

LETTER OF INVITATION TO HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PRESS CONFERENCE

What: **State of scientific freedom in Hungary**

When: **13:00 Wednesday, 12 June 2019**

Where: **MTA Headquarters 1051 Budapest Széchenyi István tér 9.**

Dear Editor,

The Hungarian Government has submitted a draft bill to Parliament, which as far as the Hungarian Academy of Sciences is concerned, poses a threat to the freedom of scientific research and possibly accelerates the emigration of our best researchers. Consequently, we are kindly inviting you to an international press conference regarding the current situation, and specifically the draft bill which will alter the basic functioning of the Academy.

Our speakers will be

László Lovász, president of the Academy

Ádám Török, secretary general of the Academy

Eörs Szathmáry, director general of the MTA Centre for Ecological Research

Opportunity for interviews will be provided between 14:00 and 15:30 with the above mentioned speakers as well as *Gergely Szakács* ERC-winning research group leader and *Emese Szilágyi*, researcher for the MTA TK Institute for Legal Studies representing the researchers and staff of the MTA.

Please send your interview request beforehand.

Participants are required to register for the event.

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