

CURRICULUM VITAE

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 25 April 1967, Szeged, Hungary

CITIZENSHIP: Hungarian

EDUCATION:

- 1991: **M.D.**, Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical University, Szeged, Hungary

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING:

- 1991-96: **Resident** at the 1st Department of Internal Medicine at Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical University, Szeged, Hungary
- 1997: **Specialist** in internal medicine, 2003: rheumatology, 2005: nephrology, 2007: clinical immunology (grades for each: excellent).

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

- 1997-2001: **Registrar** at the 1st Department of Internal Medicine
- 2001-2004: **Registrar** at the Department of Rheumatology, University of Szeged, Hungary
- 2004-2006: **Division head:** 1st Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology and Immunology, Saint George Hospital of Fejér County, Székesfehérvár, Hungary
- 2006-2008 : **Consultant** in internal medicine, clinical immunology and rheumatology, 1st Department of Internal Medicine and FMC Hungary Dialysis Centre, University of Szeged, Hungary
- 2008-2010: **Assistant Professor**, 2010-2017.: **Associate Professor**, 2017-: **Professor** at the Department of Rheumatology and Immunology, University of Szeged, Hungary
- 2011-: **Department Head** at the Department of Rheumatology and Immunology, University of Szeged, Hungary

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1993- Tutor in internal medicine, rheumatology, clinical immunology and basic immunology at the University of Szeged (Hungarian language)

- 1996- Tutor in internal medicine, rheumatology, clinical immunology and basic immunology at the University of Szeged (English language)
- 2008- Coordinator of undergraduate training of rheumatology
- 1997- Tutor, since 2008: mentor of residents in internal medicine, rheumatology and clinical immunology training
- 2013- Director of the postgraduate program for rheumatology training at University of Szeged
- **PhD program** leader in autoimmune diseases at University of Szeged

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

- 1995: **Training course** in the Genetics and IVF Institute, Fairfax, VA, USA
- 2001: **Visiting fellow** at the Institute of Immunology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg MB, Canada (Western blot, cell culturing, rat arthritis model).
- 2004: **PhD degree** (The investigation of pathogenetic factors in primary Sjögren's syndrome – with special reference to an autonomic nervous system dysfunction).
- 2021: **DSc degree** (Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences - Selected aspects of the immunopathology and clinical aspects of systemic autoimmune diseases)
- Publication activities:
 - 78 in extenso papers in English language international journals
 - independent citations: 2555
 - Hirsch index: 31
 - Link to list of publications:
<https://m2.mtmt.hu/gui2/?type=authors&mode=browse&sel=10000086>
- Participation in international clinical trials:
 - Incomplete lupus erythematosus, Systemic lupus erythematosus with a disease duration of more than 10 years (under the supervision of ESCISIT)
 - The investigation of the genetics of systemic lupus erythematosus (BIOLUPUS)
 - PRECISESADS - Molecular Reclassification to Find Clinically Useful Biomarkers for Systemic Autoimmune Diseases Mechanisms for the Improvement of Drug Development and Therapy

MEMBERSHIPS AND FUNCTIONS

- **Executive Board Member (2008-), Treasurer (2012-2016), Vice President (2021-):**
Hungarian Association of Rheumatologists
- **Member (2011-2019) and secretary (2011-2016)** of the National Board of
Rheumatology in Hungary
- **Vice Chairman:** Albert Szent-Györgyi Health Centre, University of Szeged
- Member: **SLEuro** (since 2017), Scleroderma Clinical Trials Consortium (2021-)
- Member: **EULAR Research Committee** (2021-)
- Member: EULAR Network of Trial Centres (**ENTRI**) Initiative (2022-)
- Member: **EULAR Task Force** for the 2023 Updated Recommendations for the
Treatment of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

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