# Development of innovative and soft competences of engineering students by challenge participations



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The poster shows two best practices to involve international challenges in master's level engineering training.

Industry-driven requirements for engineering courses in the raw materials industry: train "T-shaped professionals".

Has boundary crossing competences

Deep knowledge and skills in professional disciplines

#### **Boundary crossing competences:**

- Innovative thinking
- Critical thinking
- Work in teams (also online)
- Resolve complex problems
- Manage complex datasets
- Organize workflows
- Keep the deadlines
- Good presentation skills

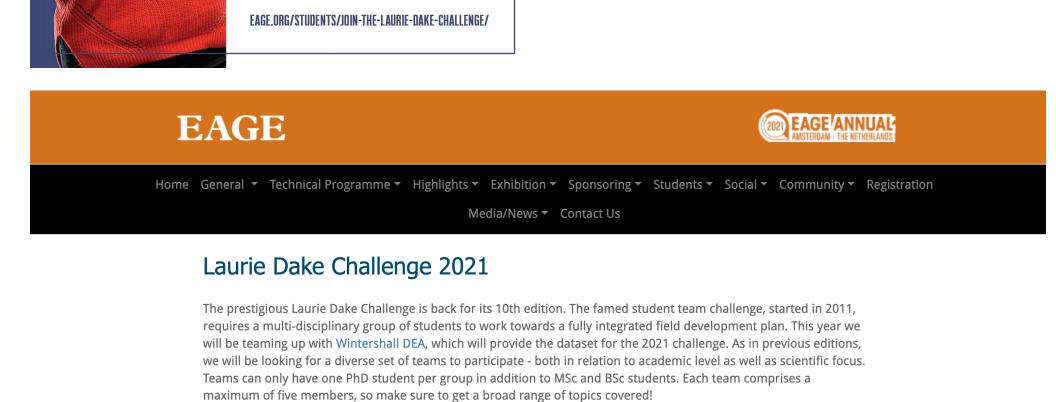
#### Boundary crossing competences:

- Difficult to develop in classes
- One solution: encourage students to participate in international challenges!
- Two examples by the University of Miskolc, Faculty of Earth Science and Engineering
- In cooperation with the
  - EAGE student chapter
  - Natural Resources Exploration and Utilization
    College for Advanced Studies (TEKH)

### Example 1: Laurie Dake Challenge







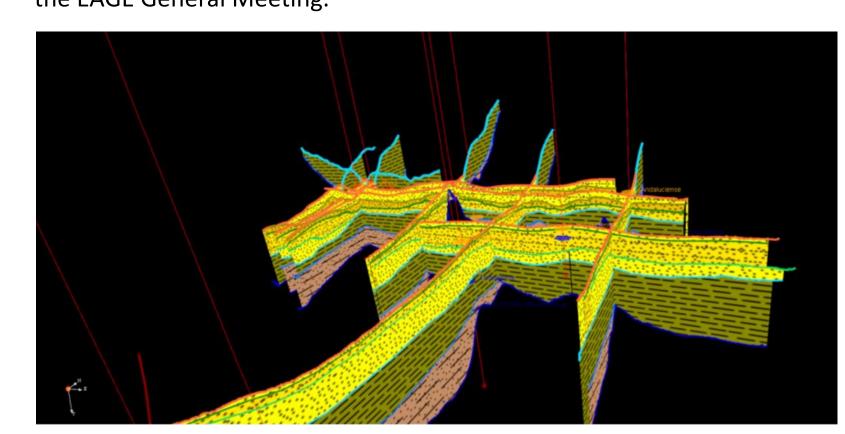
This year, we're asking teams to submit a motivation letter (max 4 pages) on how they will set themselves up for success. Do you have a great multi-disciplinary team, possess great project management skills, or are able to communicate your results like a champ? We want to find out in your team's motivation letter! The best teams will receive the full dataset to impress the jury with their proposal for the field development. Since the inception of the competition we've had teams from around the globe come in first place.

The Laurie Dake Challenge provided by the EAGE (European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers) which is a cross-disciplinary geoscience and engineering challenge to analyse and propose a field development plan for a discovered hydrocarbon resource. Teams are required to submit the field plan and development, based on real hydrocarbon field datasets.

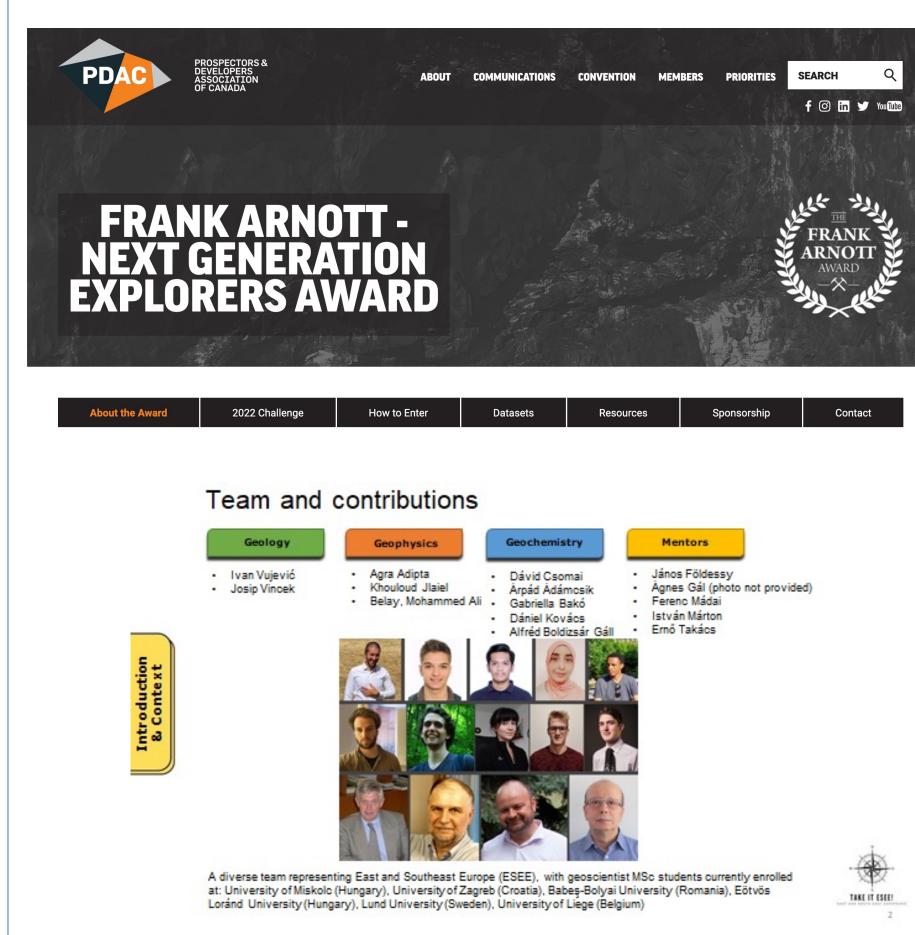
The EAGE, European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers is an association to promote the development and application of geosciences and related engineering subjects, as well as innovation and technical progress and to foster the communication and cooperation.

Teams in the Laurie Dake Challenge had to complete a complex field development plan of a hydrocarbon field in the Gulf of Cadiz, Spain.

The team of the University of Miskolc – five SH students from the Petroleum Geoengineering, Petroleum Engineering and Earth Science Engineering MSc programs – has been **selected to the global best four teams** and they travel to the final presentation in early June to Madrid for the EAGE General Meeting.



## Example 2: PDAC Next Generation Exlorers Award



A regional international team has participated in 2021 in the Next Generation Explorers Award, coordinated by the PDAC (Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada), a worldwide leading association for exploration geologists.

The task here is to select a dataset from the offered ones and do its complex evaluation from ore geology prospection point of view.

Our students participated in a joint team together with students from the Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj and students from the University of Zagreb. The database selected was the complex geophysical and geochemical dataset of Ireland and Northern-Ireland (TELLUS).

The challenge in this form needed the coordination of the teamwork of students physically not meeting each other during the whole preparation period.

After submitting the presentation for the 2021 challenge, leaders of the team decided to continue the work in the same consortium and they have already started the preparation for the 2022 NGEA challenge.

