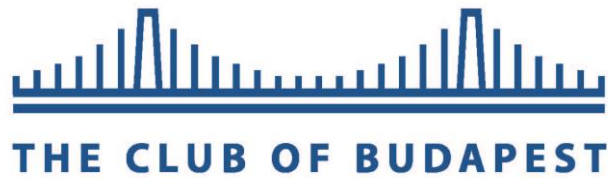
THE FLIGHT OF THE BUTTERFLY

**From the Vision of Planetary Consciousness to a Platform for
Planetary Action**

At Twenty-One the Club of Budapest has become a grown-up butterfly. In 1993 it flapped its wings when with its first Honorary Members Mikhail Gorbachev, Peter Ustinov, Yehudi Menuhin, and the Dalai Lama it called for a Planetary Consciousness. We defined it as „the knowing as well as the feeling of the vital interdependence and essential oneness of humankind and the conscious adoption of the ethic and the ethos that this entails.” At the time this idea seemed esoteric: it was ahead of its time. But the tiny current it created has nucleated: for the most part globally thinking people now recognize that the kind of consciousness we possess is a crucial factor in creating the kind of world we could leave in good conscience to our children.

Twenty-one years later the time has come for a new stage in the flight of this butterfly. As a global think-tank we have thought and we have talked, and now we must walk—or fly—our talk. With a planetary consciousness we must tackle the challenge of creating a sustainable planet. We cannot create it alone, nor can anyone. But we can create it together. The next stage in our flight is to bring together people with the ethics and the ethos of planetary consciousness to think together and to act together, in order to enable all the women, men, and children on this planet to live with the dignity and wellbeing that is the birthright of every human being on earth.

We wish to evolve from a think-tank to an act-tank: to a platform that people and organizations can join if they wish to promote the shift toward an ethical and responsible world. We now call together our Members, Partners and Associates to tackle this ambitious but entirely necessary and extremely urgent task.



PROGRAM

THURSDAY, THE FOURTH OF DECEMBER

Social Program

5:00 pm

Guided Visit to the Zwack Unicum Museum - direct minibus from the hotel at 4.30 pm
(venue 1095 Budapest, Soroksári út 26.)

7:00 pm

Welcome Dinner with traditional Hungarian food
(venue FALK 1 Rendezvényközpont, 1055 Budapest, Falk Miksa utca 1.)

FRIDAY, THE FIFTH OF DECEMBER

THE WORKING SESSIONS

Great Hall of the Hungarian Academy of Science in the Castle District, Budapest

9:30 am

The Club of Budapest at Twenty-One: An Introduction

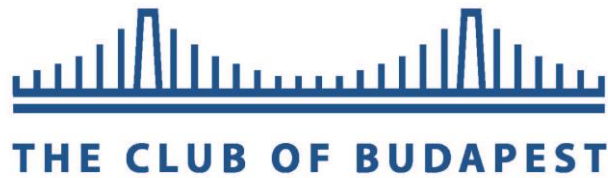
The President of the Environmental Committee of the Academy of Science, Tamás Németh,

The Founding Members: Elemer Hankiss
Ivan Vitanyi
Izabella Zwack

The Curators: Etele Barath
Tamas Halm
Sandor Kerekes
Tamas Kovacs
Janos Schiffer
Janos Szlavik

The Science Director: Maria Sagi

The President: Ervin Laszlo



11:30 am

The First Panel of Honorary Members

Duane Elgin
Princess Irene van Lippe-Biesterfeld
Barbara Marx Hubbard (online)
Stanislav Grof

Moderator: Tamas Halm

Buffet Lunch

3:00 pm

The Second Panel of Honorary Members

Tomoyo Nonaka
Michael Tobias
Andrea Rost
Dr. Jane Goodall (online)
don Miguel Ruiz (online)

Moderator: Ferencz Miszlivetz

Questions addressed to our Honorary Members:

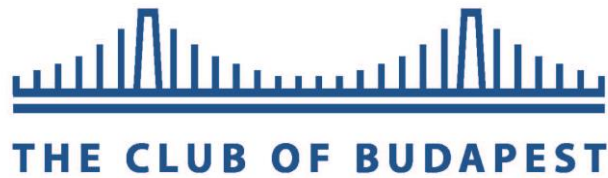
— *The world is critically unstable: today's social, political, economic and environmental problems could herald a basic structural crisis. Is the advance toward crisis irreversible, or can it still be affected by timely action?*

— *Margaret Mead said that a small group of people can change the world. Can a group such as ours change today's critically unstable world?*

— *Einstein said that we can't solve the problems of the world with the same kind of thinking that gave rise to the problems. What kind of thinking do we need to find timely and effective ways to surmount the problems that beset today's world?*

— *Sustainability has become a keyword for world-changing projects. But is sustainability enough? By sustaining today's conditions and processes do we not merely postpone the crisis to which they lead and make it deeper and more difficult to tackle?*

— *Can we, and if so, how can we, plan and motivate development beyond a crisis or „bifurcation” point? What kind of actions and projects could we foresee and put forward?*



—If we are to effectively motivate the shift toward a more humane and responsible world, what group or segment should we address as a priority? Leaders, citizens in the mainstream, women, young people?

—If we should address the mainstream, what means must we have at our disposal—what kind of partners and allies, and resources? —And if we are to address the leadership segment, which area of leadership should we address? Business leaders, political leaders, leaders in religion and spirituality, in the media, ...?

Coffee break

5:30 pm

The Virtual Forum of Honorary Members

Deepak Chopra
Masami Saionji

Round Table:

Hazel Henderson
Riane Eisler
Jean Houston

Moderator: Ferencz Miszlivetz

Remarks & Blessing: Dr & Master Zhi Gang Sha

7:30 pm

Special Event:

Concert by the world-famous lyric soprano Andrea Rost





8:30 pm

Buffet Dinner

SATURDAY, THE SIXTH OF DECEMBER

9:00 am

The Panel of Club of Budapest Partners and Creative Members

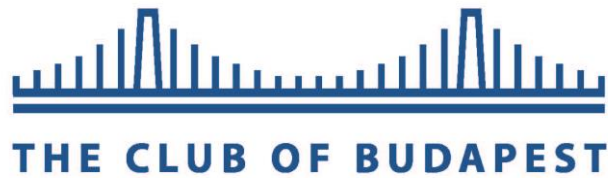
Constantin von Barloewen
Anna Bacchia
Bence Ganti
Ferenc Miszlivetz
Mary-Ann Thompson-Frenk
Ludwig Tuman
Bente Milton
Jeremy Colledge
Dana Amma Day

Moderator: Tamas Halm

Questions addressed to our Creative Members and Partners:

- What are your hopes and expectations for the next phase of the work of the Club of Budapest?*
- What projects of collaboration do you suggest between your organization and the Club of Budapest?*
- How can we make the work of the Club more effective? How should we appear on the Internet, in print, and in alternative media?*

Coffee break



11:30 pm

**Consultation with the Directors of The Club of Budapest
International Network**

Hiroshi Tasaka, The Club of Budapest, Japan
Jiri Zemanek, The Club of Budapest, Czech Republic
Joseph Molitorisz, The Club of Budapest, Croatia
Nitamo Montecucco, The Club of Budapest Italy
Alain Gauthier, The Club of Budapest, France (online)
Joshua Frenk, The Club of Budapest, USA
David Woolfson, The Club of Budapest, Canada
Jiayin Min, The Club of Budapest, China (online)
Anne Marie Voorhoeve, The Club of Budapest, Holland

Moderator: Tamas Halm

Questions addressed to the Directors of our International Network:

- What are your hopes and expectations for the National Club you are heading? What are the key projects you envisage for the coming months or years?*
- How do you see your relations with the other National Clubs? How would you like to work together for common goals?*
- How would you like to develop your relations with the headquarters office in Budapest? What can this office do to assist you in achieving your plans and expectations?*

1:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Ervin Laszlo

***followed by
Farewell reception and buffet***

7:00 pm

„La Boheme” Live performance at the Hungarian State Opera House
