The United Nations every year celebrates the International Day of Non-Violence on October 2. This is the anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Ghandi, the leading figure of the Indian independence movement. Sri Swami Madhavananda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council – World Peace Council, founded by Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda, invited the Széchenyi István University Prof. Dr. Peter Földesi (Rector) and Dr. Balint Filep (Chancellor) as representatives at the Vienna UN Center.

"Yoga - the way of non-violence and world peace" conference, headed by Dr. Martin Nesirky, Director of the United Nations Information Service, opened in Vienna (UNIS Vienna). He conveyed the message of the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon. On the occasion of the 70th anniversary or the Sustainable Development Goals Dr. Földesi stressed the importance of partnership and cooperation. He gave the example of Széchenyi István University and the Győr County Council regional cooperation highlighting the achievements, in particular the economic success.

Széchenyi István University was as a founder in 2010 of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) initiative, which includes higher education institutions and research institutes in the United Nations Liaison program. In addition to the basic principles of UNAI the university is committed to promoting peace and contributing to the sustainability and conflict resolution through education.