

**"Another chance: Hope and Prospect – Catastrophes and Renaissance"  
International Conference  
and  
"In memoriam 9/11 2001" Memorial Running  
7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006, Kiskunfélegyháza / Hungary**

*"It is no use fearing the danger  
If we do not want to find the way  
We can do against it"  
(David Seabury)*

Since 2002 the Fire Department of Kiskunfélegyháza City together with the Rescue Operations Department of Bács-Kiskun County have been commemorating their heroic brother-in-arms fire fighters – who have died in action on duty during the tragic terror attacks on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

This year was the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event of great dimensions. Besides the Memorial Running there were numerous interesting programs, conference with several lectures, fairs, exhibitions and of course the Firemen Memorial Evening was also organised.

The event helps to bring closer the families of the professional and volunteers to help our fellow men and women – and also to reinforce the feeling of belonging to a common, joint Europe. The New York 9/11 tragedy will act as a foundation to establish a day to honour and recognise our everyday heroes.

Honorary Guests of the event were Mr. Dan Daly – New York Fire Chief (FDNY) and Ms. Mary Bryant – Director of the Achilles Foundation in New York.

Main Patrons of the event:

Prof. George Popper, Lt.-general – President of IBSSA  
Dr. Attila Tatár, Lt.-general – Director of National Rescue Operations Department  
Dr. András Simonyi – Ambassador of Hungary in Washington  
Mr. András Balczó – 3-times Olympic and 10-times World Champion Pentathlete

On the occasion of this high-level event we wish to lift up our voice against the senseless terrorism; within the framework of the conference we commemorate the victims of the catastrophes; and with the Memorial Evening we also honour those mates, who consider it their duty to help – even in peril of their own lives – in those places from where everybody runs away.

All in all, we salute the ones (irrespective of being a catastrophe defence expert, a civil attendant or a fireman) who have struggled or still struggling **against the catastrophes for the people.**

During our previous presentation, our brother fire-fighter from New York City Fire Department, Chief Dan Daly, told a story about this Brazilian little boy's father who was trying to keep his son occupied while he was doing his own work. He tore a page from a magazine with the world map on it. He cut it up to make a puzzle out of it for his son. He figured this should keep his son busy for a long time. A few minutes passed and his son came back with the puzzle all put together. His father asked him, "How could you put this puzzle together so fast?" His son replied, "it was very easy" and he explained. "On the back of that page there was a picture of a man. Once I put him together and turned the page over, the picture of the world came together as well."

***"By focusing on mankind the world's interest will be served as well"***  
(adage)

We are working to make 9/11 as a day to honour and remember all those, who lost their lives in the line of duty to save their fellow man; and this Memorial Day should always remind us throughout the world of the tragedies, catastrophes and the heroes of these events!

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