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Dear Colleagues, dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The celebration of the Medical and Dental Days remains one of the most momentous days of the year, signifying the fact, we belong together.

In 2016, we can say our faculty structure has fundamentally changed. The number of international students is higher than the number of the Hungarian students, although the headcount of the Hungarian students has also increased. This recent elevation was likely born out of necessity, due to the unprecedented demand, reportedly as a result of the aging and the migration tendency of many Hungarian doctors. The number of the international students increased on account of economic necessity. The implementation of this enormous task is very burdensome for instructors at the academic institutes and clinics, alike. Still, we can be optimistic, the university and the faculty is facing unprecedented development opportunities, which may specify the coming decade. The catchphrase of all this is, "the development of quality".

There is no contradiction! As announced by the government, the program for the development of foreign language education is not just about increasing the number of international students, but also involves the increase of our domestic and international reputations, as well. In addition to the development of infrastructure and instrumental conditions, this primarily means an increase in the number and quality of teachers. Over the past decade we have had the opportunity to launch major programs, as a result of which, the number of the staff at clinics and institutes has increased. However, it is not enough, so we want to additionally develop these programs in support of the future. Every year, about forty successful PhD defences occur, and we intend to retain the most talented scholars. Above all this, we want to create an environment in which both the material and social aspects are internationally competitive and appealing to scholars.

The task is immense: with respect to salaries, it is unlikely the hoped for elevation will soon occur. Our administration is slow and self-centred. Additional and frequent structural changes do not provide for a peaceful and predictable environment. Very little is spent towards higher education and health. The disposal of generated revenues is severely limited. Still, all these need to be changed and we are going to change them. The leadership of the University of Pécs, the Rector, the Chancellor and the management of the Dean are all determined to do their best to exploit all possible resources available. There are reserves obtainable. Fortunately, on the government side, we see openness and cooperation towards problematic issues. And here you come to the picture.

The medical community is not on strike, despite the huge social embeddedness and weight it has only a small role in advocacy. One reason for this is the lack of coordination. In this regard, we are also to accept responsibility, as we do not position ourselves well enough. Therefore, the forces and strengths present in variously connected systems cancel one another out, or even create a local, often misguided development. Regrettably, narrow-mindedness and selfishness are typical features and perceived or real interests are ill-enforced. We should assist in politics more effectively.

It is well known that the development of medicine is much more dynamic than the expansion of the economy, and it also creates a tension even among the developed countries. It is also known to all of us that, as the result of the by-product of the technological revolution, which has taken place in medicine, the most advanced diagnostic and therapeutic instruments are very expensive and often cost astronomical amounts of money. It is our duty to efficiently and effectively operate these precocious instruments with certainty.

I am pleased to announce, we have successfully completed several of our commitments. In January of this year, an independent school, the Faculty of Pharmacy was created. We sincerely hope that at the next meeting we shall be able to announce the establishment of yet another independent school, the Faculty of Dentistry as well. In some of our institutions, departments and clinics, in which we had experienced the lack of serious supply and educational staff, the situation has now been consolidated. In addition to new and renewed high-quality professional management, these units have transformed. Our financial management is consolidated; in fact, we produce significant profits and generate economic equilibrium throughout the University of Pécs.

Science demonstrates outstanding performance, a continuously increasing trend within the university, based on the statistics. Our education is well characterized by the fact in which there is a high demand for our graduate students worldwide. However, there is still



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much work to be done in both areas and therefore, under constant control, we wish to introduce additional incentives.

Dear colleagues, dear Ladies and Gentlemen! The celebration of the Medical and Dental Days is one of the most important days of the year, signifying the fact we belong together. Please visit not only the social, but also the scientific events and programmes as well. We welcome any suggestions and criticisms regarding the operation of the faculty you may have.

Dr. Attila Miseta, Dean of the Medical School

XLVIII University Medical and Dental Days

21 through 22 October 2016

Friday, October 16, 2016

10:00 Festive program: Fariboorz Lachine – Stellar Silence; Frédéric Chopin – Waltz 17; Erik Satie – Gnossienne No. 1; **Mani Zabihi** – The Moment of Silence. Performed by M.Z., a fifth-year dental student

10:30 The ceremonial meeting of the Faculty of Medicine

Rector's and Dean's welcome speech
 Pro Facultate Medicinae, dissemination of the commemorative medals
 Dissemination of the gold, diamond and iron degrees
 Dissemination of the Romhányi Memorial Medals
 Dissemination of the awards to students and faculty
 Dissemination of the House of Árpád St. Elizabeth Medal
 Dissemination of the Dean's Awards
 Wreathing and remembering the 60th Anniversary of the 1956 Revolution

Photo exhibition on the gallery: 1956 Budapest - Pécs – “The Invisibles of Mecsek” Jubilee photograph and document exhibition

15:00 University class meetings

Doctors - Class of 1956:	seminar room II (ground floor)
Doctors - Class of 1961:	seminar room 401 (fourth floor)
Doctors - Class of 1966:	Conference Room (first floor)
Doctors - Class of 1971:	Dr Béla Flerkó (IV. c.) classroom (first floor)
Doctors - Class of 1976:	Dr Szilárd Donhoffner (III. c.) classroom (first floor)
Doctors - Class of 1981:	Dr László Cholnoky (I c) classroom (first floor)
Doctors - Class of 1986:	Dr Kálmán Lissák (II c) classroom (first floor)
Doctors - Class of 1996 and	
Dentists - Class of 1995:	seminar room III (ground floor)
Doctors - Class of 2001:	seminar room V (ground floor)
Doctors - Class of 2006:	seminar room 402 (fourth floor)

Dentists - Classes of 1981, in 1986, in 1991, in 1996, in 2001 and 2006, will have their meeting at the Department of Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery (Pécs, Dischka Gy. u. 5.)

Following, the graduates of each year will meet for a gala dinner

22 October 2016 (Saturday)

SCIENTIFIC Morning

The scientific lectures of the graduates

Dr Béla Flerkó (No. IV) Classroom, Pécs, Szigeti út 12. First floor

10:00 *Dr Csaba Vermes*, Associate Professor (University of Pécs, Clinical Center, Orthopedic Clinic)
 The large joint implants for aseptic loosening

10:20 *Dr András Vereczkei*, Professor (University of Pécs, Clinical Center, Department of Surgery)
 Laparoscopic Surgery from the history of Pécs

10:40 *Dr Árpád Szántó*, Clinical Head Physician (University of Pécs, Clinical Center, Urology)
 Bladder Cancer Disease in South West Hungary

11:00 *Dr Gábor Menyhei*, Professor (University of Pécs, Clinical Center, Vascular Surgery Clinic)
 Angiology – Which way to go? Dilemmas and hopes

11:20 *Dr József Szalma*, Associate Lecturer (University of Pécs, Clinical Centre, Dental and Oral Surgery)
 Wisdom Teeth Removal of Nerve and Bone Damage

14:00 **Hidden Pécs Tour:** Presentation of the Bishop's Palace and the Medieval University of Pécs, as a guided tour.
 The tour stages: Medieval University, Bishop's Palace and Gardens, Texas Tunnel, Cathedral tower.

The entry fee is accepted on site (adult /senior ticket: 1000 Ft).

Meeting between 13.45 and 14.00 hours, in front of the entrance to the Cathedral (7621 Pécs, Szent István tér 14)

19:00 Dean's reception at the Medical School, Dr György Romhányi Assembly Hall

PRO FACULTATE MEDICINAE HONOURS

Gold Grade



Dr József Szeberényi, Full Professor

Department of Medical Biology, Medical School, University of Pécs

Dr Szeberényi graduated from UPMS in 1974, and has been employed at the Department of Medical Biology in various positions since 1975. He became a Professor in 1992. He also became the Director of the department. Since he was awarded the title of Doctor of Medicine, he has been an integral part of the instruction and examination of students in both the Hungarian and English programs. In addition to the traditional lecture room environment, there is hardly any situation where he, due to his character, does not find a way to get his message through to his students. His consistently exceptional teaching methods, maintained over decades, are truly exemplary, and his professional knowledge and demeanour made him popular among students. The Romhányi-award, awarded by students for the best lecturer, which he has received a staggering 18 times, is a hallmark of his reputation. In 2005, he received the year's award for, "Outstanding Intellectual Creation" and the Master Teacher's Gold Medal. Dr József Szeberényi joined the field of research during his university years. His scientific success is documented in his numerous presentations, and publications in prestigious Hungarian and international journals. In

addition to his exemplary research and teaching efforts, he has been an eminent member of the Educational Committee, the Curriculum Committee, the Credit Committee, the English Program Committee and the Committee on Science and the Habilitation Committee for years.

Silver Grade



Dr László Bartalos, Medical Specialist

Department of Neurosurgery, Clinical Centre, University of Pécs

Dr László Bartalos graduated from the University of Pécs in 1976, and has been employed here ever since, for more than 40 years, without interruption at the Department of Neurosurgery. His loyalty and work ethic is exemplary. There is hardly anyone who has conducted themselves as humbly and with precision as he did. His work ethic, clinical knowledge and his empathic and supportive approach towards patients has been a great example for our residents. Ever since the tracking of homogenous disease groups as one of the better prepared coding specialist at our university he has performed great tasks in running the clinic and the Clinical Centre. His diligence, humility and reliability have been acknowledged by his colleagues.



Dr Tamás Lóránd, Associate Professor

Department of Biochemistry and Medical Chemistry, Medical School, University of Pécs

Dr Tamás Lóránd received his Chemist diploma at the Faculty of Science, Eötvös Lóránd University in 1973. He was appointed to the Department of Chemistry at the Medical University of Pécs in the same year, and he has been employed at our university ever since. He became a Doctor of Chemistry in 1978, and in 1994 he received his PhD. He has been teaching Medical Chemistry and Introduction to Biochemistry in the Hungarian, English and German programs. He plays an active role in the preparatory courses for the entrance examinations and in the conducting the entrance examinations. His efforts as an Instructor are exemplary, in both Hungarian and German. He performs his responsibilities and tasks exceptionally and he is a great help as the labour safety representative as well.

Bronze Grade

Gézáné Hadobás, Head Theatre Nurse **University of Pécs, ENT Department**

She is employed as a Surgeon's Mate at the ENT Department of the University of Pécs since 1983. She received her Nursing Specialist license in 1985. In 1987, she completed her Theatre Nurse Training. Her positive outlook and outstanding level of motivation is a great help to all of her colleagues. She fulfils her duties with remarkable empathy and precision. It is due to her incredible efforts in which the clinic can successfully complete its surgical strategic assignments, month after month. In short, she satisfies the requirements of her position to the fullest.



Izabella Orbán, Assistant **University of Pécs, Medical School, Department of Anatomy**

Izabella Orbán has been employed at our university since 1989. Previously, she held positions in the Department of Pathology and the Department of Physiology. She currently reports to the Department of Anatomy, and has since 1997. She participated in several work-groups. She maintains rigorous administrative standards and dissects and dyes thousands of rat and mouse brains annually, with unrivalled precision. She performs her duties flawlessly and tirelessly, even on the weekends or late in the evening, if and when it is necessary. She plays a significant role in the methodological work-training of the new colleagues. She is a big part in the department's ability to carry out important research despite being overlaid with the responsibilities of teaching.



Erika Pápista, Lab Animal Keeper **University of Pécs, Clinical Centre, Department of Immunology and Biotechnology**

Erika Pápista has been employed at the University of Pécs since 2009. She coordinates the work of lab animal keepers, prepares the animals for the instruction of medical students, and also assists in the operating theatre. She executes the daily responsibilities of maintaining lab animals in support of research and instruction, fully updates the lab animal registry and performs administrative tasks. It is a testament to her work that she has been able to maintain an SPF (Specified Pathogen Free) work environment for two years. With her precise, conscientious and motivated effort, she contributes towards the efficiency and professional image of the department.



The Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Medallion

Erzsébet Bogláriné Szilágyi, Deputy Director of Nursing **University of Pécs, Clinical Centre, Directory of Nursing**

Erzsébet Bogláriné Szilágyi completed her secondary education at Janus Pannonius Secondary Grammar and Vocational School in 1973, and together, with the high school diploma, she also received General Assistant, Nurse Practitioner and Paediatric Nurse Qualifications. She began her career as a round-the-clock nurse at the Department of Traumatology of the Medical University of Pécs, after which she was employed as the Head Nurse of the 1st Department of Surgery. She served as the Head Nurse of the Department of Vascular Surgery at the Baranya County Hospital between 1996 and 2007, and then she was assigned to the position of the Director of Nursing. She has been the Deputy Director of Nursing at the Clinical Centre since 2013. She has continuously been improving her professional knowledge. She received a nursing diploma from the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Pécs, and she received a degree in Healthcare Management from the Faculty of Economics, University of Pécs. She helps the instruction of future generations of healthcare professionals with devotion and eagerness. She embodies a patient centric and humanitarian approach to her profession. Her work is characterized by diligence, precision and an immense degree of responsibility. The general culture of the Directory of Nursing is elevated by her good-fellowship, empathy, kind demeanour, and her endeavour to find a peaceful solution in any situation, and the professional image of the directory is improved by her presence.



The Dean's Special Commendation

Dr László Melczer, Associate Professor **University of Pécs, Clinical Centre, Heart Institute**

Dr László Melczer received his medical diploma from the Medical University of Pécs in 1972. He performed successful exams in pathology, histopathology, anaesthesiology, intensive therapy, and cardiology. He received his PhD in 1995. Beginning in 1999, he began employment at the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy, at the Medical University of Pécs, as an Associate Professor. He has been employed in his current position since 2001, serving in the Heart Institute of the Clinical Centre. In the past four years he has performed pathology and histopathology laboratory assignments at the Department of Pathology. He has been performing pacemaker implantations since 1978. He developed the protocol for pacemaker implantation, the outpatient care for patients who live with a pacemaker, and regional care, and also supervised outpatient care. He was the first in Hungary to implant a physiological pacemaker with one electrode and the first to implant a dual-chamber implantable cardioverter defibrillator with remote monitoring function. In cooperation with the Electrophysiology Lab at the clinic, he introduced the dual-chamber pacemaker implantation for the prevention of atrial fibrillation. As an alternative for unsuccessful trans-venous implantation, he introduced the left-ventricle epicardial pacemaker electrode implantation and in cooperation with the cardiac surgery unit made it a routine procedure. He was the decision-maker in establishing the indication for implantations, and he was the leader of the work-group that monitored the outpatient care of implanted patients. He cooperated with cardiologists and internists at the clinic in research of the imaging techniques for patients with heart insufficiency who live with implants. He has been part of medical education since 1974, teaching pathology and histopathology, and since 1978, anaesthesiology and intensive therapy, as well. Since 1982, he has been an instructor of the academic and practical instruction of medical assistants. Since 2001, he has taught cardiology at the Medical School. He is an active contributor in the resident and family doctor education, post-graduate continuous education, and he is also a mentor and supervisor in the Student Researcher's Society.



The Dean's Commendation

Andrea Adamik-Novák, Graduate Nurse **UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Radiology**

She has been employed at the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Chemistry for more than 15 years. She is both a college graduate and holds post-secondary computer programmer qualifications. She is an active and effective part of educational, economic and research related tasks, and in setting up experiments. She is often found in the department well after the workday is over and she is the person on duty during the holidays. She has exceptional organizational skills and effectively manages an immense workload. She single-handedly satisfies the requirements of her position, fully and conscientiously.



Gyöngyike Bárány-Nagy, Graduate Nurse **UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Radiology**

Gyöngyike Nagy Bárány received her nursing qualifications, following graduating from a vocational secondary school, in 1978, and began her career as a Ward Nurse at the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy of the Medical University of Pécs. She has been at her current department since 1991. She finished her Graduate Nurse Education at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Pécs, in 2004. She has been practicing her profession for nearly 40 years. At the beginning of her career, she fulfilled her responsibilities selflessly and conscientiously despite the difficult circumstances. Her humble and humanistic approach is exemplary.

Her professional experience is beyond comparison, which is coupled with her constant drive for education. Her professional relationships with patients and their families are excellent. She has been taking part in the education of new students and colleagues at the clinic for years. Her colleagues can always rely on her helpfulness. She is a valued member of the department.



Dr Márta Balaskó, Associate Professor
UP, MS, Department of Translational Medicine

She received her medical diploma at the Medical University of Pécs in 1992, and she began her career as a researcher and instructor at the Department of Pathophysiology. She had her PhD defence in 2000, and her habilitation in 2011. She is a dedicated educator who plays an active role in Hungarian, English and German general medicine education. She was awarded the prize, "Excellent instructor" in 2014 and 2015. She is also part of the continuous development of the curriculum, she wrote many chapters of the Pathophysiology textbook and several print and online, Hungarian and foreign language educational materials. Within the Institute, she serves as the leader of the Energetics Workgroup. She is a member of several Hungarian and International Scientific Organizations. Several of her student researchers were awarded prizes at the Student Researchers' Society and gave presentations in Hungarian and international conferences. In admiration of her steady work and great demeanour, she is an integral part of keeping the institute stable and continually developing.



Dr Tamás Beöthe, Senior Lecturer
UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Urology

He has served as a Fellow at the university since 1991, and he has been at the Department of Urology since 1998. He defended his PhD thesis in 2012, and he has been a Senior Lecturer since then. He is a member and organizer of the Urological Onko Team, since its inception, and as such, he is involved in the work of two departments, serving with great enthusiasm and diligence. His work is characterized by his superb devotion towards patients. Since 2014, he has proved himself as a talented and diligent colleague, as the person generally responsible for the education at the Department of Urology.



Lívia Bodáné Erdei, Nurse
UP, Clinical Centre, ENT Department

Lívia Bodáné Erdei graduated as a general nurse in 1980, and then found a position as a general assistant. She began employment at the ENT Department in 1982, and has been a valued member of the nursing staff since. She received her nursing practitioner qualifications in 1989. She performed night shift duties for a considerable lengthy period. Currently, she can be relied on at every level of nursing, and she is more than able to take on the duties of shift supervisor. She approaches patients with honesty, professionalism and earnestness, and she is a reliable colleague possessing great inner strength. She has been performing responsibly for decades.



Rita Boros, HR Consultant
UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Emergency Medicine, Ward of Emergency Medical Care

Rita Boros began her career at the ENT Department of the Medical University of Pécs in 1998. She has served in her current position since 2010. Her responsibilities include the administrative tasks at the Department of Emergency Medicine, and the organization and administration of the resident training, and also the tasks generally associated with the position of a HR Consultant. She can astutely determine the reasons for the problems surrounding the tasks. She has established a wide network of colleagues. She has an extremely professional work-relationship with her colleagues and she is helpful and empathic in any given situation.



Veronika Csapó, Head of the Secretariat

UP, Clinical Centre, Surgery Clinic

Veronika Csapó has been employed at the Surgery Clinic of the university since 1969. She performs her duties with great care and precision, she maintains deadlines meticulously, and takes on additional tasks. She formulates her opinions realistically, and communicates them in appropriate form and fashion towards the staff of the clinic and related departments. She plays an active role in research, and organizes Hungarian and Foreign Language education. She is valued by doctors and other healthcare professionals, and is indeed a vital part of the team.



Andrea Dobi, Graduate Nurse

UP, Clinical Centre, Heart Institute

Andrea Dobi has been employed at the Heart Institute since 1999. In the beginning, she served as an assistant at the outpatient clinic, and then she held the position of the Head Nurse at the Department of Interventional Cardiology. She received her graduate nurse qualifications in 2001, and her medical instructor qualifications in 2003. She emphasizes the need to effectively educate future generations of nurses, of which she plays an active part of. As a result, several colleagues are now employed within the department. She makes certain in which all registration cards and the Medical Association Membership status of the entire staff of the department are all in good order and up to date. Her diligence and professional experience is outstanding and exemplary.



Ibolya Farkas, Head Assistant

UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Rheumatology and Immunology

In 1983, Ibolya Farkas, in addition to her qualifications as a general chemist, became a lab assistant at the Medical Assistant Trade School in Pécs. She came into contact with the clinic early on in her career. In the beginning, she was employed as a full time lab assistant. Later, she became intensely involved with other pursuits at the department, for example, research activities and clinical drug trials. She distinguished herself with her organizational skills and her willingness to accept and diffuse conflict. As a result, in 2008, she was appointed Head Assistant of the Outpatient Department. She has been performing her duties with unwavering zeal. She also accepted the responsibility in the development of the clinical quality control system, and in serving as the Departmental Quality Control Officer, she continuously proves to be an active and invaluable member of the clinic.



Attiláné Hamar, Medical Clerk

UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Urology

Attiláné Hamar has been employed at the Department of Urology since October 1994, as a medical clerk. Her work is characterized by reliability and precision. She freely shares constantly expanding professional knowledge with her colleagues. She regularly helps out with the responsibility of the Secretariat of the Department, as well as the monthly tracking of monthly patient reports, which immensely influences the economic safety of the department. Her devotion and dedication towards the department serves as a superb example to her younger colleagues.



Ágnes Istenesné Rózsaí, Chemist Assistant, Laboratory Analytical UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Laboratory Medicine

She has been employed at the Department of Laboratory Medicine since 1988 and first began her career as a chemist laboratory assistant. While she was employed, she qualified as first laboratory technician, followed by professional assistant, and then later took her BSc degree as a Chemical Physicist Laboratory Operator. Her efforts are characterized by precision, infinite accuracy, and professional carefulness and she teaches that to professional assistant students. Her relationship with her colleagues and superiors is outstanding. Staff of the department often depends on her helpfulness throughout all types of situations. She also maintains good relations with staff reporting in other departments treating patients. She turns to everyone with patience and attention. Her capacity for thoroughness is considerable and her sense of vocation serves as invaluable example to everyone.



Dr János Kállai, Full Professor UP, MS, Department of Behavioural Sciences

From the beginning he is one of the original members of the Medical Psychology Group, established in 1980. He has carried on extensive medicinal activity and clinical research. His varied activity considerably established the integral relation between behavioural sciences and daily medicinal work. He was the Head of the Department of Behavioural Sciences from 2003 to the 30th of June, 2016. During this time, several developments have been successfully achieved in the field of education and research. As the Head of Behavioural Sciences Doctoral School, he continuously helped young, talented students' professional work. The department has met with important success in the field of research which is substantiated by high and effective activity in grant and publication work during the professor's leadership.



Dr Attila Kónyi, Senior Lecturer UP, Clinical Centre, Heart Institute

Dr Attila Kónyi, Senior Lecturer, graduated from the Medical University of Pécs, in 1992. He has continuously worked at the Heart Institute since 1997, and prior to this was employed at the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy for two years. He took the qualification exam in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy, Cardiology, and then in 2005 he earned his European Cardiology Certificate. In 2010 he defended his PhD thesis. He is currently the member of Hemodynamic Team and the Head of the Pacemaker Team. From the beginning, his work has persistently contributed to a high level of functionality, in support of the Institute. It is based on his wide professional thorough grounding and his relationship to patients and colleagues, which is exemplary.



Dr Rita Korontai, Senior Clinical Doctor UP, Clinical Centre, Heart Institute

Today, Dr Rita Korontai is a senior clinical doctor. She graduated from Medical University of Pécs in 1982. She took qualification exam in anaesthesiology and intensive therapy. She has been employed including only a short interruption at the University of Pécs Medical School, since 1987. She first was employed at the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy, and later at the Heart Centre, beginning in 1996. She has been employed at the Heart Institute since 1999, serving in the field of anaesthesiology and intensive therapy, where she is currently taking part in health care, resident students' education, duty and work of preoperative out patients' department with full intensity. She is reliable and willing to help all members of the department. She has proved her vocation and suitability with persevering and outstanding performance over the years.



Dr Patrícia Kovács, Resident Doctor

UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy

She graduated from University of Pécs Medical School in 2015, and is currently serving in the role as a Resident Doctor at the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy. She has participated in numerous conferences, where her competitive spirit has earned first placed no fewer than three times including the special prize award. As a student, she was an active member of Hungarian Medical Students' Association (MOE, HuMSIRC). She was a coordinator of Teddy Bear Hospital at a local committee in Pécs. As a consequence of her activities, the annual spring Teddy Bear Family Day was organized, which became a tradition. In the autumn of 2005, with accordance to her ideas and suggestions, a story-book and activity handbook was published, which is in close connection to this program and considered unique throughout the country.



Margit Könyvesné Sarkadi, Deputy Director of Nursing

UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Nuclear Medicine

She has been employed at the University of Pécs since 1980, and first began her career as an isotope laboratory assistant at the Central Clinical Radioisotope Laboratory. She has continuously developed her knowledge. She earned a BSc degree as a Medical Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging Analyst. She has also served as Health Manager and as a Patient's Rights Representative. She is officially responsible for radiation protection and workers' protection including quality control measures. She regularly gives scientific presentations, organizes training events and offers credit points. Throughout her professional career, she is hard-working and does so with enthusiasm. She maintains an outstanding relationship with patients and she is helpful when solving problems. She has an excellent relationship with her colleagues and they often depend on her helpfulness. Her orderliness and enthusiasm provide a background of appropriate level of health care at the Department of Nuclear Medicine.



Ildikó Marcsik, Theatre Specialized Technician

UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Otorhinolaryngology

She began her employment as a nurse at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1985. In 1996, she earned her adult nursing degree. She has been employed in the Theatre at the Department of Otorhinolaryngology since 2003. She endeavours to suit the professional requirements at the maximum level, even in difficult circumstances, which is reportedly due to staff reduction. She persistently serves health care with wide professional experience. She is a reliable member of an operation team. Ethic complaints have never been arisen against her work over the years. She has exhibited professional and conscientious efforts for several decades.



Zsolt Márton, Dissection Assistant

UP, MS, Department of Anatomy

Zsolt Márton has been employed at the Department of Anatomy since August 1989. His work primarily includes the preparation of the dissecting room, especially prior practice lectures and examinations preparing of anatomical preparations and corpses, all used in education. He controls order and tidiness of the dissecting room of the department and regularly cleans it in order to maintain undisturbed education. His work is essential in the educational work of the Department of Anatomy. Since there are a high and increasing number of students year after year and instructors are overtasked, it is particularly important to employ similar experienced, reliable and hardworking staff who can help with preparatory work towards easing the burden of teaching anatomy at our university.



Dr Zoltán Porpáczy, Associate Professor
UP, MS, Department of Forensic Medicine

In 1976, following graduation from the University (ELTE, TTK) he arrived at the Medical University of Pécs, the Institute of Biochemistry, where he taught in Hungarian from the beginning and later in English, since 1994. He actively participated in writing several lecture notes compiled from various universities and colleges and the elaboration of national examination requirements system. He served in the role as the Head of Toxicology Laboratory, at the Department of Forensic Medicine, since 1998. He participated in reconstruction of the laboratory design and in the procurement of professional instruments and introduced a new methodology utilizing these instruments. He continuously teaches forensic and clinical toxicology. The Department of Toxicology was established in 2012, which links several departments. He has been the Head of the Department ever since, and in this position he coordinates not only forensic tasks, but health care clinical toxicology, which was renewed with the procurement of new instruments. This health care clinical toxicology now can remedy a deficiency in health institutions throughout South-Transdanubia. He has played an active role in university athletics from the very beginning. He won Szent-Györgyi Albert tennis competition including instructors from national medical schools eight times in Szeged.



Ágnes Radó, Diagnostic Imaging Assistant
UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Radiology

She began employment at the Medical University of Pécs, Department of Radiology, in 1977. She served in the role as a diagnostic imaging assistant in Baranya County Hospital, at the Department of Radiology, between 1998 and 2009. She has been an employee of the legal successor institution from integration of Baranya County Hospital since 2009. She has served as the Head of Division in this settlement of the X-ray Department since 1998. In 2007, she participated in training of quality control internal auditor, in which she is the Head of Quality Control at the Department of Radiology. She has respectfully made her career for nearly 40 years. Her humanistic attitude and professional delivery are exemplary. Her professional experience is outstanding; as in the case of this in which she has continuously sought higher levels of education. She is very demanding throughout her work. She has participated in students' education as a demonstrator for many years. Colleagues can always depend on her; her sense of duty is outstanding.



Mária Reiszné Horváth, Lab Technician
UP, MS, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy

Mária Horváth Reiszné has been employed at the Medical University of Pécs, Pharmacology Institute (now Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy) since 1977. In 1981, she earned her qualification as a laboratory assistant. She currently serves in same position within the department. She has researched animal experiments since 1994. Within the scope of this research, Maria and her colleagues tested absorption of various compounds from the gut and biliary excretion of these compounds originating from the liver. Since 2014, she has participated in work of neuropharmacological team, primarily in research, involved pathomechanism of inflammations of respiratory system and intestine. Her professionalism is characterized by accuracy, reliability and excellent professional knowledge.



Kornélia Tapasztóné Fazekas, Laboratory Special Assistant
UP, Clinical Centre, 1st Department of Internal Medicine

Kornélia Tapasztóné Fazekas was educated in Chemical Industry Technical secondary school in Pécs. She earned her health special assistants qualification in 2006. Prior to her current position, she was employed as a laboratory technician. She has worked as a laboratory assistant at the 1st Department of Internal Medicine since 1984, and as a clinical laboratory assistant since 2003. She works with remarkable reliability; she has an outstanding capacity to take on and absorb additional duties and responsibilities. She has a very good relationship with clinical staff. She has helped PhD students in scientific work for many years. Her efforts played an important role in the modernization process carried out at the clinic over the past decade.



**Dr Mária Judit Vékási Dr Tóthné, Senior Lecturer
UP, Clinical Centre, Department of Ophthalmology**

She graduated from the Medical University of Pécs in 1983, and has been employed at the Department of Ophthalmology in Pécs, since 1990. After she arrived to the clinic, she approached her ophthalmologist duties with great diligence and thoroughness. She participated in ward and outpatient examinations, and treatments. She took qualification in special exam of ophthalmology in 1994. She earned her PhD degree in 2003. She has been Head of Outpatient Service since 2010. She has performed tasks as a Head of the Ward since 2016. She received a mandate of Vice Chair position since 2013. She has participated in gradual and post gradual education at the university for twenty years. The professional education of dental students is also her mission. She has superb organizational skills which can be excellently used in her leading position and offers continuous and dedicated patient care. She is helpful, conscientious, and she offers patients with empathy. Colleagues can always depend on her. Her work is exemplary and serves as an example to young doctors.



**Lászlóné Végh, Head of Division, Special Assistant
UP, Clinical Centre, Heart Institute**

She began working at the Medical University of Pécs in 1980. She started her work as a nurse in three shifts at the 1st Department of Internal Medicine. Then she joined professional team of clinico-pharmacology department which newly opened in 1985. She worked in ECG assistant position from 1994.

She has worked at Outpatient Unit in Heart Institute since 1999. Later she received Head of Division position as an assistant. In addition to leading assistant tasks she actively participates in patient care and education at the Outpatient Unit. She works in close cooperation with the Deputy Director of Education. She works with extremely great enthusiasm; she is precise, accurate. She has a good relationship with colleagues.



**Dr Frederik Zuhorn, Postdoctoral Fellow
Evangelisches Krankenhaus Bielefeld; UP, MS, Department of Behavioural Sciences**

Dr Frederik Zuhorn is a postdoctoral fellow, PhD student, who earned his medical degree at University of Pécs, Medical School, in the German program, in 2011. In 2008, serving in the role as the Head of German Student Council, established English-German Student Council (more commonly known as the EGSC), in association with the Head of English Student Council. Together, they deserve credit for promoting the International Evening, which is recorded as the greatest international program within the city. In 2011, he received the University Culture Award for his performance and commitment in the representation of Foreign Students. Following graduation from the University, he began his medical career at the Department of Neurology, in Evangelisches Krankenhaus Bielefeld, Germany. He is currently serving as a Trainee Specialist. Additionally, he took the initiative towards establishing a successful cooperation between Bielefeld hospital and the University of Pécs. His efforts in this area have significantly contributed towards elevating international relations of the University of Pécs, Medical School, primarily in the widening of creating and sustaining professional German relationships.



DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS

Golden diploma: Dr Gyöngyi Almási, Dr Anna Aszmann, Dr Viktor Elemér Bajusz, Dr László Bárdos, Dr Árpád Bellyei, Dr Ildikó Üveges Berényi, Dr Márta Blázek, Dr László Bodó, Dr László Imre Bogár, Dr Gábor Czéh, Dr Péter András Csángó, Dr Géza Cserhádi, Dr Zsuzsanna Csizmadia, Dr Emőke Csongrády, Dr Judit Katalin Dörömbözy, Dr Mária Dulánszky, Dr Mihály Ferenc Ferenczy, Dr Piroska Ferenczy, Dr Gyula Gelencsér, Dr Mihály Gimesi, Dr Gábor Hajdu, Dr István Hajduczki, Dr Kálmán Halasy, Dr Mária Hauzeur, Dr Éva Piroska Hegedüs, Dr Mihály Hegedüs, Dr Klára Horváth, Dr Margit Horváth, Dr Balázs Ittész, Dr Judith Kellner, Dr Mária Valéria Knoch, Dr György Kosztolányi, Dr Mária Kutas, Dr Gyula Lassu, Dr László Lencse, Dr Dénes Lomb, Dr Dénesné Lomb, Dr Margit Czérna, Dr Andrea Ludány, Dr Mária Magdics, Dr Anikó Makk, Dr Ede Mammel, Dr Irén Marosi, Dr Sándor Miklós Mazur, Dr Rezső Mayer, Dr Péter Pál Molnár, Dr György Orbán, Dr Ilona Paczolay, Dr István Pap, Dr Éva Mária Passa, Dr István Pataki, Dr Mária Pintér, Dr István György Pintér, Dr Judit Pottyondy, Dr István Rákóczi, Dr József Roszbor, Dr Győző Ruzsa, Dr Gábor Sas, Dr Gabriella Schmidt, Dr Gyula Soltész, Dr Mária Márta Soroncz, Dr Tivadar Szabolcsi, Dr István Szabó, Dr Tamás Szabó, Dr Imre Szirmai, Dr Tamás Szmolenszky, Dr Tamásné Szmolenszky, Dr Erzsébet Róth, Dr Margit Tóth and Dr István Varga.

Diamond diploma: Dr István Baranyai, Dr József Bozó, Dr Péter Cholnoky, Dr Ágnes Donhoffer, Dr Teréz Erdélyi, Dr Béláné Énekes, Dr János Fancsik, Dr Iván Farbaký, Dr Imre Fábíán, Dr Ferenc Gasztonyi, Dr József Gelencsér, Dr Éva Halvax, Dr György Illei, Dr József Kapitány, Dr Gergely Kató, Dr Andor Kelemen, Dr József Kiss, Dr Irén Kovács, Dr Sándor László Kovács, Dr Zoltán Könyves, Dr Tamás Lajos, Dr Károlyné Ludvig, Dr Edit Szegfalvi, Dr Endre Gábor Mérő, Dr Mária Oó, Dr Edith Róka, Dr Szilvia Róna, Dr Imre Szilágyi, Dr Ede Thán and Dr László Tóth.

Metal diploma: Dr Miklós János Balassa, Dr György Bohenszky, Dr Jenő Czukor, Dr Béla Csete, Dr Éva Csongor, Dr Erzsébet Fekete, Dr László Halvax, Dr Béla Mess, Dr László Szőnyi and Dr Gabriella Zólyomi.

Romhányi Medal: *Dr József Szeberényi* (Full Professor, Department of Medical Biology) and *Dr István Wittmann* (Full Professor, 2nd Department of Internal Medicine and Nephrology Centre).

Prominent Demonstrator Title: The Rector of Medical University of Pécs, established this prestigious award in 1995. Annually, fifth and sixth-year students choose using a secret ballot to determine who is considered worthy of this title: *Dr Gergő Molnár* (2nd Department of Internal Medicine and Nephrology Centre), *Dr Balázs Gaszner* (Department of Anatomy), *Dr Tibor Hollósy* (Department of Anatomy), *Dr Erzsébet Ezer* (Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy), *Dr Kristóf László* (Institute of Physiology), *Dr Zoltán Rékási* (Department of Anatomy), *Dr Péter Than* (Department of Orthopaedics), *Dr Béla Kajtár* (Department of Pathology), *Dr László Szapáry* (Department of Neurology), *Dr Andrea Mike* (County Hospital, Győr Petz Aladár Hospital), *Dr Gábor Pethő* (Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy), *Dr Zoltán Nyúl* (Department of Paediatrics), *Dr László Czopf* (1st Department of Internal Medicine), *Dr Edina Lempel* (Department of Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) and *Dr Márta Radnai* (Department of Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)

Best Teaching Theoretical Departments: Department of Pathophysiology and Gerontology, Department of Anatomy and Department of Medical Biology.

Best Teaching Clinics: 1st Department of Internal Medicine, 2nd Department of Internal Medicine and Nephrology Centre and the Department of Neurology

Fellowship granted by the Republic was awarded to: Zsolt Szakács, Balázs Ujvári, Zsófia Csernela, Rebeka Pagáts, Péter Gaszler, Ákos Nagy, Boglárka Gábris, Máté Papp, Bence Bajzik and Máté István Pénzes

The Miklós Dékány Award: Gergely Tarszabó, graduating pharmacy student

Good Student and Good Athlete Title were received with recognition: Abada Alan, Máté Hajdú, Dr Károly Heinrich, Dr Flóra John, Dr Maloy Magnus, Abedini Nader, Dr Kata Viktória Tóth and Dr Klára Kitti Tóth.

Best Students of the Year:

General Medicine: Second Year, Hungarian: Olivia Magyar, English: Ayham Ra'ed Noor Alhaddad, German: Marvin Reuter, **Third Year,** Hungarian: Patrícia Kálmán, **Fourth Year,** Hungarian: Zsófia Sütő, English: Óli Jacobsen, **Fifth Year,** Hungarian: Evelyn Schroth, English: Mihocsa Andreas Laszlo Bauer, German: Laura Haag, **Sixth Year,** Hungarian: Zsolt Szakács, Zsófia Csernela and Dávid Pintér, English: Aryatape Nima Seifi, German: Valerie Habermehl

Dentistry Program, Second Year, Hungarian: Natália Netta Nagy, **Third Year:** Hungarian: Dóra Szabó, German: Viktoria Angerhausen, **Fifth Year:** Hungarian: Réka Kata Meszarics, German: Hauke Hendryk Hildebrant

Faculty of Pharmacy, Second Year: Annamára Vörös, **Third Year:** Dorina Csontos, **Fourth Year:** Gabriella Boda, **Fifth Year:** Anna Zelma Faisal

Senior Leadership of the Medical School

Professor Attila Miseta, MD, Full Professor, Dean

Professor Tamás Tényi, MD, Full Professor, Vice-Dean for General Affairs, Student Welfare and International Relations

László Czopf, MD, Associate Professor, Vice-Dean for Education

Professor Miklós Nyitrai, Full Professor, Vice-Dean for Science

Professor Tibor Ertl, MD, Full Professor, Dean's Representative for Postgraduate Education



Dr Attila Miseta dean



Dr Tamás Tényi



Dr László Czopf



Dr Miklós Nyitrai



Dr Tibor Ertl

OPENING CEREMONY AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL – 4 September 2016

Dr Attila Miseta, Dean of the Medical School

Dear Esteemed Members of the Audience,



Dr Attila Miseta, dean

There are three memorable and celebratory moments in each cycle of the faculty year, the first of which, the opening of the academic year, is always rich with excitement and expectations. One of the eras of your life, notably the time of the warmth and care from within your close circle of family and senior schools will soon come to a close, and you will await and encounter a similarly important phase in your life, one in which you will have a much more influential impact upon your future career.

You have made the decision of becoming a medical doctor, a dentist or a biotechnologist, and you have made the right choice. You chose the most beautiful profession for yourself, if you are able to identify wholeheartedly with your future profession. Yes, you chose the most beautiful profession for yourself, since you will offer people help and assistance with their physical and mental problems, which is the most noble task that can ever be. Nearly every scientific discipline is found within the scope of the vast and extensive field of medical science. If you hold special interest in biology, genetics, physics, mathematics, mental health, or sociology and wish to gain an understanding of the synthesis of these subjects, then you are in the right place. One role of universities is the conduct of science, or more specifically, they are responsible for scientific education, research and development. As you will soon recognize, both dentistry and pharmacology demand thorough scientific knowledge, which we endeavoured to convey to you with accordance to meeting or exceeding today's quality expectations and adhering to our traditions and heritage. You will also see how your university instructors differ by talent, just as you all are: they may be differently successful in conveying the scientific information, in its development and adaptation into daily activity. But let me assure you, they all went through long series of selection procedures, and they all demonstrated excellent results at one point or another.

It is only natural in which you may show less interest in attending the lectures and seminars than you did at the beginning of the semester, but you will still need to attend them. Believe it or not, if you do not give up, it will offer you a rich dividend, not only

during the examination period, but also later in your professional life. Unlike your former high school experiences, the aim of our education is not merely to convey information and assess the individual level of cognition. The most important objective is to help you to become independent in your studies, and prepare you for your future individual professional practice. To reach this, it is inevitable you will find joy in what you do in your professional career. If you discover joy in something, you will also find personal attachment to it. No matter whether you decide to become a scientist, a teacher at the medical university, or a practicing physician, this will be your most valuable reward to assist you in leading a long and happy life through contributing to society and receiving their appreciation for your effort. But you should not forget it was not only your own effort which helped you reach this far. Now you have the chance to express your gratitude to all those people, especially to your parents, who were helping you along your pathway. How to best express your thanks? Well, consider your consistent and hard work, with the realistic assessment of your strong and weak points and with the fine results in your academic studies. In other words, your main task is studying and the collection of a quality synthesis of the learned materials. At the same time, the city of Pécs coupled with its neighbouring surroundings offers several options to satisfy one's needs for cultural experiences, various athletic activities and also, in the development of your spiritual health. Try to act as good hosts to your foreign peers, accepting the fact they originate from different cultural backgrounds. Should there be any clash of ideas, it may only be resolved by keeping the rules of fair play off the field, as well. Naturally, we expect our foreign students to demonstrate appropriate behaviour as our guests and to respect our traditions, to demonstrate decency everywhere, thereby further exalting the reputation of our institution.

Professor Pál Perjési, Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy

Dear Rector, Dean, Vice Deans, Institute Director, academic staff, first year pharmacy students and guests,

I wish to express my appreciation and welcome you at the very first opening ceremony in the history of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Pécs in the academic year 2016/2017. The opening ceremony in the academic year 2016/2017 is an important milestone in the history of pharmaceutical education in Pécs. As a result of the organizational and professional development of pharmacy training, which began at the Medical School in 2000, the Faculty of Pharmacy is now functioning as an independent faculty of the university, as of January 2016. The basic structure of training, organization and institutions of the faculty has successfully been established over the past 15 years, which form the basis of the future educational and professional



activities in the country's fourth pharmacy science department. As the Dean of the newly established faculty, I want to express my gratitude to the leaders of the university, who successfully facilitated the development of the faculty.

The opening ceremony of an academic year is always a celebratory moment not only for the new or for the currently enrolled students, but also for the academic staff of the faculty. As young pharmacy students, you are about to embark upon a new period in your life, where you will face continuous professional challenges. Over the next few years, your role of students will change and you will become responsible and educated pharmacists, whose mission is to preserve health and to facilitate the healing of sick people.

Dear first year pharmacy students! First of all, thank you for choosing the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Pécs as the premises for your academic studies. We see it both as responsibility as well as in appreciating and valuing our efforts. Each academic staff member of our faculty is going to prepare you to become highly trained and acknowledged pharmacists as a result of your academic studies in which you are to begin. Try to make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in order to find the most interesting segment of your future career in which you wish to gain outstanding knowledge.

In addition to pharmaceutical training, our faculty also offers pharmacist specialist and doctoral training. During your



undergraduate studies, you may choose to gain an insight into the realms of scientific research as active members of the Student Researchers' Society. Those who achieve excellent results may continue on to the Doctoral School of the Faculty to earn a PhD degree.

I wish, on my behalf and that of my colleagues, you all, success in your academic studies and immense joy in your future career. Thank you for your attention.

*Prof. Pál Perjési, University Lecturer,
Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Pécs*

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Dear Rector, Deans, first year fellow students, ladies and gentlemen,

For thousands of years, man has been gazing at the myriads of stars speckled in the night sky wondering whether his life will be endless in a similar fashion. Our life on earth probably won't, yet our soul, this unending mystery may yet still be eternal. Our soul is constantly forming and developing, but it will meet several turning points, hidden along the way. On this turning point, upon entering this school in the shaping of body and soul, you are about to open your wings to experience something entirely new and mysterious. It is the very first time in which an undergraduate student also greets the freshmen, therefore I truly feel honoured to be the person on the first occasion in which this tradition now breathes to life. It is only a coincidence in which I happen to greet you at the same university which my great-great-grandfather Andor Nendtvich, was promoting to relocate to Pécs in 1921, in the middle of his 32 years as the city mayor. Turning Pécs into an academic community brought about a special, shining title to the city. Proud and grateful as we are, our salutations towards our ancestors.

Dear freshmen! Allow me to extend my greetings to you here in Pécs and at the University of Pécs. You are in the right place, believe me. Let me shed light on some of my recent 'discoveries': as university citizens of the University of Pécs, apart from receiving excellent professional training, you will be entitled for certain advantages, such as swimming pool services free of charge both in the main building and at the Pollack pools of the Faculty of Engineering. You will also receive cost reductions with respect to shopping at several places in the city, and obtain a free and clean Microsoft Office pack with 1 TB OneDrive online storage space (which may facilitate easy and systematic distribution of study materials). As you may have heard, Pécs has a Mediterranean scent about its breeze. It is very true, but there is a lot more which is to be explored here. It is up to you to decide what you want to experience in our sparkling city. You may wish to participate in the Freshman Ball, the International Evening or the Wine Tasting Tour in Villány, or many other, hair-raising adventures. But make sure you don't lose your sober head in the midst of all this.

Dear freshmen! You have decided to undertake an unbelievable adventure. You are one of the best, the smartest and, knowing the tasks which are yet to come, also the most courageous students. I truly believe some of us will likely return to our beloved university, once recognizing we have discovered a new empire abroad. But as we all know, some may never come back here again. Don't be afraid to open up to one another and seek new friendships from any nationality, because networking is of key importance not only in the business world, and it is the strong communities which render power to our university and to our nation. Feel free to make friends and to form communities; share your knowledge because what is it worth if there is no one to share it with? Think of two books, the pages of which are folded on top of one another: you can separate them and pull them apart with ease. Now imagine two books where you fold together 100 of their pages. Mark my words, not even ten men will be able to separate them or pull them apart from each other. Together we are strong, and we will survive.

I am not saying the place you chose will grant you a degree relatively easily. On the contrary, you may feel you have indeed reached the limits of your human capacity. Still, my dear new fellow students, think of the glory you will feel having fought hard and won the sacred battles. God is with us, so who is there against us?

In closing, permit me to share with you a few drops from the vial of culture (try to remember this when you are studying pathology in your third year). According to Mihály Vörösmarty, a poet of ours, the three most beautiful sounding words are: szív (heart), pillangó (butterfly), and csók (kiss). Not long ago, some friends and I used these words and wrote a short, two-line rhyme which is as follows:

*„MR-ben festett az agyam pillangóra,
s szívembe markolt; a halál csókja.”*

“My brain in MRI; draws a butterfly,
my heart felt gripped; death kissed.”

Thank you.

Roland Hetényi

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City and University Celebrates New Academic Year Together

The University of Pécs celebrates its 650th anniversary in 2017, in the foregoing year of which, on 1st September 2016, a ceremonial opening of the 2016/17 academic year was jointly organized by the Civic Assembly of the City of Pécs and the Senate of the University of Pécs. During the event, several awards, certificates and academic titles were conferred.

The event featured several representatives from the Hungarian Government, namely, *Zoltán Balog* Minister of State for Human Resources, *László Palkovics* Minister for Schools and *Péter Hoppál* Minister of State for Culture. The County City of Pécs was represented by *Zsolt Páva* Mayor of Pécs, *István Lovász* Notary of City Office, and the University of Pécs by *József Bódis* Rector and *Gyula Zeller* Vice Rector.

In his opening words, *Zsolt Páva*, City Mayor, placed emphasis on the special atmosphere, the genius loci, or the important role of the Pécs intellectuals in the history of the first Hungarian university, and congratulated all upon the previous year's success in which systematic improvements have clearly been seen.

In evaluating the past year, Mayor Páva's thoughts were succeeded by the salutations from *József Bódis*, Rector of the University of Pécs. The Rector highlighted the importance of this first joint event which sprang to life with the upcoming 650th anniversary of the first university in Hungary, which is also the birthday of Hungarian higher education.

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In the recognition of her performance in art, the Certificate of Honour was awarded to *Diána Kiss*, who won 3rd place in age Group 1, at the IX Joseph Simándy International Singing Competition.

The Ágoston Trefort award was conferred on the following, *Dr Béla Kovács* (UP, Faculty of Law), *Andrea Lehoczki Balog* (University of Szeged, Faculty of General Medicine), *Dr Rezső Nagy* (University of Óbuda), *Dr Tibor Pupos* (Pannon University), and to *Dr László Fülöp* (University of Kaposvár)

Minister *Zoltán Balog* awarded the Commemorative Plaque for Hungarian Higher Education to three lecturers of the UP: *Ildikó Jancskár Anweiler*, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology; *János Kránicz*, Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Health Sciences; and *László Pajor*, Full Professor of the Medical School.

The Presidential appointment of the Accreditation Committee for the Hungarian Higher Education was conferred upon *Dr Valéria Csépe*.

The Membership Mandate of the Accreditation Committee for the Hungarian Higher Education was conferred upon *Tibor Gulyás*.

The City Hall Commemorative Medal was awarded to *András Vándor*, Mining Engineer (retired), in recognition of his successful mining engineer career and for his fruitful constant community-creating activity as a teacher and educator to young adults, and in recognition of his efforts in preserving and promoting the culture and heritage of miners; *Károly Krizsánovics*, teacher, the founding Director of the Civil Association of Environmental Protection in Pécsújhegy, in recognition of his inexhaustible, conscientious and active participation in civil community raising activities; *Károly Neumayer*, Associate Professor, as a

Wind Orchestral Conductor, recipient of the Artisjus and Frantz Liszt Awards, acknowledged trumpet artist, in recognition of his exceptional talent as a performing musician, a music teacher and a conductor, for his outstanding interpretations of the Hungarian music and culture as well as his successful cultural manager activity; *István Gyurkó*, trumpet player artist, music teacher, conductor, in recognition of his successful work as a conductor, performer artist and teacher of music; *Ferenc Blazsekovics*, Martial Arts athlete and Thai Box Master Trainer in recognition of his outstanding and successful activity as an athlete and trainer, and for his achievements in the popularization of Asian Martial Arts.

The Pro Civitate Award was awarded to *Pál Dárdai*, football player and football trainer, in recognition of his excellent results in the field of football, and of his work as a trainer for several decades; *Sándor Rétfalvi*, sculptor, Artist of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, Professor Emeritus, for his outstanding performance in the field of fine arts and education, in recognition of his success in the art life of the city of Pécs; *József Vonyó*, Historian (retired) Honorary Full Professor, in recognition of his inexhaustible, conscientious and high quality work during the decades of his professional career both in the public and academic sphere, as a researcher and a lecturer.

Pro Communitate Award was awarded to *Valér Jobbágy*, Conductor, and recipient of the Frantz Liszt Award, Full Professor, active member of the cultural life in the city of Pécs for four decades, in recognition of his successful activity and high quality transmission of the Hungarian culture, the interpretations of masterpieces of music, and of his ongoing music pedagogy activity.

The Range of Chief of the Hungarian Order of St. Paul, in recognition of their community raising, pastoral, educator and humanitarian social work; *Ferenc Varga*, teacher, Institute Director, Head of Association, in recognition of his fruitful public activity in community raising and public cultural education, of his career as an educator of the youth, also for his enthusiasm and inexhaustible work activity in preserving the national identity in the communities of Hungarians extending outside the borders of Hungary.

The Pro Universitate Juventutis Award was awarded to *Péter Vancsik*, undergraduate student with Hungarian and physical education majors at the Faculty of Humanities, in recognition of his humble and outstanding work as President of Students' Council, in the structural development of the organization, for his immense effort, the results of which will extend over several generations, and for his active support with the new Neptun system well after his resignation from the Council.

The Alma Mater Commemorative Medal was awarded to *Ákos Ronta*, MA student recently graduated from the Faculty of Finance, in recognition of his outstanding academic results, of his successful participations in several, different level competitions in economics and of his conscientious work as vice president of the University Student Council.

The University Culture Award was awarded to *János Mikuli*, Director of the Janus University Theatre, who exalts the reputation of our university with his active support of a variety of responsibilities, his devotion to work and with his outstanding work activity in the field of culture and arts; the

Orchestra of Talented Students at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Education and Regional Development, for their active participation in responsibilities, for their devoted work, in recognition of their outstanding cultural and artistic performance, also of the foundation of the University of Music, which promotes the better understanding of popular musical culture.

The University Sportlife Award was awarded to *Ramóna Galambos*, undergraduate student majoring Physical Education and Training, for finishing 3rd place in the 55 kg weight group at the 2016 European Championship in Wrestling, as a member of the adult group of delegates of the Hungarian Association of Wrestling; *Gergely Krausz*, an undergraduate student in Electrical Engineering, a competitor of the Pécs Multi Alarm Sports club, in recognition of the superb results achieved at the European University Games on the Badminton Team of the University of Pécs, and of the excellent results achieved in individual and pair categories and of his delegation to the Olympic Games; *Laura Sárosi*, undergraduate student of Environmental Engineering, in recognition of her outstanding results in International Badminton, of her fair play which gained the entire world's attention and for achieving the right of active participation at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

János Áder, President of Hungary, appointed 11 lecturers of the University to professors on 1 September 2016. Professor's robes was handed over to the following, *István László Gál*, Full Professor, Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law; Medical School: *Péter Balogh*, Full Professor, Department of Immunology and Biotechnology; *Sándor Balogh*, Full Professor, Department of Primary Health Care; *Tibor Kovács*, Full Professor, 2nd Department

of Internal Medicine and Nephrology Center; *Tamás Kőszegi*, Full Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine;

At the Faculty of Humanities: *László Kákai*, Full Professor, Institute of Social Relations, Department of Political Science and International Studies; *Zoltán Nagy*, Full Professor, Institute of Community and Social Studies, Department of Ethnography and Cultural Anthropology;

At the Faculty of Health Sciences: *József Betlehem*, Full Professor, Emergency Care and Health Pedagogy Institute, Dean of Faculty;

At the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology: *Tamás Getto*, Full Professor, Institute of Architecture, Department of Visual Studies; *Ákos Hutter*, Full Professor, Institute of Architecture, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning;

At the Faculty of Music and Visual Arts: *Tamás Gaál*, Full Professor, Institute of Visual Arts.

The Pro Universitate Quinqueecclesiensi Award was awarded to Professor *László Korinek*, for supporting the University of Pécs through his activities as a Director and Initiator of Change and Development; *László Debreczeni*, Chief Medical Officer (retired), with respect to his innovative and initiative supportive activity to the University of Pécs.

The Honorary Citizen of the City of Pécs Award was awarded to *József Bánky*, who has been a significant participant in the classical music life in Pécs, in recognition of his several decades of inexhaustible and invaluable high quality work in art as a composer, performer and an academic teacher of music, and successful career in music.

The University of Pécs congratulates the honourees and we wish them all the best for the future.

The prestigious International Recognition Award to Professor Dénes Lőrinczy

The Congress of the International Confederation for Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry (ICTAC), held every four years, was hosted this year in Orlando, Florida, from 14th through the 19th of August, 2016. The most prestigious recognition of distinguished contributions to thermal analysis and calorimetry is sponsored by the American TA Instruments and SETARAM manufacturers, of which the Award Committee determines its recipient on the basis of international recommendations.

The award involves both the participation fee and significant financial support. Professor Emeritus Dr Dénes Lőrinczy,



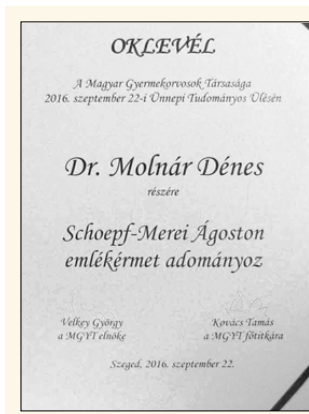
currently employed at the Department of Biophysics at the UPMS, was the first to receive the SETARAM-ICTAC Award from Central Europe. The TA Instruments-ICTAC Award was presented to Professor Vincent Mathot, with whom Professor Lőrinczy had collaborated with for three years during the 1990s, in a research program funded by the INCO-COPERNICUS EU.

Professor Lőrinczy was recognized for his pioneering and international work in applying thermal analysis in biophysics and medicine. The abundance of his publications were emphasized, including several English language chapters in books printed by prestigious publishers, and his efforts carried out for the scientific education of youth (17 PhD dissertations, habilitations and a Doctor of Science degree).

With respect to his research in biophysics, the study of the energetic processes of muscle function, and his results on the measurements of probiotic dairy products were considered important. The medical application of thermal analysis as a new tool opportunity to diagnose cancer from the blood plasma was recognized as definitely pioneering achievement.



Dr András Lukács



Schoepf-Merei-Award

Professor Dénes Molnár received the Schoepf-Merei Award during the Congress of the Hungarian Pediatrics Society, held on 22-24 September, 2016, in Szeged. Professor Molnár was awarded this prestigious award in recognition of his distinguished academic, professional and policy achievements, in both the Society and Hungarian Pediatrics.



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What is to be expected during the Fall Semester?

An interview with Prof József Bódis, the Rector

We are at the beginning of the academic year preceding the upcoming Jubilee academic year. What can we expect this semester with regard to the 650th anniversary?

I trust we will receive a final and favourable decision on all the programs we have previously planned: these programs have been planned and compiled by us, however, there are several major events requiring involvement of influential persons in higher education and governmental actors. I understand the governmental structure is changing, but we have already contacted and seek cooperation with the governmental representative commissioned to mediate between the University of Pécs and the government, with respect to the anniversary.

At the beginning of this year, the government of Hungary decided to allocate 24-billion forint financial support, targeting developments related to the Modern Cities Program of the University of Pécs, aiming to double the number of international students studying in Pécs by 2020. What can we expect with regards to this support in the academic year of 2016/2017?

In fact, this program aids not only towards attracting international students to Pécs, but also towards improving the quality of training. Regarding the 24-billion support, project organizations enabling the operation of the program have been established, the main structure of the developments has also been outlined and the planning and, in some cases, the approval processes have been launched. We trust the 4.5 billion forints provided in support of this year will have been able to be deposited by the end of the year. Additionally, I also trust the building of the often referred to International Studies Centre on Damjanich Street will, in the very least, be launched and the reconstruction of the clinics will have successfully been relocated to the station of the Clinical Centre on Rákóczi Street.

What measures will be taken this year to attract Hungarian students to Pécs, retain them and aid them in the pursuit of their careers?

The main focus of the 24-billion forint fund is the development of international training, but it inevitably involves the development of training in general. Namely, the program provides a state-of-the-art training environment with improved quality not only for international but also for Hungarian students. I believe this development will absorb the entire life of the university, instruction, and training, and even, in some respects, the conditionalities of research through the 21st century. In this regard, it must be mentioned a Distance-Learning system, taking advantage of state-of-the-art technical capabilities, was launched in the USA a few years ago and it instructs 100,000 students. Obviously, it is impossible to launch a Distance-Learning

program in all fields, but there are some fields in which it is. Our developmental programs involve taking additional steps in this area, too.

Have there been advances in increasing the number of international students?

At the end of May, we had 2965 international students including fee-paying students and those receiving different scholarships. The first results of and applications for Stipendium Hungaricum are available. If all goes well, we can expect more than 3,000 students in the fall semester. My real ambition is to reach approximately 4,000 international students by the fall of 2017. We are working on it and we have to take a great deal of measures to achieve it, as it would be a good confirmation of the governmental program we were commissioned with and provided resources in support of.

The Centre for World University Rankings announced its most recent university rankings at the end of summer. The University of Pécs is posted, again, on the ranking list of the top one thousand best universities of the world. Notably, the University of Pécs is positioned at 877, having advanced 16 positions, compared to last year's list.

This result is comprised of several key factors including our scientific results, and the quality of these achievements, numerous citations and the impact factors and our training outcomes. At the same time, I believe our alumni data is not entirely precise. Times High Education is a case in point: when we managed to provide real and official data, we were ranked much higher. With regard to aggregate results, there is a difference measurable only in hundredths between our university and the three Hungarian universities preceding us, and there is only a sixth-tenth difference between our university and reportedly Hungary's finest university. I am convinced that if we could provide more precise data, we will improve our aggregate score by one or two tenths, which would mean a lot, as, in this case, we could be ranked up to 150–200 places higher. It will be important that the factors underlying our evaluation include our results related to arts and technology, moreover, a set of evaluation criteria extended in this way could also aid us towards a higher ranking. Regarding our efficacy, it has to be improved, though, at the same time, I believe that our lagging behind Szeged and Debrecen is due to the fact that we have fewer instructors. Our teaching staff includes a few hundred less instructors compared to Szeged or Debrecen, and this fact is reflected in the efficacy. The part of international training development involving human resources is expected to bring some changes to this area, too.

NEWLY APPOINTED FULL PROFESSORS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

Dr Péter Balogh, Full Professor

Dr Péter Balogh was born on the 3rd of July, 1963, in Hódmezővásárhely. He attended elementary and secondary school in Szekszárd. He obtained his medical degree at the Medical University of Pécs in 1988.

He started conducting research in the Undergraduate Research Committee at the Department of Pathology under the supervision of Péter Németh in 1984.

He had been employed at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology Research Institute (Oxford University, Great-Britain) for 9 months in 1989 supported by a grant awarded by the British Council. Between 1992 and 1994, he continued his work at this Institute with the support of the Royal Society and Sir Penley Abraham Fellowship. He had worked as a trainee at the Biotechnology Development Laboratory of the Medical University of Pécs (the predecessor of the now Department of Immunology and Biotechnology) from 1994. He earned his C.Sc. (candidatus scientiarum) degree in 1996. He had been conducting research at the Institute of the Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia between 2000 and 2002. He completed his board certification in clinical laboratory medicine in 2007. He habilitated in 2010. His main research field is the differentiation of lymphoid stromal components and their role in the regulation of immune responses by using and developing *in vivo* mouse models. He produced several new monoclonal antibodies (primarily against mouse lymphohaemopoietic antigens). Currently, he is working on the development of embryonic developmental methods (diploid aggregation chimeras, preimplantation embryo manipulation) and their application in the developmental biology of lymphoid tissue



He has been awarded several grants as a single tutor (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund/Postdoctoral, Ministry of Health Research Grant, Bolyai János Research Scholarship, International Broad Medical Research Program Grant, Széchenyi István Fellowship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Öveges Postdoctoral Fellowship). He has also received numerous professional awards (Master Teacher Gold Medal of the National Council of Students' Scientific Workshops, Commemorative Medal for the Hungarian Higher Education). Several of his scientific students (Undergraduate Research Committee) have participated successfully at events organized by the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund and earned their PhD degree under his supervision.

Presently, he serves as the Vice Chair of the Department of Immunology and Biotechnology and the Head of the Department of Medical Biotechnology. He is the Board Member of the Hungarian Society for Immunology, a member of the Research Network of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, a member of the workgroup of immunology of the Pécs Academy Committee (PAB) and a member of the American Association of Immunologists and EuroMabNet (European network of laboratories specialized in the production and use of monoclonal antibodies). He is the author of 67 publications. His total impact factor amounts to 127.3 including 417 independent citations.

He is married to Dr Andrea Petz, chemistry teacher at Nagy Lajos Grammar School of the Cistercian Order. They have two children. Orsolya Lilla obtained an MA degree at the Department of Turkish-Oriental Studies, Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Sciences. Bendegúz Lázár is a fourth year medical student.

Dr Sándor Balogh, Full Professor

Dr Sándor Balogh was born and attended school including the university, here in Pécs. He has been employed as a GP in Tatabánya since 1976. Additionally, he took up a position there as an occupational physician and as a part-time chief medical doctor. He completed his board certification in general medicine, occupational medicine and occupational hygiene. He obtained a qualification in palliative medicine, diabetology and hypertensionology. In 1984 he became the County Chief Medical Doctor. He earned his PhD degree in 2004, and became an honorary associate professor in 2005. He habilitated in 2011.

He has been teaching since 1984. At first, he taught at the Department of Family Medicine, Semmelweis Medical University until 1993. He also taught at the Department of Family Medicine, Hajnal Imre University of Health Sciences from 1996 to 2002, and from 2002 at the Institute of Family Medicine, University of Szeged. He has been the Head and the Associate Professor of the Institute of Family Medicine, Medical School, University of Pécs since 2012. The name of the institute was changed to the Department of Primary Health Care in 2015. Out of the three non-independent departments, the Department of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the Department of Occupational Medicine and Hygiene, and the Department of Family Medicine, he is also the Head of the former two.

He had been the Head of the Department of Primary Health Care of the Ministry of Welfare and the Vice Chair of the General Department of Health Care Policy from 1991 to 1996. He had been the Director General of the National Institute of Primary Health Care from 1998 to 2015. He has been the Head of the General Department of Primary Health Care, National Medical Officer Service since 2015.

He has been administering board certification exams in Family Medicine and Occupational Medicine and Hygiene since 1994. He has been the member of the National Examination Committee since 2010. Since 1989 he has been the member, and then the Secretary and the President of the Professional Association of Family Medicine.



He is also a member and officer of various national and international committees. Since 1987 he has been the board member, Deputy Secretary General, Secretary General, perpetual Secretary General, and currently President of the Scientific Association of Hungarian General Practitioners. He has been the board member and the vice-president of the Association of the Committees and Societies of Hungarian Physicians since 2004. He had been the Treasurer of the Hungarian Presidency of the European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO) from 2011 to 2014. He is the editorial member, responsible editor or editor-in-chief of numerous professional journals.

He is the owner of several national and international awards. He was awarded the Officer's Cross (Civilian) of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary in 2006. He is married and his wife is a family doctor. His children are governmental and health care middle managers with legal degrees. He has three grandchildren.

Dr Tibor Kovács, Full Professor

Dr Tibor Kovács was born and attended elementary school in Budapest. He obtained his school-leaving exam certificate at the Benedictine Grammar School of Pannonhalma in 1984. Beginning 1984, he studied at the Semmelweis Medical University, then from 1986 at the Medical University of Pécs, where he obtained a degree in general medicine in 1990. He has been a staff member at the 2nd Department of Internal Medicine, Clinical Centre, University of Pécs since 1990 (1990-1995 Medical Trainee; 1995-2000 Assistant professor; 2000-2005 Senior Lecturer; 2005-2016 Associate Professor). He completed his board certificate in Internal Medicine in 1995 and in Nephrology in 1998. He became a qualified physician of hypertension in 2008 and obtained a qualification in diabetology in 2014. He earned his PhD degree in 1999. The title of his PhD dissertation was, 'New data on the factors contributing to the progression of IgA nephropathy'. He habilitated in 2008.

Between 2001 and 2002, he had participated in a one-year study trip at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester, England supported by a grant awarded by the International Society of Nephrology, where he studied the treatment of renal transplant patients. He had received Békésy György Postdoctoral Scholarship from 2003 until his promotion to Associate Professor. He was appointed to Senior Physician in 2002, and has been the Deputy Clinical Director at the Clinic since 2008. He obtained an advanced English language certificate in 2002. Additionally, he has been participating in the education of Hungarian and English undergraduate medical students and the postgraduate education of Internal Medicine and Nephrology for decades. He also offers PhD thesis topics in the Doctoral School of Clinical Medicine. He is the Head of the Hypertension License Board of the Postgraduate Training Centre, Medical School, University of Pécs. His main research field is the clinical examinations of renal diseases, hypertension and diabetes. He is the author of 84 publications (out of which 13 are book chapters and 32 are written in English). His total impact factor amounts to 72.7. He has received 289 independent citations.

He is a board member of the Hungarian Society of Hypertension, and the President of the Ethical Committee of the Hungarian Society of Nephrology. He is married to Dr Zsuzsanna Rékási, a senior laboratory physician. They have four children (Péter 25, Pál 23, Márton 21, and Klára 12 years old).



Dr Tamás Kőszegi, Full Professor

Dr Tamás Kőszegi was born in 1955 in Pécs, where he attended school. He was admitted to the Medical University of Pécs, Faculty of General Medicine in 1973. He began his research in the Undergraduate Research Society in the formerly known Institute of Clinical Chemistry in the term 1974/75. He has been working at the Institute of Clinical Chemistry (currently Department of Laboratory Medicine) since 1979 without cessation. In 1979 he was awarded a scientific scholarship, and then became a Clinical Physician, Assistant Professor and Senior Lecturer. He was appointed to Associate Professor in 2000. He earned his C.Sc. (candidatus scientiarum) degree in 1996 and habilitated in 2003. In addition to supervising routine laboratory examinations and developing new methods, he has been participating in the undergraduate education since 1982. He has taught clinical biochemistry in Hungarian and English since 1991. He has also taken part in the education of pharmacists as a teacher and Course Supervisor since 2005. Furthermore, he holds lectures and practices at the Educational Centre of Kaposvár, Faculty of Health Sciences; the Faculty of Medical Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging Analyst; the Correspondence MSc Training Program of the Faculty of Clinical Laboratory Researcher, the English Program of the Faculty of Medical Biotechnology. He also participates in the postgraduate education of medical laboratory diagnostics and clinical biochemists. He administers exams in and supervises the education of clinical laboratory pharmacists. He has been acting as the coordinator of the Ceepus network for more than 15 years. He has also participated in Erasmus programs for 5 years. He serves as the supervisor of numerous PhD students, out of which five have already obtained their PhD degree. He is the author of 92 publications, the total impact factor of which is 124.02. He is also the editor of two Hungarian university course books, and the author of 12 English book chapters. The total number of his publications is 307. His independent citation is 445; whereas, his Hirsch-index is 14. He is a member of numerous professional committees. He was awarded the Pro Facultate Medicinae Silver Medal in 2015 and the Pándy Kálmán Commemorative Medal in 2002. He had been awarded the Széchenyi István Scholarship between 2002 and 2005.



Dr Alizadeh Hussain, Associate Professor

Dr Alizadeh Hussain was born on 15 July, 1968, in Varavi-Lamerd, Iran. He attended elementary and secondary school in Doha-Qatar. He graduated summa cum laude with a degree in General Medicine from the Medical University of Pécs in 1993. Following graduation, he began employment at the 1st Department of Internal Medicine, Medical University of Pécs. He completed his board certification exam in Internal Medicine in 1998 and in Haematology in 2001, with excellent results. Between 1993 and 1996, and then between 2001 and 2003, he was employed at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where he completed his board certification exam in Internal Medicine, Haematology, Medical Oncology and Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation. In 2012 he completed his board certification exam in clinical oncology in Hungary with excellent results. He had been employed as a consultant haematologist and the Head of the Haematology Work Team in the Johns Hopkins International Hospital, United Arab Emirates, from 2003 to 2009. He obtained his PhD degree in 2008 and habilitated in 2015. He was appointed to Associate Professor in 2016. He has been the Head of the Division of Haematology of the 1st Department of Internal Medicine since February 2016. He actively participates in the Hungarian and English postgraduate education. He holds classroom lectures and practices. He is the supervisor of numerous Undergraduate Research Society students and the theses of English and Hungarian undergraduates. In addition, he takes part as a tutor in the education of Internal Medicine residents. He spent several years at foreign universities including Yale University, Texas University (M.D. Anderson Cancer Center), Cork University (Ireland) and the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences (United Arab Emirates). His international connections granted him an opportunity to participate in 7 studies. He has published 35 articles in international journals. His total impact factor amounts to 47.25. He has received 206 independent citations. His Hirsch-index is 9. He is the author of 4 Hungarian book chapters. He has delivered 72 presentations at international conferences. The number of his citable abstracts is 40. He speaks 6 languages. He obtained an advanced language certificate in three of these languages. He is the member of 14 international and 4 national societies. He is a board member of the NCCN Malignant Lymphoma and Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Sections. He has received several international and national awards



Dr Árpád Boronkai, Associate Professor

Dr Árpád Boronkai was born on 16 November 1977, in Pécs. His mother was employed as a district nurse and his father was a photographer. His brother is Dr Zsolt Boronkai, a lawyer. He passed his school leaving exam with excellent results at the Leőwey Klára Grammar School, Pécs, and then was admitted to the formerly named Medical University of Pécs, where he graduated summa cum laude from the Faculty of General Medicine. He conducted research as a PhD student supported by a scholarship at the Institute of Biochemistry and Medical Chemistry. He became interested in the signal transduction mechanisms of tumour cells while conducting research in the field of genomic-proteomic investigation of placental proteins. He earned his PhD degree in 2006, and began his clinical career at the Institute of Oncotherapy, University of Pécs in 2005. He completed his board certification exam in radiotherapy in 2009 and in clinical oncology in 2011. His main fields of interest are lung tumours and the complex systemic- and radiation- therapy of the tumours of the head and neck region. He cooperates with numerous institutions in various research topics including radiation sensitizers. He regularly publishes his research and clinical findings in conjunction with his colleagues and delivers presentations at radiotherapy conferences. In addition, he holds lectures in English and Hungarian to undergraduates and clinical consultants, and participates in the accredited furthering education of general practitioners. He has also been cooperating with the dedicated students of the Undergraduate Research Society for years. He has also supervised medical students' theses and takes part in the work of the doctoral school as a co-supervisor. He has participated in numerous study trips. He has been employed as a registered Consultant Doctor of the General Medical Council in several hospitals in England. He is a member of the Hungarian Society of Clinical Oncology and the Hungarian Radiotherapy Society. He habilitated in 2015 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2016.



Dr Beáta Bugyi, Associate Professor

Dr Beáta Bugyi was born on 6 February, 1979, in Komló, where she attended elementary and secondary school. She graduated with a physics-mathematics teacher degree from the Faculty of Sciences, University of Pécs in 2003. She joined the Institute of Biophysics, Medical School, University of Pécs as a PhD student in 2003. Her field of research is the functional study of the proteins participating in the regulation of the dynamics of actin cytoskeleton. She earned her PhD degree in the very same topic in 2006. Between 2006 and 2010 she worked as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the CNRS LEBS Research Center, near Paris, with the support of the European Molecular Biology Organization and later, the Associations of La Ligue Contre le Cancer. She was employed in Professor Marie-France Carlier's research team, which is one of the most renowned laboratories in the world in the field of actin research. During this era, she expertly acquired the knowledge in the use of the biomimetic motility system reconstructing in vitro the dynamics of the actin skeleton, which is considered unique even at an international level. She served as a Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Biophysics, Medical School, University of Pécs from 2010 to 2015. She habilitated in 2015. She received the Bolyai János Research Scholarship and the Junior Szentágothai Award in 2011. In 2011, she supervised the implementation of a total internal reflection fluorescence microscopy system at the Institute of Biophysics.



The research field of her team is the study of the proteins participating in the functional coordination of actin microtubule cytoskeleton, which is carried out with the financial support of the National Council of Students' Scientific Workshops. She has published 22 articles in renowned international journals. The total impact factor of her publications amounts to 124.9. She has received 540 independent citations. She is the sole author of a review article published in the highly prestigious journal, "*Annual Reviews in Biophysics*". She participates in the Hungarian and English undergraduate education and supervises PhD students and students of the Undergraduate Research Society.

Dr András Garami, Associate Professor

Dr András Garami was born in 1979 in Zalaegerszeg and is married with two children. He attended school in Pécs. During secondary school, he specialized in chemistry and obtained his school leaving exam certificate at Nagy Lajos Grammar School of the Cistercian Order. He received his medical degree at the Medical School, University of Pécs in 2004. In 2001, he began conducting research at the formerly named Department of Pathophysiology and Gerontology, Medical School, University of Pécs (currently named the Department for Translational Medicine), under the supervision of Dr Miklós Székely, serving coom. Following 2004, he continued his research work in the same team at the Department as a PhD student on scholarship. He joined the education of Pathophysiology at first in Hungarian, later in German and in English. He enjoyed the opportunity to work with Dr Andrej Romanovsky's research team in Phoenix, USA, between 2007 and 2010. Upon returning to the Institute in 2010, he was appointed to Assistant Professor and resumed both his teaching and research duties. He earned his PhD degree in 2010. He had been employed as a Senior Lecturer at the Institute from 2011 and habilitated in January 2016. He has been an Associate Professor since July 2016. He had received the Bolyai János Research Scholarship between 2012 and 2015. He was offered the Travel Award of the International Autonomous Neuroscience Society in 2015, the Berde Botond and Campus Hungary Scholarship in 2014, the Youth Prize Award of the Hungarian Physiological Society and the American Physiological Society Award in 2012. He actively participates in the education of Pathophysiology in three languages. Additionally, as a Course Supervisor, he offers graduate and PhD courses in the field of thermoregulation. Numerous presentations delivered at conferences organized by the Undergraduate Research Society, and theses and applications for dean grants have been written under his supervision. His main field of research is the study of the maintenance and regulation of the body temperature. He had led the research project sponsored by the post-doctoral grant of the National Council of Students' Scientific Workshops between 2012 and 2016. He is an editorial member of the journal entitled, "*Temperature*". The total impact factor of his publications amounts to 89.8. The number of his independent citations is 518. He is the author of 12 presentations.



Dr László Grama, Associate Professor

Dr László Grama was born on 3 August, 1973, in Nagyvárad. He obtained his physicist degree at the Babes-Bolyai University of Kolozsvár in 1995. He wrote his thesis in the field of medical isotope diagnostics. Within the framework of a one-year scholarship, he participated in the training course of the Centre of Biology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Szeged, where he joined the research team led by Dr Győző Garab at the Institute of Plant Biology. As a PhD student supported by a scholarship, he joined the doctoral program led by Dr Béla Somogyi at the Department of Biophysics, Medical University of Pécs, in 1996. He continued working at the Department, first in the role of a university trainee from 1999, then, later, as an Assistant Professor (2001), then as a Senior Lecturer from 2005. He habilitated in 2014. He has 16 years of teaching experience in Hungarian and in English. He has taught 11 different courses, out of which he is the supervisor of two compulsory and one elective course. He has been serving in the role of a Coordinator in both the Hungarian and the English programs at the Department since 2002. Initially, his field of research was the study of the cellular and molecular mechanisms of the ischemia/reperfusion impairment of the cardiac muscle. Later, he joined the research team of Dr Miklós Kellermayer, Jr, where he studied the molecular biophysics of giant muscle protein titin primarily with confocal microscopy, fluorescence spectroscopy and atomic force microscopy. He spent two years as a visiting researcher at the University of Arizona, USA, during which he received the Bettie F. Pitts Memorial Heart Disease Research Award. Currently, he is a member of the ultrafast protein dynamics research team at the Department of Biophysics. The total impact factor of his publications amounts to 69.8. The number of his independent citations is 278. He acts as a Supervisor in the PhD and the Undergraduate Research Society Programs. He had been a board member of the Undergraduate Research Society for 6 years since 2009. He has been a member of the Informatics Committee of the Medical School since 2007. He has served as the Head of the Marketing and Communication Office of the Medical School since 2014. His wife is Dr Zsuzsanna Fekete, a molecular biologist. They have one daughter, Hanna, born in 2011.



Dr Róbert Herold, Associate Professor

Dr Róbert Herold was born in 1966 and attended elementary school in Siófok, then secondary school in Pécs. He obtained his school-leaving exam certification at the Nagy Lajos Grammar School of the Cistercian Order in 1985. He pursued his medical studies at the Medical University of Pécs where he obtained his degree in General Medicine in 1991. He had been employed at the Department of Psychotherapy, Municipal Hospital, Szigetvár, from 1991 to 1992. He joined the Psychiatry Clinic, Medical School, University of Pécs in 1992. He completed his board certification exam in Psychiatry in 1995 and in Psychotherapy in 2007 with excellent results. He was appointed to Assistant Professor in 1997, then Senior Lecturer in 2005 and Associate Professor in 2016. He earned his PhD degree in 2005 and habilitated in 2015. He has been employed in all fields of clinical psychiatry. He has served as a Chief Medical doctor at all of the Departments of Psychiatry, University of Pécs. He participates in the work of the Psychosis Outpatient Clinic. He is the Head of the work team responsible for the development of the professional guidelines of schizophrenia. He has taken part in the undergraduate education since 1995 and in the education of Psychologists at the Institute of Psychology, Faculty of Humanities, University of Pécs, since 2008. In addition, he has also delivered lectures in the field of art therapy at the Faculty of Music and Visual Arts since 2010. He participates in the education of psychiatrist residents and the furthering education of consultant psychiatrists. His field of research is the aetiology, the psychopathology and the complex therapy of psychoses. He has been conducting research as a member of the schizophrenia work team since 1992. Within the team, he carries out research in the field of metallization and neuro-cognition on his own. He has been the author of 61 publications in English and Hungarian, 15 book chapters, 51 abstracts in journals, 4 conference publications and 1 chapter in a fine art book since 1994. The impact factor of his publications amounts to 35.3. The number of his independent citations is 360. His Hirsch-index is 7. He has delivered 165 scientific presentations since 1992.



Dr Csaba Hetényi, Associate Professor

Dr Csaba Hetényi was born in 1976 in Székesfehérvár. He graduated as a certified chemist with excellent results from the University of Szeged. After graduation, he started to conduct research as a PhD student under the supervision of Botond Penke, academic, at the Institute of Medical Chemistry, Faculty of General Medicine. He primarily participated in designing peptide active ingredients binding to the beta-amyloid in Alzheimer's disease, during which he aimed to develop computer methods used in the process of designing. His current field of research is the development and application of pharmacoinformatic procedures with a special emphasis on the structural and power engineering prediction of ligand-target interactions. With regard to the application of methods, he has been cooperating with several national and international research teams in order to solve various structural biochemical problems related to motor proteins, protein kinases or even human serum albumin. He spent several years at the University of Uppsala (Sweden) and Tartu (Estonia) as a researcher and lecturer. In Tartu, he was responsible for the scientific management of an EU program. In addition, he has participated in numerous successful national and international grants. He takes part in the education of medical chemistry, pharmacoinformatics, bioinformatics and protein science. He taught at the University of Szeged and Eötvös Loránd University and, currently, is the supervisor of several PhD theses and undergraduate dissertations. He has received 1,500 independent citations for his 40 refereed papers. His Hirsch-index is 18. He is the co-inventor of patents of antiretroviral agents along with the researchers of the Institute of Karolinska. He was awarded the Prize for Outstanding MSc Thesis by the Hungarian Chemical Society, several national scholarships (Békésy, Eötvös, Bolyai), the Talentum Academy Award of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Bolyai Diploma for his outstanding research work.



Dr Imre Huber, Associate Professor

Dr Imre Huber was born in Kiskőrös in 1959. He went to elementary and secondary school in Kalocsa. He obtained his university degree at the formerly named Medical University of Szeged, Faculty of Pharmacy in 1982. He started to work as a pharmacist at the Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry of his alma mater, where he was also the member of the Students' Research Society. He earned his university doctoral degree in 1984. He held practices and, later, delivered lectures to pharmacy students in Qualitative Chemical Analysis, Drug Analytics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry both in Hungarian and in English. He spent several years at European universities as a young researcher with the support of various scholarships: Halle (Germany), Gent (Belgium), and Turku (Finland). He earned his C.Sc. (candidatus scientiarum) degree in 1994. The title of his thesis was 'The preparation of 1,3-aminoalcohols and ring systems fused by pyrimidinones from 1,2-disubstituted 1,3-difunctional compounds'. He was invited to work as a Senior Research Fellow at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Pécs in 2008. He started to take part in education, research and the supervision of the students of the Undergraduate Research Society as a Research Fellow. He currently teaches Qualitative Chemical Analysis, General and Inorganic Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry both in Hungarian and in English. He habilitated at the Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Pécs in 2014. The total impact factor of his publications amounts to 25. He has received 110 independent citations. He has developed five university curricula for his students at the University of Pécs. He is married. His wife is a drug wholesaler. His son, Máté, is a secondary school teacher.



Dr András Lukács, Associate Professor

Dr András Lukács was born on 11 March, 1973 in Marosvásárhely, and he attended both elementary and secondary school at the Ady Endre Lyceum, in Nagyvárad and the Eötvös József Grammar School in Tata. He obtained his Engineering Physics degree at the Budapest University of Technology in 1997. In October, 1997, he joined the Department of Biophysics as a Research Assistant. He had been a PhD student on full scholarship from 1999 to 2002 and an Assistant Professor from 2002 to 2003. From 2003 to 2005, he had been employed as a Research Engineer for the R&D Ultrafast Lasers Company, where he had been employed and assigned to the development of ultrafast laser systems. Afterwards, he worked as a young researcher with the support of the Marie Curie scholarship at the Research Institute of the French elite university, known as the Ecole Polytechnique Laboratoire d'Optique et Biosciences, where he conducted research on the functioning of the DNA repair enzyme referred to as photolyase, using ultrafast spectroscopy methods. His PhD thesis, which he defended in 2007, was partly based on this topic. He had continued his research work at the French institute as a Postdoctoral Fellow between 2007 and 2009. Afterwards, from 2009 to 2011, he had been employed as a Senior Research Associate at the Faculty of Chemistry, University of East Anglia (Norwich), where he studied the functional dynamics of photoactive proteins with ultrafast transient absorption. He returned to the Institute of Biophysics in 2011, where he built the only femtosecond transient absorption system in the country. In 2013, he was awarded the Magyar Zoltán Scholarship for one year and, in 2014, the Bolyai János Research Scholarship for three years. He has published 25 scientific papers in English, the total impact factor of which is 120. He is married and a father of three children, Zsuzsanna (12), Szilárd (10), and Dorottya (8).



Dr Veronika Nagy, Associate Professor

Dr Veronika Nagy was born in 1977, in Miskolc, where she obtained her school leaving exam certificate at the Földes Ferenc Grammar School. She graduated as a Certified Chemist and Chemistry Teacher from the University of Debrecen in 2000. During her university studies, she was a member of the Hatvani István Society and began conducting research on carbohydrates at the Institute of Organic Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences. She was awarded the Prize for Outstanding MSc Thesis by the Association of the Hungarian Chemists. She participated in a joint PhD program of the University of Pécs and Université Claude-Bernard Lyon 1 between 2000 and 2003. In 2003, she was awarded the “Prix Chimie 2003” Prize by the Rhodia Pharmaceutical Company. She earned her PhD degree in 2004. She was employed as an Assistant Professor from 2005 and, then, as a Senior Lecturer from 2007 at the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Chemistry, Medical School, University of Pécs. She habilitated in chemical sciences in 2015. In the carotenoid chemistry research team, she primarily studies the chemical modification of natural carotenoids, which allowed for the exploration of new research topics in the team with a history of many decades. In 2012, she was awarded the Prize of the Richter Gedeon Pharmaceutical Company and the Bruckner Győző Prize and, in 2015, the Bolyai János Research Scholarship by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. She is the author of 29 publications, including 2 book chapters, the total impact factor of which amounts to 63.7. She has received 370 independent citations. She teaches chemistry and biochemistry to first-year medical students both in English and in Hungarian. She coordinated the redesigning of the curriculum of the medical chemistry laboratory practice. She is the Editor and Co-author of a new course book. Additionally, she teaches reaction mechanisms in organic chemistry to MSc and chemistry teacher-degree students at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Pécs. Her husband is Dr Attila Agócs. Their daughter, Gabriella, was born in 2013.



Dr Gabriella Pár, Associate Professor

Dr Gabriella Pár was born on 6 September 1973, in Pécs. She attended secondary school at the Nagy Lajos Grammar School, Pécs. She earned her degree in General Medicine at the Medical University of Pécs in 1997. She studied the effect of progesterone-dependent immunomodulation on the natural immune response under the supervision of Júlia Szekeres-Barthó, first as a student of the Undergraduate Research Society, then, as a PhD student in the Virus Laboratory of the Institute of Medical Microbiology and Immunology. During these years she also began to examine the immunological aspects of chronic HCV hepatitis in cooperation with Alajos Pár. She has been employed at the 1st Department of Internal Medicine, University of Pécs, since 2000. She earned her PhD degree in 2002. She completed the board certification exam in Internal Medicine in 2007 and in Gastroenterology in 2009. She was awarded the Bolyai János Research Scholarship by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Dávid Károly Prize of the Hungarian Society of Hepatology in 2006, and the Magyar Imre Prize of the Hungarian Society of Gastroenterology in 2008. She had been a board member of the Work Team of the Young Gastroenterologists of the Hungarian Society of Gastroenterology from 2006 through 2014. She has been a board member of the Hungarian Society of Gastroenterology since 2010. She habilitated in 2014. She has participated as an invited speaker and chairman at numerous national and international hepatology (EASL) and gastroenterology (UEGW) conferences. She actively takes part in the graduate and postgraduate education both in Hungarian and in English. Currently, she is the Coordinator of the Graduate Education at the 1st Department of Internal Medicine. She has been the Secretary of the South-Danubian Civil Association of Liver Patients since 2008. She is the author of 46 publications, the total impact factor of which amounts to 51.8. She has received 541 independent citations. Her Hirsch-index is 12. Her husband is Gábor Tüke, Engineer. She is the mother of two children, Zsófia (2001) and Kamilla (2005).



Dr Gábor Kamilló Reuter, Associate Professor

Dr Gábor Kamilló Reuter was born on 9th October 1973, in Pécs and later specialized in chemistry during secondary school and obtained his school-leaving exam certificate at Nagy Lajos Grammar School, Pécs. He graduated with a degree in General Medicine from the Medical University of Pécs, in 1999. Between 1996 and 1999, he conducted research within the framework of the Undergraduate Research Society, then, as a PhD student on a scholarship between 1999 and 2002 under the supervision of Dr György Szűcs, at the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, University of Pécs, and the Baranya County Office of the National Public Health and Medical Officer Service. Between 2002 and 2016 he had been employed as a civil servant and Head of the Regional Virology Laboratory and Deputy Head of the Department of the Laboratory of Microbiology at the Baranya County Office of the National Public Health and Medical Officer Service. He habilitated in 2010. He has been acting as a Consultant in medical biology since 2012 and as the Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences since 2015. He has been the Head of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, Clinical Center, University of Pécs, since June 2016. He specializes in clinical and epidemiological virology. His fields of research include molecular epidemiology and pathogenesis of viral infections, primarily, the study of the etiological and epidemiological roles of enterically transmitted viruses, and the description of new human and animal viruses with metagenomics and next-generation sequencing methods. Additionally, he studies the genetic diversity, evolution and co-infections of viruses and the viral flora of organisms (Virome). He has participated in research trips in the USA, England and the Netherlands. He is the member of numerous national and international societies and committees including the Picornaviridae Study Group of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV). He possesses extensive national and international professional contacts. He was awarded the Bolyai Commemorative Medal of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He is the author of 123 publications, the total impact factor of which amounts to 276.4. He has published 12 book chapters. He is the co-editor of a university course book (Case Studies in Clinical Microbiology). He has received 2415 independent citations. He is the father of two children, Réka and Ákos.



Dr Cecília Varjú, Associate Professor

Dr Cecília Varjú was born in 1963, in Pécs, and also attended school in Pécs. She obtained her university degree at the Medical University of Pécs, Faculty of General Medicine. In 1987, she began employment at the Harkány Medicinal Spa Hospital. She completed her board certification exam, first in Rheumatology and Physiotherapy and, then, in Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation. She had been employed as the Section Leader of Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation of Szigetvár Municipal Hospital between 1995 and 2002. She began her university career at the Rheumatology and Immunology Clinic at the University of Pécs in September 2002, where she currently acts as the Head of the Department. She completed her board certification exam in clinical immunology and allergology in 2004. The primary topic of her scientific degrees is the development of methods suitable for the study of the outcomes and follow-ups of the autoimmune diseases and hand function impairments in systemic autoimmune diseases. She earned her PhD degree in 2008 and habilitated in 2015. She has been participating in the Hungarian and English education of medical undergraduates and residents. She delivers classroom lectures and holds practices. She administers final exams and supervises theses. She had served in the role of President of the South-Transdanubian Section of the Hungarian Rheumatology Association between 2006 and 2015. She has been acting as the Head of the Board of Rehabilitation at the University of Pécs, since 2009. She has been a member of the Professional Association of Rehabilitation since 2009. She participated in the development of the English international curriculum on scleroderma within EULAR (European League Against Rheumatism) in 2015. She is the author of 8 Hungarian and 1 English book chapters, and 14 Hungarian and 16 English journal articles. Her total impact factor amounts to 49.3. She has received 364 independent citations. Her husband is Dr Géza Sarlós, radiologist, and they have 4 children and 2 grandchildren.



Dr Péter Vajda Associate Professor

Dr Péter Vajda was born on 27th July 1972, in Budapest and later attended the Fazekas Mihály Elementary and Grammar School. Prior to his medical studies, he had been employed as a medical orderly for 2 years. He graduated summa cum laude with a degree in General Medicine from the Medical University of Pécs, in 1998. He joined the Surgical Department of Children's Clinic of Pécs, as a medical student within the framework of the Undergraduate Research Society, where, after graduation, he had been employed as a PhD student until 2002. In 2003 he earned his PhD degree in Paediatric Urology. He completed his Hungarian and European board certification exams in paediatric surgery in 2007. For the following two years he had worked as a Paediatric Surgeon and Urologist in Leeds, England. He habilitated in 2013. He was promoted to Associate Professor on 1st July, 2016. He is the Head of the Paediatric Manual Department of Children's Clinic, University of Pécs. In addition to numerous international societies, he has been a board member of the Hungarian Society of Paediatric Surgery since 2013 and the Paediatric Surgery Section of UEMS since 2011. He has been participating in the Hungarian and English undergraduate and postgraduate education for more than 15 years. He has been supervising PhD students, one of which has already earned a PhD degree. He is also the participant and the Head of various work teams and Hungarian and international research grants. He is the author of 3 book chapters and an English university course book. He has published 44 papers (21 international), out of which he is the first author in 12 and the last author in 6. His total impact factor amounts to 33. His citation index is 136. His Hirsch-index is 8. In his free time, he plays music and tennis, enjoys hunting and sailing. He is the father of three children, Nóra, Julianna and József.



'The Dean is as good as his team'

We rarely hear any criticising words in reference to him. Perhaps, only that in which he is consistently strict and if he is unsatisfied with something, he tends not to spare words of scolding. A further observation about him is that he does not enjoy praise, as he is much more interested in the 'cause' he represents. He is considered to be a reserved person, who immediately takes a step back if he senses an inadequately intrusive approach from someone.

I was impressed by the intriguing dichotomy inherent to his personality: his cynical mischievous smile and the depth of the background of his words, his rebellious, forever youthful soul embracing life and freedom and his experienced maturity fighting to establish order, rationality and transparency. We should inevitably mention his devoted support and attention directed towards those in need of his help, whether within his close proximity or abroad.

He opens his door at the exact time agreed upon. Even before I might ask, he starts to explain with his characteristic sense of humour, that the black eye near his right eye resulted from a squash competition in which he successfully managed to come in third, thus, he says he is not photogenic. He quickly makes a few personal phone calls prior to the interview, for which, he says, he only has an hour, and then he has a meeting to attend and following afterwards, he travels to Budapest. Dr Attila Miseta, the Dean of the Medical School appears to be an indefatigable person. There is no question he would deny to answer and he speaks about leadership, his creed, his predecessors, colleagues and everything he considers important and valuable with utmost respect.

– The 2015-16 academic year is now coming to a close. Is this the time of assessment for you or do you wait till the end of the year?

– We have a very well-constructed and well-functioning feedback system, developed by Professor Zsuzsanna Füzési, Ádám Schlégl, and my other colleagues –, which provides us with continuous feedback with regards to how the different institutes and departments perform with respect to teaching. Obviously, conclusions can also be drawn regarding the entire faculty, the Clinical Centre and the university, but this is more timely and acute in September and at the beginning of the year. With the new academic year approaching, what is of great importance is the fantastic opportunity our university has received within the framework of the Modern Cities Project: we have received much greater financial support when compared to the universities of Szeged and Debrecen, intended for the development of our foreign language programmes. Fortunately, the government's Stipendium Hungaricum programme was extended as well, which further facilitates the admission of foreign students. I have to admit though, we are spending way too much time with the allocation of the government grants we are expecting to receive among the faculties. With regards to our faculty, our primary aim is to improve and develop both the foreign and Hungarian programmes together with maintaining the standards and quality of teaching. A prerequisite of this is to invite and bring back well-qualified, good teaching staff and to create the adequate technical background, as medicine is increasingly becoming a 'technical sport'.

– You have emphasised it several times in which your biggest achievement is your potent and sufficient team. What does this potency rely in?

– We have the perfect ratio of young, talented and senior, experienced colleagues. We have managed to diminish the power

of the, 'I'm the king of my castle,' attitude, thus the often referred to Western institutional and clinical organisational structures could flourish and develop. What this means is, within a given clinic or department, the different high-ranking research, diagnostic groups and those focusing on patient care are universally and equally respected and accepted.

– Am I right in thinking that this teamwork could be additionally strengthened by the harmonisation of earnings?

– This harmonisation proved to be quite paradoxical. Previously, it was the faculty which created a compensation for those in a teaching position, but now when this harmonisation was introduced in higher education, these colleagues were completely or partially omitted. Thereby, both our institute and our colleagues were affected by us trying to precede the planned governmental step. This is a situation which cannot go on for too much longer, so our aim is to achieve a correction at the governmental level. In our institute, there are colleagues who work side by side in different teaching and health care positions. Therefore, this decree should include a separate paragraph relating to universities in order to reduce the current tension arising from discrepancy in earnings. Nevertheless, every Forint spent on health care and higher education is well-spent.

– Another sign of the cohesive power reliant within the faculty was how much has been achieved in support of improvement and strengthening of the Rumanian Medical Training program. At what stage is this cooperation at the given moment?

–The Hungarians of Transylvania belong to us, but unfortunately they have been scattered considerably about Central Europe. I have a simple philosophy: when I'm called for, I'm there to help both financially and professionally. We are trying to support them at both an individual and institutional level. Nonetheless, I have to admit, this investment has not proved to yield as many results as we expected. This common cause, however, strengthened us further. I do believe, there has to be a community which is bigger than the family but smaller than the universe, and in this context, would require the people speaking the same language, Hungarian, and sharing the same cultural background. Our support and assistance is continuous, mostly in Transylvania and Székelyföld (Szeklerland), but we have established very good connections with Hungarians in Osijek as well. It is easier, of course, to establish operative contact with those living within our physical proximity.

– The support offered to Roma students towards facilitating their participation in higher education is also a very positive initiative.

– This opportunity will have to be extended further. If Roma students do not have enough points for a state-financed education, but qualify for the self-financed status, the faculty supports them by covering these costs, thus they can study for free. Apparently, this support does not depend on their academic achievements, it is only in the realm of financial support.

– How much time do the duties, with respect to the position of Dean, require of you on a day-to-day basis?

– They take up nearly the entirety of my day, but the dean is as good as his team. I receive considerable assistance from Dr Tamás Tényi, Vice-Dean for General affairs, Dr Miklós Nyitrai, Vice-Dean for Scientific Affairs, Dr László Czopf, Vice-Dean for Educational Affairs and my previous Deputy General, the current Director of Postgraduate Education, Dr Tibor Ertl. I also want to mention several former Deans: Dr Péter Németh, Dr Balázs Sümegi, Dr Emil Fischer and the former rectors: Dr László Lénárd and Dr Árpád Bellyei. I often consult with them

since I consider it of great importance to avoid the mistakes my predecessors committed. Professor Miklós Bauer, the Head of the Teaching Staff, also has a significant role in the shaping of my decisions as he continues to work for and serve the faculty in full possession of his physical and mental agility and obviously, I discuss operational matters with the Rector of the university.

– How much of your time is consumed by directing the Department of Laboratory Medicine?

– The Department of Laboratory Medicine – I have been the director of for more than two years – has a significant routine portfolio in addition to which we pursue both teaching and research. I receive considerable help with this from my colleagues, especially from Dr Ferenc Liszt. My position and role is mostly important in the strategic decision-making and the management of potentially arising problems, as by now, most of the functions all run smoothly. I enjoy having ambitious, innovative colleagues who bombard me with newer and newer ideas, of which, the feasible ones we endeavour to support.

– Do you have any energy left for teaching and research?

– I don't teach much, which is partly due to laboratory medicine being a subject taught in fewer contact hours and partly to my belief that teaching responsibilities should also be shared among the colleagues thereby giving the younger colleagues the opportunity to gain experience in teaching. We have more responsibility with respect to teaching in the autumn semester, than in the spring. I always take pleasure in dealing with scientific research, as in the form of discussions with my colleagues, and is always reinvigorating.

– How is your research going, specifically, with yeast, the signal transmitting function of calcium or the effects of antidepressants on cells? Which out of these three is in the focus of your attention at the current moment?

– If you review my list of publications, you will notice this is an 'avant-garde' list. Albert Szentgyörgyi once said, that scientific research is similar to going hunting –, and to avoid any misunderstanding, I'm not a hunter myself – (he remarks, smiling), and wanting to shoot rabbits but, in not finding any, we shoot a pheasant since they are plentiful. If we focus with too much effort onto the target, we may not miss everything which exists beyond it. That means, I used to deal with genetics, the homeostasis of electrolytes, signal transmission bound to calcium ions and its metabolic background. Dr Boldizsár Czéh and his team are doing research into manic depression, with a slightly different focus than I used to do but we have a very good relationship. My colleague, Dr Tamás Nagy, is also investigating borderline aspects, e.g., special modifications of proteins. Unfortunately, one of our colleagues, a young endocrinologist, Dr Árpád Lábadi, who was researching molecular biology, has left the institute. A team has also formed around Dr Tamás Kőszegi, which is primarily researching the laboratory markers of severe, infectious complications. I am in continuous contact with them and the same applies to Professor István Wittmann, who was my year-mate at university and whose room was always a lot tidier than mine (he smiles – the editor). He has been diving into a very interesting research project on protein modifications which cause diseases, that provides us a constant topic to discuss. What I intend to leave as my legacy for my successor, is the love and passion of work and devotedness.

– Your research into protein synthesis and yeast began in America, where you once spent two years, then three years. How fruitful were your efforts with respect to these experiments?

– Some of our peripheral observations later evolved into main observations, and proved important in the practice of cell biology. During a ten-year period, we explored this problem area intensely with my American colleague, with whom, we still keep

contact. I, myself, am not a great traveller, and in today's world, it's possible to keep contact via e-mail, through the internet. However, it does not substitute for a personal meeting.

– Why don't you enjoy travelling?

– I don't want to waste time on travelling. If there is no guarantee as to what will happen at the end of the journey, I'm not interested. I believe a good relationship has to have a common cause, a shared interest and a certain friendship, as its background.

– To what extent are you a goal-oriented, thoughtful person? Like a gardener, for example, who meticulously plucks out the weeds in his garden, an activity which is not very unfamiliar for you?

– This is not completely true, since there are things which can distract my attention from the main focus (he smiles – the editor). In my opinion, one should primarily deal with what he loves doing, of which, it is vital to love our work, to learn through it, to gain experience and success, which is not always easy. I used to struggle with physics and mathematics, until I met a teacher who helped me to learn and enjoy the problem-solving involved. This evoked a spontaneous interest in me which made things easier afterwards. Honestly, I think I have too many hobbies. I have a big garden, which is where I'm doing my gardening, and where we make pálinka along with Professor Csernus. I also enjoy riding a motorbike, fishing and playing squash. I have decided to win the next squash competition, I know it's not going to be easy since my rivals are much younger than me.

– The fact that you have to possess firm concepts in connection with the management of the faculty and that you are relentless, with regards to the effective implementation and realisation of these, all indicate you are a goal-oriented and devoted leader.

– This is undoubtedly true, and this is the only way to do it. Nevertheless, determination and perseverance has to be preceded by adequate preparation. This means, I consult with my predecessors and colleagues in connection with the issue in question, and then I represent the standpoint agreed upon.

– Let me present you with some of the opinions I received from your colleagues with respect to you (without attempting to present them all). "He is a fundamentally reserved person, which is why he can act in a strict manner within certain situations, however, he never becomes overly personal and he is incredibly generous." Do you think this is a relevant picture and accurately characterizes you?

– My mother would never have thought that I would apply for such a position, since as a child, I was a bookworm, and later, a truly withdrawn, reserved young man. This is probably imbedded in one's character, although I believe, I am able to communicate and articulate suitably well with my colleagues and quite possibly, beyond the institute as well. I am not the person to seek the opportunities to speak out, I think it should be done after we have achieved something. I am lucky in the sense in which the current situation allows us to significantly increase our income, and I believe the rational way of spending this additional income is if and how we support our colleagues. Thus, I am in a position where I can be generous. When we were students and living in the dormitory, we did not close our doors. Friends were free to come in any time. I did not cling on to my material possessions, even back them. Naturally, of course, it's not a bad thing to have some.

– To the outsider, you may seem to meticulously plan your lectures and speeches, but you also seem to be keen on retaining the audience's attention, with occasional cynical or humorous remarks and comments.

– I always try not to deliver my speeches read directly from paper, even in those cases when it should follow a strict pattern, such as in the case of a mass, for example. Essentially, the



actuality of the event, e.g., a graduation ceremony, an opening ceremony of the academic year or Medical Doctors' Days serves as my strategic basis. I do believe humour is an integral part of a good lecture, and, of course, that it has to be short.

– **What is Gölle like today, the village you are from and where István Fekete was born? How often do you return?**

– My parents still live there, they can't be persuaded to move. Whenever I have the time and the possibility, I visit them. Since both of my parents are in their eighties, unfortunately, they have a number of health problems. My childhood friends, Ernő Kovács and Bálint Bodó, also live there, both are employed as farmers and I'm always happy to meet them. Unfortunately, this village is not connected to any main road and it has undergone rather unfavourable structural changes in the past twenty-three years.

– **Did you have a happy childhood? Did you enjoy living there?**

– Yes, very much so. Being raised in a village environment is fantastic, given the wide spaces, the challenges, the struggle amongst kids from the neighbourhood (*he grins*). I must admit, I was awfully naughty. I learnt well, but there some pranks. When I was a pioneer leader, for example, I organised a wrestling competition in the Vörös stream. My parents, being very strict, following the complaints they received, did not only scold me but also I also received some form of physical punishment.

– **Who was more strict?**

– My mother.

– **Was she the one who employed the wooden stirring spoon?**

– That's right, but not only the stirring spoon but the hazelnut wood stick as well! That's an even harder instrument (*he smiles*)! I have never liked hazelnuts ever since.

– **Was your brother an accomplice in these missions?**

– My brother is five years younger than me, so I did try to educate him (he smiles cynically – the editor). He was punished far less than I was. He is currently employed as a private farmer. We started beekeeping together, which he is still does today and he also used to be the manager of the horse farm in Répáspuszta.

– **What was your father like as a village pharmacist?**

– He was a typical gentleman, both in his appearance and his behaviour. I am a much more open and direct person. When I was applying for the position of Vice Dean, there was a female colleague who criticised some of my clothes, saying they were not proper considering my position. There were some occasions when I tried to behave differently, when I tried to follow different models of behaviour but this did not prove successful. Professor

Romhányi is considered to have been an idol in the sense in which he had an incredible memory for names and faces, although he was not my teacher. To follow in his footsteps, when I accepted my first group, I decided to memorize all the twenty-something names for the second class. I was proudly trying to prove my excellent memory, but the impact was very different. One needs the adequate style and elegance for these types of things, something I surely did possess at the time, yet, on the other hand, I saw the puzzled glances after several minutes, "What is this young man up to, and why is he mimicking Professor Romhányi?" I learnt my lesson, and kept concentrating on utilising my own resources and features which later proved not be so bad. Nevertheless, I always appreciate having the opportunity to correct myself.

– **You are wearing a beige shirt, dark trousers and dark shoes. Do you feel comfortable in this outfit?**

– As a director of an institute, lecturer and researcher, this is what is required of me. One has to choose his apparel with accordance to the position and the required standards. Although I accepted this, I never go into extremes, usually, it is not my tie which is the most appropriate (*he smiles*).

– **Do you prefer a more athletic style of apparel outside the office?**

– Yes, since athletics have always been important to me and I'm also fortunate in this respect, since the Dean of the Medical School is required to represent a fine example and support a variety of sports.

– **You used to be the leader of the Student's Association, receiving a ministerial appraisal for your efforts, and then came several scholarships. Where did all this energy and perseverance originate?**

– There were better students than me and also, many who achieved just as much as I did with respect to their student research work. I am thankful to Professor Kellermayer for the energy and stamina, as he was the one who offered the initial encouragement in my career and ever since, I have been trying to retain as much as I can from all this drive and enthusiasm. I have always been trying to remain the person I used to be.

– **What was the secret of Professor Kellermayer which made you feel fascinated by the framework of the cell structure?**

– Back then, he was invited by Professor András Tigyti to give lectures at the Biology Institute. He had fantastic energy and a theatrical sense about him, which had such immense impact on me, that on the very day I went up to the institute and applied for student research. I remember being offered a seat next to an old Saratov refrigerator on a rotating chair and that was where we enjoyed a lengthy discussion. This was the first time I entered through the door of the institute and it has been my work environment ever since. Professor Kellermayer continues to work for us, but today in the role as an Emeritus professor. Our relationship has not been without ups and downs, but we have always managed to solve our conflicts.

– **Although medicine and health care no longer exists without laboratory diagnostics, this is more of an indirect way you contribute to the healing and treatment of patients. The success one may experience, seems to me to be more distant and more indirect as well. What motivated this choice of a career?**

– I was primarily interested in physics and chemistry, and the necessary conditions for research were available in the lab. Another thing which kept my interest and enthusiasm alive was the advances in laboratory and diagnostic imaging techniques, which provided an ever expanding area in which to explore. Additionally, I was enjoying my mandatory internal medicine practice, so I can say I do not have any aversions towards areas

involving direct patient care. It has never occurred to me to leave the lab despite having had some difficult periods every now and then. In Hungary, one of the major obstacles in areas of medicine which require considerable amount of material is the complicated and time-consuming administrative functionality and documentation involved, which is often slow and imprecise, and which seems to grow worse and worse with every further reorganisation complicating and hindering scientific research and the invitation of young researches back to Hungary. Obviously, we have a lot to do in this area, and at a university level, as well.

– **How do you cope with the lack of reagents at the lab?**

– This presents a continuous problem. Since 2003, the lab's closed budget has not been increased. Now, imagine, if you will, what this means in today's value. Especially, when we consider this is a continuously advancing area.

– **How many subunits does the Department of Laboratory Medicine currently have?**

– Our main unit is on the seventh floor of the Janus Pannonius Clinical Centre. We have one big lab in the County Hospital and a smaller one located in the Paediatric Clinic. Additionally, we also have an isotope lab in the newly opened Oncotherapy Institute.

– **Do you have enough staff?**

– For now, I can say yes. Specialist post-graduate training has undergone so many reforms in which there is no lack of assistants possessing a university or college degree. However, since effectively training specialist assistants has been somewhat ignored, we have a problem in this area.

– **Do you have memories about the era following the change of the regime when you were a member of the reform committee? News was about conflicting times...**

– Well, undoubtedly. I was invited here by Professor Kellermayer, and I was the youngest member of the reform committee. Following the era and lengthy years of communism and socialism, many of us were abundant with naive ideas and expectations. Nevertheless, in recalling those days, I do think this was a nice period. I honestly believed in what I was representing, in which inevitably lead to conflicts. My later conflicts arose from warning my colleagues in which they were doing exactly the same as their predecessors. Following this, I retreated into the haven of my chosen profession. In 1995, I went to the US in the role as a Guest Professor, and although I had a very good time, I

never desired to become an American and probably I wouldn't have succeeded anyway. It takes a long time for the society of physicians to forget, so there were some intrigues which contributed to my returning into public life.

– **How much does the Attila Miseta, member of the reform committee resemble the Attila Miseta, the former Vice-Dean for Economic Affairs and Student Welfare?**

– Certainly, to a great extent, since he has gained significant experiences. This I partly owed to the time I spent abroad and my work experience and personal contacts spent outside the country. Obviously, my own successes and failures contribute to my interpersonal development. I have never been a vengeful person and my philosophy involves sowing the seeds which I have been trying to plant here at the faculty, in which we should be striving to reach a compromise and offer tasks to people they themselves feel the most suitable for.

– **Why did you decide to apply for the position of Dean back in 2010?**

– I had the idea, that I could continue what I had begun serving in the role as Vice-Dean for Economic Affairs and Student Welfare, and it was possible to manage the conflicts within the faculty. I do believe we have achieved this within the span of a few years. I swore a pledge a few years ago that our interests can be and will be successfully and properly represented within the larger university structure and we will be able to move forward. I am working towards this goal.

– **You have three children and two small grandchildren?**

– Yes, my grandchildren are very small, so now their grandma has the bigger role, my turn will come later. They are the children of my eldest daughter, who is a pharmacist. My other daughter, Christina, is going to graduate from the Faculty of Business and Economics in Finance and Accounting. My son, Miklós, is employed at Pannonpower, Ltd., as a Mechanical Engineer and Energetics Specialist.

– **Do your children share your determination?**

– It is not easy to decide which one of us had the bigger impact upon them, I am led to believe it was rather their Physician-Biochemist mother. Luckily, they did not need to be pushed by either of us in any direction, they all have their careers.

Rita Schweier

A VIP visit including Professor Inui Tadashi and Professor Yamamoto-Inui Chizuko to the Department of Physiology

Professor *Inui Tadashi* and his wife, Professor *Yamamoto-Inui Chizuko*, who are leading instructors at the Division of Behavioural Physiology, Department of Behavioural Sciences, Graduate School of Human Sciences and Department of Oral Anatomy and Developmental Biology, Graduate School of Dentistry, respectively, at the University of Osaka in Japan, visited our department from the 18th through the 21st of July, 2016. Forming the main program of their visit here in Pécs, they provided interesting presentations in the library of the Department of Physiology within the framework of 'Neurological Seminars' jointly organized by the Department of Physiology, the Molecular Neuroendocrinological and Neurophysiological Research Group of Szentágotai János Research Centre and the Neurobiological Working Party of the Regional Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Pécs. Professor Inui Tadashi and his wife, Professor Yamamoto-Inui Chizuko, spoke about their research results in the presentations 'Neural Mechanisms Underlying the Retrieval of Conditioned Taste Aversion' and 'Brain Activities Related to the Taste Memory with Immune Reactions', respectively. The topics of their presentations were strongly intertwined, as they both investigated the neural mechanisms of learning and memory functions related to tasting, though, from a different aspect, using the most state-of-the-art electrophysiological, immunohistochemical and imaging procedures. Round tables following the presentations witnessed intensive scientific discussions. Important programs in support of our esteemed Japanese guests included visits to our labs and exhibiting our research results and extensive experimental methods and also discussions with Professor *Karádi* and his colleagues with regards to a potential collaboration between the departments. On their last day spent here, we acquainted the Inui couple with some of the sights in Pécs and the surrounding area.

Dr László Zoltán Péczely



First Time Awarded – The Lissák Prize

This year, the Lissák Prize, founded in the academic year of 2015/2016, was awarded for the first time. This award is presented to students who are best achievers in physiology in the full academic year. The prize, named after Prof *Kálmán Lissák*, former Head of the Department of Physiology, is awarded to second-year students in all three programs and divisions. Students eligible for the award must have the highest aggregate score in the end-of-semester exam, end-of-term complex exam and mid-term tests and an average end-of-semester and end-of-term grade of at least 4.5. Students achieving the second and third best results were awarded a certificate of merit in all three programs and divisions.

The award ceremony took place in the library of the Department of Physiology on 1 July 2016, when Prof *Zoltán Karádi*, the Head of Department, greeted the assembled award-winners and revived the memory of *Kálmán Lissák*, academician, after whom the prize was named. Afterwards, *László Lénárd*, former Head of Department, recounted departmental life at the time of the leadership of Prof Lissák by offering a few merry anecdotes. The Lissák Prize and the certificates of merit for the second and third best achievers were thus awarded. In addition to the Lissák Prize and the certificates of merit, valuable book prizes were presented to the award-winners.

The following students were awarded the Lissák Prize and the certificates of merit:

Physiology (General medicine):

1. **Dániel Schranz (Lissák Prize)**
2. Dániel Kun
3. Patrícia Kálmán



Physiology (General medicine - English Program):

1. **Ali Emir Biten (Lissák Prize)**
2. Sindre Nerboberg
3. Christian Wassim Karimé

Physiology (General medicine - German Program):

1. **Vincent Lischke (Lissák Prize)**
2. Sebastian Albers
3. Isabelle Renate Wurstner

Physiology (Dentistry):

1. **László Bence Sáfrán (Lissák Prize)**

Physiology (Dentistry - German Program):

1. **Ole Klein (Lissák Prize)**

Physiology (Pharmacy):

1. **Balázs Zoltán Zsidó (Lissák Prize)**

Dr László Péczely

Accommodations in support of the parents of paediatric patients

Two overnight rooms, which are currently available and suitable for accommodating parents, have been successfully converted from hospital rooms of the Oncohematological Unit, were inaugurated in the lecture hall of the Department of Paediatrics at 11 o'clock on 26 September, 2016. The extended rooms now enable four parents to sleep in the ward at night. The construction was planned by the School of Engineering and IT of the University of Pécs. Funding was absorbed by a national and two local foundations (All for Children with Leukemia Foundation, 'Eurakvilo' Nonprofit Foundation for Child Oncology and Child Hospice and the 'Tölösi Péter' Foundation for curing children with leukaemia and tumours). Construction was organized and supervised by the Investment Department of the Technical Services Directorate of the Chancellery of the University of Pécs.

Today, parents can spend the nights with their children, who are unfortunately in severe and critical condition, within beds placed throughout the extended part of hospital rooms as opposed to sleeping upon chairs. The parents' accommodation, which are free and provide sanitary, washing and cooking facilities, in addition to enabling nocturnal rest, remain to be supported by the Lions Club Normandia Pécs.

At the ceremonial opening, the designers, sponsor foundations, their donors and everyone involved in organizing



and supervising the construction were graciously appreciated for their outstanding support. Speeches were given by Tamás Decsi, Full Professor, Head of Department, Andor Sebestyén, Director General of the Clinical Centre and Gábor Ottóffy, Senior Lecturer, Head of Oncohematological Unit.

Dr Gábor Ottóffy

“Man becomes used to being available all the time”

Interview with Dr Tamás Decsi, the exiting Director General of the Clinical Centre of the University of Pécs

There is a hectic four-year-history of the Clinical Centre at the University of Pécs, where construction worth ten billions has recently created a new basis for patient care in the region. At the end of the director's mandate, achievements and ongoing cases were discussed with the exiting Director General, Dr Tamás Decsi.

I believe there are fewer Sisyphean-type jobs in Hungary at present, when compared to your role in serving as the head of a health care institution in the well-known health care environment. From that perspective will you please characterize your experiences in the past four years?

All in all, it is a classic managerial task, although, it is true, as is the immense responsibility in serving as the head of a remarkably large and specific institution. The Clinical Centre of the University of Pécs has nearly three thousand employees employed in 28 distinct units, which are different both in profile and size: there is even a tenfold difference in the number of employees between certain clinics. It is not easy to harmonize work at an institution like ours, especially when considering the diverse background of our employees, when comparing the academic person to the colleague, who accomplished only elementary studies, we have a wide range of people, and certainly, all of their efforts are very important. As a Director General I deal with everyone's problems and manage them, whether the person is either a director of a clinic, or a labourer. So, this job requires a meticulous effort with long working hours stretching from early morning to late at night.

The Clinical Centre of the University of Pécs was in an immensely difficult situation in 2012, smitten with underfinanced healthcare then, and in addition, after taking over the County Hospital, the newly developed financial deficit. All of them caused billions of deficits; what could you do in the last four years within this field?

It also refers here, in which a director indeed has limited influence on an institution which is exposed to several internal and external effects, yet, we had four good years. Numbers confirm my statement, since the difference between incomes and expenditures demonstrated more than a two-billion-forint gap in 2012 and 2013, which could be decreased by the regular consolidation sources, in current jargon, ‘cash sweeping’ arriving at the end of the year. By 2014-2015, this deficit could be reduced to one billion forints, leading to a peculiar situation due to the consolidation resources which amounted to 1.8 billion forints in 2015, the Clinical Centre produced almost a one-billion-forint ‘profit’. It means we have the potential to contribute this sum towards maintaining and improving the liquidity of the university. Of course, it was a unique situation, though taking a look at the four years; our economy shows a billion forint minus, or quarter of a billion each year. Do not misunderstand me, I am aware of the value of this amount of money, but lowering deficit is a great result. Additionally, it is also worth considering the annual budget of the Clinical Center, which is more than 25 billion forints, so the deficit is only one percent of the budget. It will be great, if the deficit could be lower, but it also depends on external factors, not only limited to the heads of clinics or departments.

Improving the economy is only one side of the coin, the other is more important for the average patient, who arrives at the clinic as a patient, and is interested in the quality of patient care. How could you harmonize the demands of the government and the management of the university to cut down on the deficit,

and at the same time maintain and improve the standards of the patient care?

Accommodating these two perspectives to one another is a real challenge for the head of a healthcare institution. Nearly 80,000 inpatients and 1.5 million outpatients are treated annually, which in total, is a relatively high number, even at national level, setting serious demands. I think we succeeded in meeting these requirements in the last four years, even though not at the ideal level. It is important to mention, in which several investments have been completed recently resulting in more modern and patient-friendly establishments. During this director general mandate, the reconstruction of the 400 Bed Clinic, now named as Janus Pannonius Clinical Building, has been accomplished, demanding tremendous effort from my colleagues. The result speaks for itself: the 367 bed institution has become one of the most modern institutions providing patient care. The renovation of the Onco-therapeutic Institution has also been recently completed, in which, in the past, colleagues often were employed in less than stellar environments. In its new form, it is one of the most tasteful patient care institutions; the atrium design resembles a hotel, not a hospital. It was also of high importance to open up the new 25 bed rehabilitation centre for neurological patients. All these developments may not only praise people in administration, it is the nature of life to renovate tiresome and weary buildings.

One of the objectives of your director general program was to integrate the rather disperse sites of the Clinical Center and draw them near each other. What could you achieve in that area?

The first step was to transpose the previously independent Dermatology Clinic to the Akác Street Clinical Building, and although, somewhat less spectacular, but a very important step was to cease locations of child care functioning in parallel. We can talk about a process: within the upcoming years the site of the Nyár Street clinic will be closed, and the plans have already been finished about transposing the ENT and Urology Clinic from the Munkácsy Street, and to accomplish this external resources are at hand. Leaving isolated sites is an important measure in cost-effectiveness, as in the case of the Nyár Street, there is a 5000 square meter plot with an immense utility cost, and from a professional perspective it is rather unfortunate to harmonize work at different sites.

Buildings should be filled with a good staff, and it is a demanding job in the current Hungarian health care. What could you do to stop migration of medical practitioners?

The life of an institution rather depends on national impacts and conditions, rather than its own scope of activity. With regard to this, a university clinic has a better chance to retain its employees, when compared to a simple city hospital, meaning, employment through a university is a certain honour. Due to a central decision and measure, we are now able to retain fresh medical graduates, and there is a growing number of resident doctors (today it numbers more than 100) every year who can find employment at the university clinic, aided by the central support. It means, when considering PhD students as well, the university is able to offer employment for nearly half of the new graduates, which is a great improvement. Unfortunately, the situation is not entirely promising for the allied healthcare professionals; migration is still significant among them. Predominantly, the migration of the qualified and experienced healthcare professionals aged 40 is a problem. We are able to substitute them, but often with a less experienced, workforce with lower

qualification. The rise in salary has been a topic of urgency for a long time, which finally happened this September, hopefully bringing a positive change.

In addition to the position of Director General, you have also served as the Director of Children's Clinic in the last few years.

The greatest achievement was to establish the Department of Child and Youth Psychiatry. There are only three inpatient departments in the country with a similar profile, and dare say, we attract children or youngsters to ourselves with their emotional and mental problems. In addition to the classic schizophrenia, there are many conditions with social origins, like behavioural disorders which tend to end in illegal drug abuse. Due to the growing demand, we intend to develop the department and expand it into a 30 bed ward instead of the current 15 bed unit. Not only the number of patients, but also the developing medical science has higher expectations. While pneumonia today does not necessarily have to be treated at the clinic, several conditions leading to severe problems later can be ruled out in childhood and/or treated early. One of them is the hereditary high cholesterol level, of which, without adequate treatment, may result in heart attack at the age of 30 or 40, otherwise, if detected in childhood, can be prevented. This also demonstrates how important childhood prevention is in modern healthcare. However, in treating leukaemia, we are now faced with different challenges, than compared to past decades. When I started my career as a paediatrician, unfortunately, we lost those children with leukaemia in most cases. Today, the survival rate is higher than 90%, so observing these patients within a five-year-period, we can see the disease does not reoccur. We are glad to see it happen, though from a medical point of view it means, we have to prepare for a life-long therapy (in a lucky case), which initially includes saving the life, then maintaining quality of life: what sports are allowed to do in competitions for a child with leukaemia, or what to pay attention to when planning a family.

If you are to specify the achievement you are the most proud of, or an area where you could not reach the result you wished, which would these be?

Though, I cannot support my statement with numbers, I am

proud of the Clinical Centre, the way it became a workplace in which there is strong negotiation and discussion, and constructive collaboration. As a Director General, I have been striving to listen to everyone coming to me with a problem, and to do so within 24 hours. The area with poor results is the lack of content related to our work. Unfortunately, several cases have almost led to assaults between the unsatisfied patients and the staff members, and many times my colleagues were criticized discreditably, with absolutely no medical ground. Certainly, this phenomenon is also worth observing and analysing within a wider scope of understanding, in our social circumstances. It is also true from a different perspective; as it was mentioned before; the Clinical Centre now has three thousand employees, so the achievements praise everyone.

Beyond your managerial job, it is important to know, in which your research with colleagues, mainly, with Dr Dénes Molnár; on childhood metabolic disorders and obesity is internationally recognized, and the Paediatric Clinic in Pécs is a significant European centre for researches like yourself. How could you adjust your activities to a Director General position? Will you devote more time to research in the future?

I did not give up my research activity; I published several articles and participated in organizing and performing examinations. I can spend a little more time on this in the future, although, it is important to know, that full time scientific research work is age-specific; it is expedient to leave it up to the young colleagues. However, a research project is going to start in the near future within the frame of 'OTKA'-project; in which I can definitely dedicate more time.

There is an intensive for-year-work behind you. Are you planning a longer relaxation?

If a man becomes accustomed to being constantly available, it becomes a lifestyle, so it is in my case. You may and you have to live with it. Priorities will certainly change, things to do regarding the Clinical Centre will not belong to me, but I can imagine participating to a certain extent in this work.

Miklós Stemler

MESZK competition for professionals

The Baranya County Regional Organization of the Hungarian Healthcare Workers Association hosted a competition in support of healthcare professionals on 24 September, 2016. The Paediatrics Department of the Clinical Centre of the UPMS was represented by a four-member team, which won the First Prize. The victorious team will represent Baranya county at the national competition.



The teams were tested on their theoretical knowledge, skills as health professionals and creative thinking. They also had to prepare a 2-3 minute long entertaining presentation about their workplace and profession. The professional competition was followed by a quiz game.

Congratulations to the members of the "ITO-SHOCK" team including, Éva Medve Demeterné, Erika Erdősiné Hajós, Melinda Mihály and Noémi Szaj-



dukné Eisner, who devoted invaluable time in effectively preparing for the competition, and participated with genuine ambition and joy.

Béla Györkő

Best students

In adhering to the decades-long tradition of our institute, on 18 May, 2016, we honoured the students who achieved the best results of the total result of the written tests. Among the more than 700 first-year students, those with the best performance (above 90%) were presented with a book award. Their group photo and the photos of the best students enrich the Wall of Fame within our institute. The best ones in 2015/2016 include the following:

Molecular Cell Biology in the Hungarian program:

- 1st place: **Olívia Magyar** (The Best in Molecular Cell Biology)
- 2nd place: **Enkhat Bulgantamir**
- 3rd place: **Benedek Bálint**
- 4th place: **Beáta Molnár**
- 5th place: **Zorán Miklós Máli**

Molecular Cell Biology:

- 1st place: **Alhaddad Ayham Ra'ed Noor** (Best Performance in Molecular Cell Biology, winner of the András Tigyí plaque, with performance above 95%)
- 2nd place: **Al Falahat Laith Abdelhadi Abed**
- 3rd place: **Abed Aljawad Karam Bassam Hasan**

Molekulare Zellbiologie:

- 1st place: **Reuter, Marvin** (Jahrgangsbiologe im Zellbiologie Bereich der Molekularen)
- 2nd place: **Ingenstau, Hendrik**
- 3rd place: **Freitag, Fabian**

Dr Judit Bátor
Department of Medical Biology



In the picture (from left to right): Abed Aljawad Karam Bassam Hasan, Olívia Magyar, Beáta Molnár, Enkhat Bulgantamir, Zorán Miklós Máli, Benedek Bálint, Marvin Reuter, Fabian Freitag, Hendrik Ingenstau, Al Falahat Laith Abdelhadi Abed és Alhaddad Ayham Ra'ed Noor.



Olívia Magyar



Alhaddad Ayham Ra'ed Noor



Reuter, Marvin

Department of Anatomy – Student Awards

Dating back to the academic year 2010/2011, the Department of Anatomy honours students possessing the best performance in the previous exam period.

Principles to classify winners:

Excellent grade at the A-exam

Insofar as there is no excellent grade in the A-exams, the awards are not distributed.

Ranking of the students who received excellent grades is mainly based on the performance in the subtasks of the exam.

In the event of a tie, the award is distributed and is shared.

Awards below were distributed:

The “1st Semester’ Best Anatomist”
– in memory of Dr István Lengvári

Gergő Péter Gyurok
Adél Herman
Zita Hosszú
Anna Sági
Alhaddad Ayham Ra'd Noor
Salimian Parnia

The “2nd Semester’s Best Anatomist”
– in memory of Dr István Lengvári

Kämpfe Julia
Wagner Konstantin

The “1st Semester’s Best Histologist”
– in memory of Dr János Szentágothai

Benedek Bálint
Cecília Horváth Fanni Jáni
András Máté Rinfel
Tojo Kanau
Yousef Beigi Ailar

The “2nd Semester’s Best Histologist”
– in memory of Dr János Szentágothai

Mielke Cornelia Krystin
Wiessner Julian

The “Best Anatomy Final Exam”
– in memory of Dr Béla Flerkó

Dániel Kun
Gjorvad Karoline
Aukrust Sverre Grover
Hassanzadeh Mohammad

Dr Tibor Hollósy

Professor Károly Méhes Memorial

Distinctively, in memory of Professor Károly Méhes's 80th birthday and the 10th anniversary of his demise, a memorial meeting was held on 9 September 2016, at the headquarters of the Pécs Academic Committee, organized by *Dr Tamás Decsi*, Professor, Director of the Children's Clinic, University of Pécs, Clinical Center. Professor Károly Méhes was an outstanding clinician in paediatrics and genetics and the memorial meeting was attended by both former and current employees and staff of the Children's Clinic, his admirers, colleagues, friends and family members.

The meeting was opened by Professor *György Kosztolányi*, President of the Medical Department, on behalf of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, as well as by Professor *Kálmán Tóth*, Vice-Rector, on behalf of the Academy, and by Professor *Tamás Tényi*, Vice-Dean, on behalf of the Dean of the Medical Faculty.

After having worked in the Children's Clinic between 1972 and 1987, Professor Károly Méhes became the Head of the Infants' and Children's Department of the Petz Aladár County Hospital, in Győr. This era was remembered by *Dr Viktória Ruszinkó*, the current Head of the Infants' and Children's Department of the Petz Aladár County Hospital, in Győr.

Between 1987 and 1997, Professor Károly Méhes was the Head of the Department at the Children's Clinic in Pécs. In support of this era, a presentation was hosted by Professor *Tamás Decsi*, the current Director of the Children's Clinic.

The main interest and research field of Professor Károly Méhes was clinical genetics. As an Emeritus Professor, he was actively involved in the work of the Institute of Genetics and



Child Development. His work in genetics was praised by *Dr Kinga Hadzsiev*, Assistant Professor at the Department of Medical Genetics, Medical School, University of Pécs.

In 1990, he became an elected member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Between 1996 and 1999, he served as the President of the Department of Medical Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Professor György Kosztolányi analysed his work at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

At the end of the meeting, the widow of Professor Károly Méhes thanked the event organizers and participants for the meaningful memorial meeting and remarked how much she was moved by the kind and generous praise.

Dr Miklós Soltész



Tibor ANGYAL (1932-2016)

Tibor Angyal, our former teacher and colleague, was born in the southern region of historical Hungary, in Zombor (today it is located in the Republic of Serbia). Later, he settled in Pécs with his parents. He earned his general secondary school leaving certificate from the Cistercian Grammar School in Pécs, and in 1950 was admitted to the Medical University of Pécs.

Following the earning of his doctor degree in 1956, he began employment at the Institute of Microbiology, led by Professor Károly Rauss.

He was involved in the research of a number of bacteria, in cooperation with the staff of the institute, yet his field of study and interest was more focused on the antigenic structure, pathogenicity and clinical diagnostic research of staphylococci. He became an acknowledged and well reputed researcher of this field. Professor Rauss nominated him as the head of the virus laboratory for a short period of time. He

regularly took part in teaching medical students and carrying out diagnostic work. He was invited to a congress in Vienna, and as a result of which his status at the university was not extended reportedly due to the political environment at the time. His forced departure meant a great loss to the Institute of Microbiology. With his specialization in laboratory investigations, he was nominated as the Director of the Joint Medical Institutions located on Munkácsy Street. He was employed there through to his retirement. He established the bacteriology laboratory within the institution, and introduced microbiological testing. He was a member of the Hungarian Society of Laboratory Medicine, as a representative of Baranya county. He contributed to the professional development of many laboratory assistants, technicians and staff, who were delighted to attend his lectures. He consistently maintained contact with his former colleagues at the Medical School. Well beyond his retirement, his kind personality, friendliness, as well as high level of professional knowledge were often remembered and appreciated by his colleagues and his students.

In addition to his work, his love of nature, orienteering, high mountain hiking, later organising races, were all part of his free time activities. During the 1950s he served as the founder of the Haladás SE, and from 1956, became a member of the Pécs Medical Health Sport Circle, in which later, in 2013, he served in the role as the Executive Vice President.

Notably, his writings and photographs were also included in the 1959 issue of 'Mecsek útikalauz' or the 'Mecsek guide'.

Unfortunately, over the last ten-fifteen years, he developed musculoskeletal disorders which limited his physical activities within nature and the surrounding forests. In recent years, he could not leave his apartment. Friends and colleagues were often welcomed there, or he talked to them over the phone. Sadly, this legacy is now over. Of the surviving members of the well-known Rauss School, our former colleague eternally departed on the 4th of September, 2016. His professional excellence, love of nature, reliability and integrity will always be remembered and will serve as examples for all.

His former colleagues

“With no past there is no future, and the richer your past is, the more threads you have to hold onto the future.”

Chronicle of the Hungarian Paediatric Neurology in stories and pictures

The idea of this book emerged in autumn of 2015. During the meeting and preparation of the autumn conference in support of the Hungarian Paediatric Neurology Association, colleagues found it an excellent idea, yet at the same time warned me of the difficulties accompanied by the immense effort to do so. Their prognosis was appropriate; it was really hard work to compile the history of 40 years, but I had excellent colleagues who helped me, both *Ilona György* and *Éva Veres*.

Throughout 114 pages, we recall the history of establishing the Hungarian Paediatric Neurology, the locations and themes of scientific meeting of the 40 years, with many photographs and memories.

In Hungary, up to 2015, 142 doctors specialized in Paediatric Neurology. The “golden age” was between 1992 and 1994, when yearly 8-9 colleagues met the requirements. Since then the number of special examinees hovers at or about 2-3 persons annually, but we may have reason for optimism to see five successful special examinees in 2015! The Paediatric Neurology special exam has a secondary structure built on a neonatology and paediatrics or a neurology special exam. Half of the Paediatric Neurologists have two special exams, the other half possesses three (clinical neurophysiology, neonatology, musculoskeletal rehabilitation). 25 paediatric Neurologists have scientific qualifications; three of them are doctors of science. Unfortunately, we are only a few in the field, several colleagues have chosen to work

abroad or in another field (family physician), at present, about 40 paediatric Neurologists are active (many of them are retired).

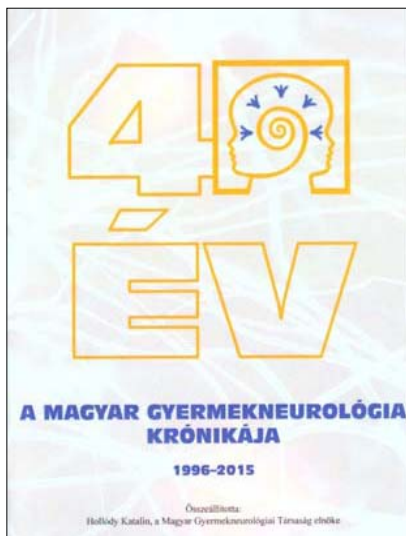
I myself participated in the first Paediatric Neurologist Scientific meeting in 1991, in Visegrád. It was appealing, in which colleagues within this team admire one another, and do not mind spending time with amongst ourselves; their contact is not merely collegial, but friendly too. In the last 20 years, I entirely experienced what mental strength is, freely offered by the team of Paediatric Neurologists. We know each other, and can rely on one another. At our annual meetings, we can continue our discussion where we stopped a year before. We all speak the same language.

With the modern expression I wish, in which our “network” of national Paediatric Neurologists survives the following decades and sustain its friendliness and solidarity. I wish our young colleagues will participate in the work of the association with enthusiasm and feel the supportive, friendly background in which the first, second and third generation felt before.

This book is for the experienced generation to recall memories, and for the youngsters to learn about the last 40 years, as we all know:

“With no past there is no future, and the richer your past is, the more threads you have to hold onto the future.”

*Dr Katalin Hollódy, President of the
Hungarian Paediatric Neurology Association*



NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CLINICS

1st Department of Internal Medicine

Department of Gastroenterology

■ The 58th Congress of the Hungarian Society of Gastroenterology was held between 4-7 June, 2016, in Siófok, and was chaired by *Áron Vincze*, *Béla Hunyady*, *Gabriella Pár*, *Judit Bajor*, *Péter Hegyi*, *Ferenc Pakodi*, *József Czimmer*, *Alajos Pár* and *Melinda Kiss Palovicsné*. They represented our department including the

following presentations: *Áron Vincze* et al., “Efficacy of ERCP Catheter Guided Biopsy in Biliary Tract Obstruction”, and “Detecting and Stabilizing Acute Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding”, *Béla Hunyady*, et al., “IFN Free Ombitasvir/ Paritaprevir/ Ritonavir + Dasabuvir Therapy of Patients with Genotype HCV1 Who Did Not Respond to Boceprevir v. Telaprevir”, and “The Effect of IFN Treatment on the Quality of Life, Working Ability and Everyday

Activities in Patients with Chronic HCV Infection”, “Hungarian Interim Analysis”, *Gabriella Pár* et al. “Fibroscan Overemphasizes the Fibrosis Status in Auto-immune Hepatitis”, *Judit Bajor*, “Gluten-free Diet - Is it helpful to Patients without Celiac Disease?”, *József Czimmer* et al., “Refractory Constipation Therapy Results in Patients of the Pelvic Floor Research Team at the University of Pécs”, *Patricia Sarlós*, “Review of National and Interna-

tional IBD Therapeutic Recommendations”, *Szilárd Gódi* et al., “Nasogastric Feeding is Useful and Tolerable in all Forms of Acute Pancreatitis”, and “Endoscopic Diagnosis of Acute Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding”, *Melinda Paulovicsné Kiss* et al., “Lessons Learned from Emergency Colonoscopy”.

Department of Cardiology and Angiology

■ The 16th National Conference of Cardiology, CardioNet, was organized in association with the Romanian Society of Cardiology and the Hungarian Society of Cardiology, together with the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Tîrgu Mureş, between 21-25 June, 2016. Professor *Dr Kálmán Tóth*, served in the role as a chairperson and *László Deres* conducted a presentation entitled, “Inhibition of Heart Failure Progression in Animal Models”, *Klára Magyar* presented her research entitled, “Vasoprotective Effects of PARP Inhibition in Hypertension”.

Pulmonology Research Team

■ The 59th Congress of the Hungarian Respiratory Society, held between 8-11 June 2016, in Debrecen, was chaired by *Veronika Sárosi* and *Zoltán Balikó*. *Zoltán Balikó* included presentation describing the, “Milestones in the Treatment of COPD. New Evidence on Glycopyrronium/Indacaterol Combinations – the FLAME Study”. *István Ruzsics* and *Anita Kacsó* included a poster presentation entitled, “Haunting Past, a Part of Our Contemporary History (Menarini Award).”

■ *Anita Kacsó* attended the conference of Pneumo Update Europe, held between 23-24 June, 2016, in Prague.

■ The European Respiratory Society’s (ERS) annual congress was hosted in London between 3-7 September, 2016. *Veronika Sárosi*, *Zoltán Balikó*, *István Ruzsics* and *Zsófia Török* represented the Pulmonology Research Team of the Internal Medicine 1, and *Tihamér Molnár* served in the role as the representative of the Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy. *Tihamér Molnár* and *István Ruzsics* prepared a poster entitled, “L-arginine Pathway Metabolites can Predict Exacerbation Independently from Beta Blocker Treatment in Patients with COPD: A Follow-up study”. Co-authors included, *Veronika Sárosi*, *Balázs Illés*, *Ildikó Horváth* and *István Ruzsics*.

Zsófia Török, together with two young pulmonologists from Budapest, represented Hungary at the Traditional Quiz organized for Young Pulmonologists during the congress. Their team achieved second place despite fierce competition.

■ At the Hungarian Medical Association

of America, Summer Conference, in Balatonfüred, on 27 August 2016, *István Ruzsics* was invited to give a lecture in the session of the Hungarian Respiratory Society entitled: “L-Arginine Pathway Metabolites in COPD Patients with and without Acute Exacerbation - A Follow-up Study”

2nd Department of Internal Medicine and Nephrology Centre

■ The Annual Congress of the Ophthalmological Society was held from the 30th of June through the 2nd July, 2016, in Pécs Kodály Centre, in which *István Wittmann* gave a lecture entitled, “New Data Related to Diabetic Complications”. He also chaired the session of Clinical Trials at the 58th Congress of the Hungarian Society of Laboratory Medicine in Szeged, on 25 August, and gave a presentation entitled, “New Data in the Therapy of Diabetes”. He presented his research, entitled, “The Prevention and Therapy of Diabetes Mellitus”, at the 2nd Congress of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation, on 22 September, 2016, in Pécs.

Department of Biophysics

■ In the framework of the New National Excellence Program, *András Kengyel* was awarded with a Doctoral Candidate Researcher Scholarship, *Péter Gaszler* with a Student Researcher Scholarship, and *Beáta Bugyi* with a Postdoctoral Researcher Scholarship.

■ *Professor Miklós Nyitrai*, *Dr Edina Szabó Meleg*, *Katalin Pirisi* and *Dr András Lukács* attended the Regional Biophysical Congress from the 25th through the 28th of August, in Trieste. *Dr Edina Szabó Meleg* and *Dr András Lukács* offered a presentation, and *Katalin Pirisi* had a poster presentation.

Department of Paediatrics

■ The Annual Meeting of the Hungarian Paediatrics Association was hosted in Szeged, on 22-24 September, 2016. Professor *Dénes Molnár* was awarded with a Schöpf-Merei Medallion. The following presentations were given by our colleagues:

Department of Manual Paediatrics

■ *Gergő Józsa* et al., “Treatment of Second Degree Burn in Childhood with Foam Dressing of Silver Gels Supplemented with Zinc-Hyaluronan Gel”; *Klára Molnár* et al., “An Unusual Cause of Hand Cyst – Finger Dirofilariasis”; *Klára Molnár* et al., “Surgical Management of Non-Parasitic Splenic Cysts. Preventing infections”; *Ferenc Harangi* et al., “Lymphangioma-

angioma – A Disorder Requiring Multidisciplinary Treatment.”

Department of General Paediatrics

■ *Judit Major* et al., “Pleuropneumonia, and What is in the Background?”, *Szimonetta Lohner* et al., “The Effect of Prebiotic Diet on Health and Gut Microbiota of Children Between the Ages of 3-6: Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Exploratory Study”; *Csaba Péterfia* et al., “Non-Immune Hydrops Due to a Rare Congenital Disorder”; *Anna Kövér* et al., “A Complicated Case of Intrauterine Diagnosed Mesenteric Cyst”; *Bernadett Mosdósi*, “Clinical Presentation of a Life-Threatening Auto-inflammatory Disease”; *Arnold Nagy* and *Bernadett Mosdósi*, “Stomatitis, the First Presenting Symptom of a Rare Auto-inflammatory Disease”; *Lidia Hau* et al., “Fatal EBV Infection”; presentations with the supervision of *Eva Erhardt*: *Márk Mirkó* et al., “Thyroid Diseases in Childhood”; *Rozália Török* et al., “Auto-immune Thyroiditis Accompanied by Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura”; *Alexandra Tészás*, “A Rare Case of Childhood Intoxication”; *Katalin H. Nagy* and *Gyula Soltész*, “Severe Hypoglycemia in Diabetic Children” and *Petra Polgár*, “Bell-Paresis as a Mask”.

Department of Paediatrics Neurology

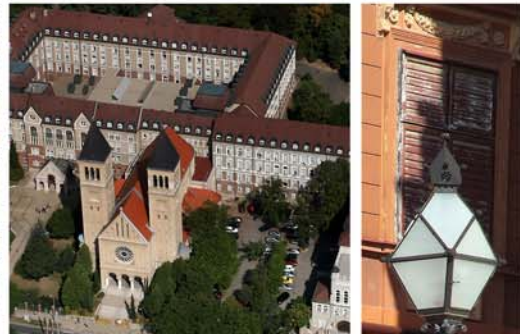
■ *Zsófia Laufer* et al., “Neurological Consultation about Osteomyelitis?”

Department of Surgery

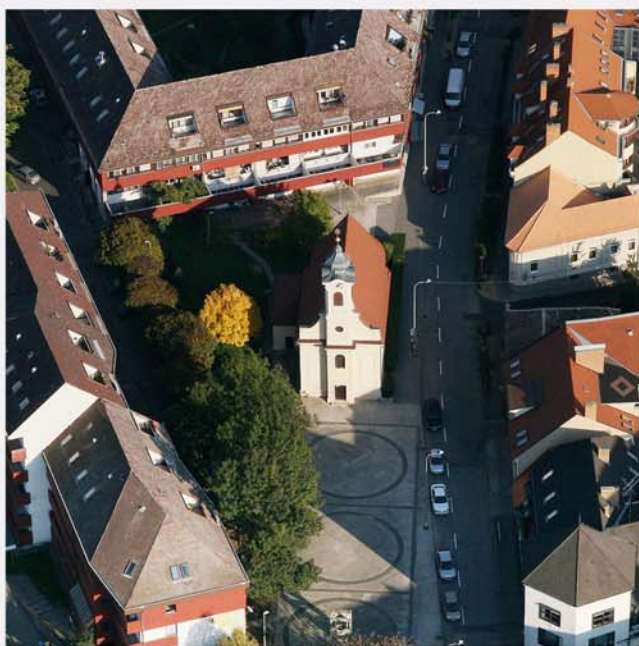
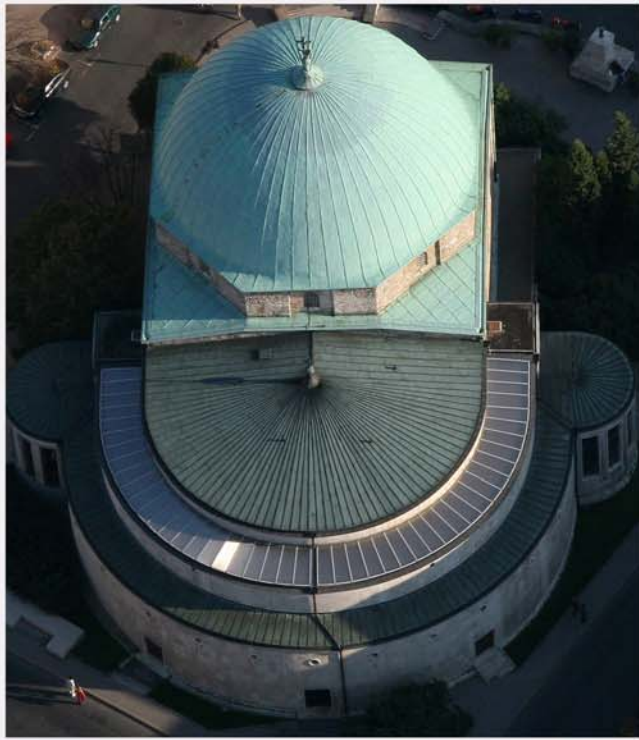
■ The 3rd Congress of Thoracic Surgery was organized by the Department of Surgery of the UPMS, in Pécs, on 9-10 September. During the event *Dr István Benkő*, Head Physician, summed up the past 40 years of thoracic surgery in Pécs, in which supported the meaning of the meeting. In addition to pulmonological and thoracic surgery presentations, the event provided an opportunity for the meeting of the Hungarian Society of Thoracic Surgery and the leaders of the various surgical departments.

■ The World Congress of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists (IASGO), was held in Seoul from the 8th through the 10th of September 2016. *Dr Károly Kalmár Nagy* and *Dr András Papp* were invited to chair at the event representing our clinic.

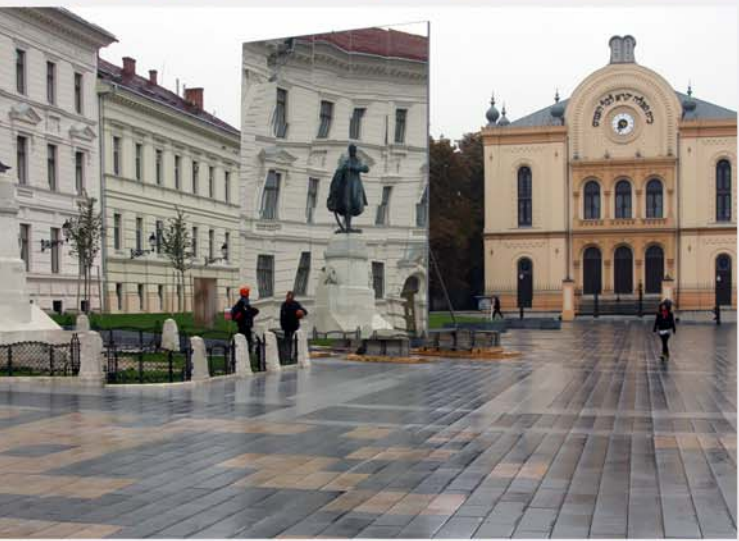
■ The 15th World Congress of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE) was hosted in Singapore from the 19th through the 21st of September, 2016. *Dr András Papp* represented our clinic supported by a poster presentation.

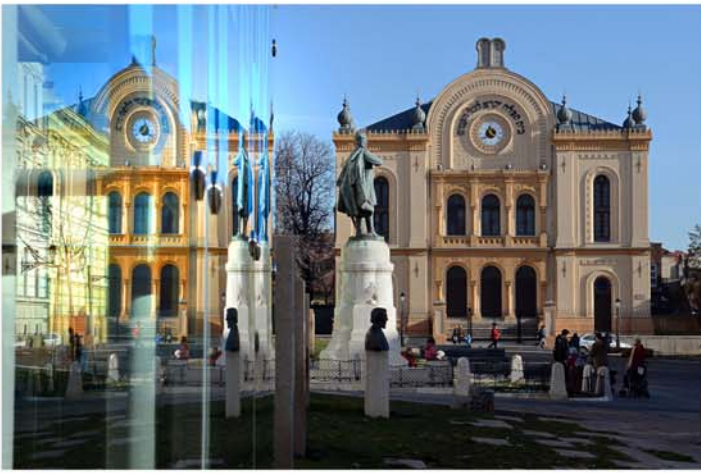


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