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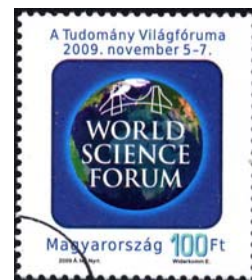
WORLD SCIENCE FORUM

Magyar Posta is marking the World Science Forum by issuing a special stamp.

The Hungarian capital, Budapest, is again hosting the World Science Forum. For this occasion researchers of international renown, heads of state, leaders of the world's scientific organisations and bodies funding research, as well as representatives of influential scientific institutes will gather at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the chamber of the upper house of parliament between 5 and 7 November 2009. The meeting of scientists and politicians is jointly organised by the HAS, UNESCO and the International Council for Science. The motto of WSF 2009 is "Knowledge and Future".

The first, similar event held in Budapest was the World Conference on Science in 1999. Since then, the World Science Forum has been staged biennially on a date near the day dedicated to science by UNESCO, World Science Day (10 November). In 2003 the WSF focused on "Knowledge and Society", in 2005 "Knowledge, Ethics and Responsibility" and in 2007 "Investing in Knowledge: Investing in the Future", with over 1,200 scientists, politicians and decision-makers in attendance.

Under the auspices of the WSF, the organisers of the world's most significant international scientific forums will report on the main achievements of and lessons to be learned from events organised by them. Protecting the environment and climate change will be dealt with by the panel of heads of state. The contribution by the Chinese Academy of Sciences entitled "Science and technology foresight and innovation policy for sustainability" will afford an opportunity to promote Sino-Hungarian scientific relations. Subjects covered include the funding of science, and separate sessions address science and policy, and science and diplomacy. Contributors will discuss the connections between science, ecosystems and sustainability, women in science, and finding new young scientists. In addition, how the position of science in society and the economy has changed over the last decade will be reviewed, for which the 10th anniversary of the 1999 conference will be the ideal occasion. However, foresight will be equally important at the forum: the WSF intends to formulate a vision of the future of science for the coming decades. *Source: www.mta.hu*



The emblem of the World Science Forum is at the centre of the stamp design. The graphics of the first day cover feature a view of Budapest, the main subjects of which are the Chain Bridge and the Buda Castle. The design of the special postmark is a stylised drawing of the main building of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

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