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### TEACHING CAREER IN BRIEF

I graduated with a secondary school teaching degree in biology and chemistry at József Attila University (University of Szeged) in 1988. I began teaching at the Deák Tér Lutheran High School in Budapest in 1993. I quickly learned the importance of an encouraging school atmosphere in nurturing talented students. I developed Matura examinations for the Hungarian National Institute for Educational Research and Development (OFI) between 2003 and 2006. In 2004, I attended a Training for Trainers program to implement the two-tier Matura examination, and in 2004–05, I held talks on this new system for my colleagues. I have also participated in administering the advanced Matura examination since 2005. Meanwhile, in 2005, I passed a qualifying examination to become a mentor teacher at the Faculty of Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. I have always been happy to mentor future teachers. I have seen five of my candidates complete their teacher training. I received the BONIS BONA for the Nation's Talent Award in 2013 in acknowledgement of my efforts in preparing students for the National Secondary School Competition (OKTV). In 2015, I applied for the master teacher rank and received it the following year. I consider it important during my work to instil a passion for biology in my students and introduce them to the logic of the natural sciences. Various extracurricular events offer excellent opportunities in that regard. During the academic year, we usually take hiking trips, mainly in the Danube–Ipoly National Park (DINP). In addition, we also visit laboratories and attend lectures organised for students by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. During the summer holidays, I take my students to one-week ecocamps. We have already visited the Kis-Balaton, Szatmár, Őrség and Lake Velence regions in and around Hungary as well as the North Hungarian Mountains.

### PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Kisfaludy A, Dombóvári L, **Fazakas A**, Dr. Lóczy D. (2008). Természettudományi Enciklopédia [Encyclopaedia of science]. Budapest: Nemzeti Tankönyvkiadó.

### SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

#### **Katalin Czöndör**

researcher – assistant lecturer  
Department of Physiology and Neurobiology,  
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest;  
postdoc, University of Bordeaux  
• L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science  
International Prize 2014

#### **Dóra Pályá**

university student  
Faculty of Medicine, Semmelweis  
University, Budapest  
• National Secondary School Competition  
(OKTV) Biology 2015, 1<sup>st</sup> prize  
• Curie Environmental Protection  
Competition 2014, 8<sup>th</sup> place  
• Szentágotthai Competition 2016, 1<sup>st</sup> prize

#### **Orsolya Gresits**

physician  
Orthopedic Clinic,  
Semmelweis University, Budapest  
• OKTV Biology 2008, 11<sup>th</sup> place

#### **Huba Szebik**

university student – biology  
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest  
• OKTV Biology 2013, 9<sup>th</sup> place  
• OKTV Biology 2014, 31<sup>st</sup> place  
• IBO national selection finals 2014

#### **Bence Domokos**

university student  
Faculty of Medicine,  
Semmelweis University, Budapest  
• OKTV biology 2015, 11<sup>th</sup> place  
• OKTV Biology 2016, 28<sup>th</sup> place  
• Szentágotthai Competition 2016, 5<sup>th</sup> place