



***The Perception of Science by Calvinists, Lutherans, Unitarians and Religious Dissents in Central Eastern Europe***

**26–27 October, 2023**

J. Selye University,  
Faculty of Reformed Theology,  
Komárno/Komárom, Slovakia

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Prof. Dr. Ábrahám Kovács, Prof. Dr. Matthew D. Eddy,  
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## THE PROGRAMME

17, October 2022 (Thurs)

**18.00-19.00 Dinner**

19.00-19.15 Welcome, Prof. Dr. Ábrahám Kovács (Project leader, Selye University, Slovakia)

**26 October, 2022 (Thursday) – lectures**

**07.00-08.00 Breakfast**

08.00-8.30 Registration

08.30-08.45 Welcome Prof. Dr. György Juhász, rector, J. Selye University, Komárom

Welcome Dr. Alfréd Somogyi, Dean, Reformed Faculty, J. Selye University, Komárno

Panel I. chairperson: Prof. Dr. Ábrahám KOVÁCS, (J. Selye University, Slovakia)

08.50-09.30 KEYNOTE lecture

Prof. Dr. Matthew D. EDDY (Durham University, England): *The Divine Landscape: Natural Theology as Contemplation in Hungary and Transylvania during the 1830s*

09.30-10.00 Dr. Csaba TÓDOR (Protestant Theological University, Cluj-Kolozsvár, Romania): *Between the desires of the heart and the objects of reason: the relationship between philosophy and theology in the thought of János Körmöczi*

10.00-10.20 Discussion

Panel II. chairperson: Dr. Maria Florutau

10.20-10.50 Dr. Balázs MAGYAR (University of Pretoria, South Africa): *Paul Sárvári's Contribution to the Education of Natural and Philosophical Sciences at Reformed College of Debrecen*

10.50-11.20 Dr. Emmanuel CONTAC (Pentecostal University, Bukarest, Romania): *Romanian Baptists and their efforts to counter the materialist ideology during the Communist regime*

11.20-11.40 Discussion

**12.00-14.00 Lunch**

Panel III. chairperson: Dr. Balázs Magyar

14.00-14.30 Dr. Péter HOLLÓ (Adventist Theological University, Hungary): *Adventists and science in Hungary*

14.30-15.00 Prof. Dr. József POSTA (University of Debrecen, Hungary): *István Hatvani – the natural philosopher from University of Debrecen*

15.00-15.30 Discussion

**15.30-15.50 Coffee break**

Panel IV. chairperson: Prof. Dr. M. D. Eddy

15.50-16.10 Dr. Maria FLORUTAU (Uppsala University, Sweden): *Reformed religious networks and their contribution to the circulation of scientific knowledge in Enlightenment-era Transylvania*

16.10-16.40 Dr. Levente HORVÁTH (Protestant Theological University, Cluj-Kolozsvár, Romania): *Early Transylvanian Philosophical Efforts for Finding an Epistemological Method*

16.50-17.00 Discussion

**18.00 Dinner**

## 27 October, 2022 (Friday) – lectures

### 07.00-08.00 Breakfast

Panel I. chairperson: Prof. Dr. Corneliu Simut

09.00-09.30 Dr. Gábor LÁNYI (Károli Reformed University, Budapest, Hungary): *Hungarian Neocalvinist Views on Religion and Science in the Interbellum Era*

09.30-10.00 Dr. Árpád KULCSÁR (Partium Christian University, Romania): *The Issue of Creation in theology and Natural Sciences. Bishop László Ravasz's synthesis*

10.00-10.20 Discussion

### 10.20-10.40 Coffee Break

Panel II. chairperson: Dr. Csaba Tódor

10.40-11.10 Prof. Dr. Corneliu SIMUT (Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania): *J. I. Packer's Spirituality of Science*

11.10-11.40 Dr. Annamária KÓNYA (Presov University, Slovakia): *Education of natural sciences in Reformed and Lutheran schools in the early modern period – comparison*

11.40-12.00 Discussion

### 12.00-14.00 Lunch

Panel III. chairperson: Dr. Emmanuel Contac

14.00-14.30 Prof. Dr. Péter KÓNYA (Presov University, Slovaki): *The College of Eperjes as the Lutheran Scientific Centre of Upper Hungary*

14.30-15.00 Prof. Dr. Béla VISKY (Protestant Theological University, Cluj-Kolozsvár, Romania): *The relationship between natural science and Christian faith in the thought of Blaise Pascal*

15.00-15.20 Discussion

### 15.20-15.40 Coffee break

Panel IV. chairperson: Prof. Dr. Béla Visky

15.40-16.10 Prof. Dr. Péter SZENTPÉTERY (Lutheran Theological University, Hungary): *Indispensable Theological Questions about Darwin's Work and Testimony*

16.10-16.40 Prof. Dr. Marcel MARCELARU (Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania): *Pentecostals and Creation Care - A Romanian Perspective*

16.40-17.10 Prof. Dr. Ábrahám Kovács (Selye University, Slovakia): "The Hungarian Faust": István Hatvani, a theologian, scientist and educator

17.10-17.40 Discussions

### 18.30 Dinner

## 28 October, 2023 (Saturday)

### 07.00-08.00 Breakfast

09.00-11.00 Departure