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«Stability of Steel Structures»

**International Colloquium – East European Session
April 25 – 27, 1990, Budapest, Hungary**

This colloquium is part of a series of meetings around the world aimed at fostering exchange of information on the stability of steel structures between researchers and practitioners from different countries, and to encourage and inspire international cooperation in research. The meeting in Budapest was co-sponsored by the Technical University of Budapest, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Structural Stability Research Council of the USA (SSRC), and the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE).

Altogether 180 participants from 21 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America attended this conference. Research results were presented on the following topics:

- «General Design Concepts»
- «Compression Members», «Built-Up Members»
- «Tubular Structures» and «Shells»
- «Triangulated Structures» and «Beam-Columns»
- «Composite Members» and «Special Problems»
- «Plate and Box Girders» and «Cold Formed Members»

- «Beams», «Frames» and «Arches»
- «Earthquake Engineering and Dynamic Problems».

It was interesting to learn that stability problems are of extensive research and practical importance as metal structural applications tend towards thinner and more slender elements. In addition to the technical interchange, the colloquium provided a unique opportunity for the meeting between researchers from East European countries and Western countries.

This was the third East European Stability Colloquium held in Hungary, and it is hoped that the practice will continue. Our Hungarian hosts, especially Professor Ivanyi and his colleagues from the chair of steel structures at the Technical University, outdid themselves in making everybody feel at home. IABSE was officially represented by Professor Bo Edlund, chairman of Working Commission II, while SSRC had Professor Don Sherman as its representative.

(Prof. Theodore V. Galambos)