

# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AT SZÉCHENYI ISTVÁN UNIVERSITY

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# **University in Key Figures**

Number of students: 11,500 Full-time teaching staff: 356 Full-time non-teaching staff: 225 Annual budget: 6.6 billion HUF





- 1. Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Science
- 2. Kautz Gyula Faculty of Economics
- 3. Faculty of Engineering Sciences
- 4. Petz Lajos Institute of Health and Social Studies
- 5. Varga Tibor Institute of Musical Art

### SZÉCHENYI UNIVERSITY Number of Students per Faculty (2008)



### SZÉCHENYI UNIVERSITY The Number of Teaching Staff and Their Academic Titles (2002-2008)





## The Amount and Distribution of Subsidies for Scientific Research (million HUF)

Area/Year	2007	2008	2009*
R&D priority areas	14,08	13,6	14,3
Conferences, publication	9,51	8,43	9,85
Postdoctor fellowship	3,84	4,1	2,2
Total	27,43	26,13	26,35

\*payments until 2009. October

### HENYI 🚠 UNIVERSITY The University's Income from R&D, 2002-2008







# **Research Centers**

- Car manufacturing, Electronical and Logistical Cooperative Research Center (KKK)
  - Between 2005-2007- 400 MFt subsidies, 465 MFt corporate project costs
  - The members of the consortium: three tertiary institutions, one Hungarian Scientific Academy institute and 23 companies
- Car manufacturing Regional University Knowledge Center (JRET)
  - Projects done between 2006-2008
  - 1,1 billion Ft from subsidies, 715 million Ft from companies
- IJTTR Research of integrated product and technology development system for vehicle industry
  - 100% Vehicle industry, Research consortium led by RABA, SZE-JRET is acting as partner



## **Co-operation with Industry (1)**

### • "Practing" Consortium

- 10 years of joint efforts for practice oriented education of engineers, with over 75 industrial partners
- Praxis semester: 1...25 students / company in Hungary or abroad (e.g. USA, France)
- Benefits:
  - No-obligation trial period: company can choose the best students
  - Direct feedback to education: up-to-date training portfolio

## • Thesis work, given and guided by the company

- Tutor system from BSc practices
- Company led and sponsored doctoral themes (e.g.: AUDI)



## **Co-operation with Industry (2)**

### • Courses delivered by companies

- Audi: The modern enterprise
- Magna-Steyr, Visiocorp (Schefenacker): CAD training
- Company sponsored establishment of new departments
  - Internal combustion engines department w/ Audi Hungaria Motor Ltd.

### • Practice oriented further education and vocational training

- International cooperation projects on demand driven, flexible technical training
- Regional network of training-advisors: two-way communication on HR needs



# **R&D** Topics

### Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering Vehicle Industry and Sustainable Mobility

- Construction and development of vehicle components and units
  - Finite Element Techniques gas and fluid flow, stress analysis
  - Analysis of vehicle units
  - Noise, vibration measurements, mechanical losses
  - Special focus: internal combustion engines (co-sponsored department by Audi)
  - New field: alternative drive-train systems
- Manufacturing: process and tool design
  - Primary shaping processes (casting, bulk and sheet metal forming, polymer processing – computer simulation and experiments)
  - Secondary processes (cutting, heat treatment, surface treatment computer simulation and modelling)
- Efficiency and quality
  - Simulation of production and assembly processes
  - Logistic process planning
- Road, traffic and transportation systems
- **Electronics and communication technology**



### **R&D Topics** Economics and Law

## • Regional and international economy

- Development trends of West-Pannon Region
- Regional differences and their evaluation
- Competitiveness of regions
- Development of knowledge economy
- Knowledge transfer and innovation

### • Financing

- Financing of the activity of companies
- Role of international money markets in the financing of companies

### • Law

- International low, harmonisation of the Hungarian and EU regulation



## **Future Development Plans of University R&D**

#### **Motto: Intelligent Mobility – Intelligent Vehicles – Intelligent Production**

- Product focus
  - Car-body, sheet metal components
  - Engines and peripheries
  - Axles and drive-train components
  - Vision and sensoring systems (intelligent vehicles)

#### • Technology fields in focus

- Intelligent production (man-machine interconnection, automated factory)
- Small volume automotive components (esp. car-body and engine related components) mass customization
- New materials and surface treatment technologies with low environmental impact
- Clean(er) engines, alternative fuels, alternative drive systems
- Vehicle diagnostics
- Intelligent traffic and transportation systems

#### • Way to go

- Carrying out intensive capacity building at Széchenyi István University (SZE)
- Supporting strong knowledge concentration of private R&D
- Building up intensive research co-operation between SZE and regional industry



## **Company Projects: Examples**

### Primary process analysis

- Sheet metal forming, forging, moulding of polymers
- Secondary process analysis
  - Cutting, cracking process of connecting rods
- Process Planning and Quality Control
  - Assembly, Production, Logistics
- Development of Testing Equipment
  - Vehicle unit tests, noise and vibration analysis



## **Analysis of Sheet Metal Forming**





### Process analysis using AutoForm

Reference: Suzuki, Ajkai Elektronika

Suggestions:

- Modification of process parameters
- Modification of blank geometry
- Modification of blank holder geometry
- Proposal for new tooling

### **Results:**

- Decrease of scrap
- Cost saving

#### SZÉCHENYI UNIVERSITY Analysis of Casting, Forging, Polymer Molding



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- Engine blocks
  - Audi: Aluminium
  - GM-PTH: Cast iron
- Forged connecting rods
  - Audi: notching parameters
  - GM-PTH: cracking process
- Polymer molding analysis
  - Suzuki: Door-handle
  - Visiocorp: GID process for mirror covers
  - Visicorp: Subsidising Al components with composites



## **Cutting Processes**



HSC machining ofAl castings (Audi,Nemak)

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- 5D machining for SME-s
- Dry and minimum
  lubrication (GM PTH)
- Hard machining of tool steels (Borsodi Ltd)



## **Process Planning and Quality Control**











- Deformation and tolerance analysis of cylinder heads (GM-PTH)
- Measurement and tolerance analysis (Audi, GM-PTH)
- Manufacturing process control (Audi)
  - Engine assembly line
  - Sheet metal forming
  - Logistic process of components

#### SZÉCHENYI UNIVERSITY Analysis of Material Flow for Audi Hungary Motor Co.



Road transport

- Lorries
- Distribution of goods
- Storage

Rail transport

- Distribution of goods
- Continuous transfer in/out
- Quantity of goods



# **Testing Equipment for Gearboxes**



#### **Reference: GM-Powertrain Hungary Ltd.**

- Input power: 37 kW
- Load power: 2 x 18 kW
- Feedback of load energy to main electric motor
- Suitable for testing all standard gearboxes for Opel cars



# Summary

#### • Institution

- Young and medium size university w/ primarily a regional focus
- Dynamic, quickly adapting to regional needs
- Service orientation

#### Education

- Wide variety of BSc and MSc courses
- PhD courses for engineers, economists and lawyers

#### • Research

- All engineering disciplines (centered around mobility)
- Social science: economics and law
- High-budget (international) research projects are about to start
- Services
  - Laboratory service for SME's and multi-national companies
  - Process analysis and modeling
- Technology & knowledge transfer
  - Two-way communication: industry university & teaching industrial practice



# Thank you for your attention!

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