

## 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference JOIN-TRANS “Joining and Construction of Railway Vehicles”



JoinTrans 2024 - 7th European Conference  
„Joining and Construction of Railway Vehicles“

May 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2024, Budapest

Between 8 and 9 May 2024, experts dealing with welding and bonding of railway vehicles have met at the JOINTRANS 7th European Conference "Joining and Construction of Railway Vehicles" in Budapest, at Hungexpo.

The event was organized jointly by SLV Halle GmbH and the Hungarian Association of Welding Technology and Material Testing (MHE) in connection with the 17th MACH-TECH International Trade Fair for Mechanical Engineering and Welding Technology held between 7-10 May 2024, with the support of the ECWRV and ECARV. The conference was held for the second time after 2022 with a partner from outside Germany.

The central topic of the biennial professional event, recognized as an Associated Event by IIW, is the review of regulations related to the design, manufacture, maintenance and conformity assessment of welded and glued railway vehicles and vehicle components, as well as the presentation and discussion of practical experiences.



The conference held in hybrid format had the opportunity to listen to a total of 13 English-language presentations by 76 people attending the venue and 5 people joining online. The interest in the event shows that applications were received from 13 European countries. The Hungarian experts were represented by 33 people, exceeding previous expectations.

The exhibition accompanying the conference – with the participation of the 3 professional exhibiting partners – was traditionally a good opportunity for interesting and useful discussions and networking.



ASSOCIATED EVENT



The Evening event took place in the Hungarian Railway History Park, Europe's largest open-air railway adventure park, where participants could travel by nostalgia steamer from the Kőbánya upper railway station.

The participants were greeted by Mr. Norbert Schvéd, head of the Hungarian Railway History Park, followed by dr. László Mosóczi, Ministerial Commissioner responsible for coordinating the development of domestic rail vehicle production and the Main Patron of the event. After the greetings, the participants could enjoy the performance of the Szolnok MÁV Men's Choir with the Kodály Choir of Szolnok, conducted by conductor Mrs. Katalin Juhász Zsákai. Parts were played, among others, from Zoltán Kodály's song play by János Hány and Imre Kálmán's operett „Csárdáskirálynő”. After the dinner, Mr. Norbert Schvéd guided the participants could admire the nostalgia vehicles exhibited in the Park.

The Organizers would like to express their gratitude to the presenters, exhibitors and supporting partners of the event – SVV Praha s.r.o., Budapest Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Linde Gáz Hungary Zrt., Stadler Szolnok Railway Vehicle Manufacturing Ltd., Kárász Kft., Mozdony és Vasúti Járműjavító Ltd., TS Hungaria Kft., SBS Kft. – for their contribution to the successful implementation of the conference.

In the meantime, the SLV Halle team has started preparations for the 8th JOIN-TRANS conference in Turkey in 2026.



László Borhy (left), Prof. Dr. Steffen Keitel (middle), Béla Gayer (right) © MhE 2024