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TEACHING CAREER IN BRIEF

I have been an educator since 1982 and continue to derive great joy from my work to the present day. In addition to my daily teaching responsibilities, I have endeavoured to use and pass on my knowledge and experience at the school, municipal, county and national levels. I consider it a priority to nurture excellence: so far, 41 of my students have reached the final round of Hungary's highly respected National Secondary School Competition (OKTV) in biology, two of them won first place, one of them won second place, and 12 of them finished in the top ten. My students have achieved great success in numerous other prominent competitions for young scholars. As an acknowledgement of my work in nurturing excellence, I received both the MOL-Mester-M Award and the Rátz Life Achievement Award as well as a Ministerial Certificate of Recognition. I have also been awarded the Ranolder Prize from the City of Veszprém and the Pro Talento Prize from the Veszprém County Institute of Education. I take part in organising county and national competitions as well as school events. I am a master teacher, consultant, board chair for the Matura examination and multiplier as well as participating in bringing grant projects to fruition. I was a form teacher for 19 years. I enjoy professional challenges, and I have worked as an educational developer in several projects for the Hungarian National Institute for Educational Research and Development (OFI). I have often published in *Élet és Tudomány* (Life and Science), a popular science weekly, in which studies by my students are also occasionally published. I have also created the Lovassy Health website, which is edited exclusively by my students, who write articles on health and health education. At the request of Maxim Publishers, I have prepared a Matura preparation book with a colleague from Debrecen. Since 2014, I have participated in the work of the National Teachers Chamber (NPK) as a national delegate, and I have been the national chair of the Man and Nature section of the Chamber since 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Feith H, Melicher D, Máthé G, Gradvohl E, Füzi R, Darvay S, Hajdú Zs, Nagyné Horváth E, Soósné Kiss Zs, Bihariné Krekó I, Földvári-Nagy Lászlóné, Molnár E, Szalainé Tóth T, Urbán V, Kassay A, Falus A. (2016). Tapasztaltok és motiváltság: magyar középiskolások véleménye az egészségnevelő programokról [Experience and motivation: Hungarian high school students' views on health education programs]. *ORVOSI HETILAP* 2: 65-69.

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SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Lilla Kepes

physician, anaesthesiology resident
St. Anna-Virngrund-Klinik, Ellwangen,
Germany

- *National Secondary School Competition (OKTV) biology 2006, 1st place*
- *Kitaibel Pál Biology and Environmental Protection Competition 2003, 7th place*
- *Kitaibel Pál Biology and Environmental Protection Competition 2004, 4th place*

Bence Szalai

postdoctoral medical researcher
Joint Research Center for Computational
Biomedicine, RWTH Aachen Uniklinik,
Germany

- *OKTV biology 2001, 6th place*
- *OKTV biology 2000, 12th place*
- *Kitaibel Pál Biology and Environmental Protection Competition 1999, 3rd place*

Tamás Radovits

internist, lecturer – Semmelweis University
Heart Center, Budapest

- *OKTV biology 1998, 4th place*
- *Kitaibel Pál Biology and Environmental Protection Competition 1995 and 1996, national finals*

Norbert Hógye

university student – Faculty of Medicine,
Semmelweis University, Budapest

- *OKTV biology 2012, 2nd place*
- *OKTV biology 2011, 17th place*

Krisztina Molnár

university student – Faculty of Medicine,
Semmelweis University, Budapest

- *OKTV biology 2011, 6th place*
- *OKTV biology 2010, 19th place*
- *Kitaibel Pál competition 2008, 14th place*