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Current Research Interests

- Mesozoic amphibians, mainly from locality Iharkút (Bakony Mountains, Hungary)
taxonomy, evolution, palaeobiogeography

- Study of Late Cretaceous eggshell fragments from locality Iharkút (Bakony Mountains, Hungary)

- Taxonomy and paleoecology of pleistocene herpetofauna from Somssich Hill 2 (Villány Mountains, Hungary)

Education

2008 - MSc (Eötvös University, Budapest), geologist

1985 – car mechanic (110. Industrial Vocational School, Nyíregyháza)

Scientific degrees

2013 - PhD (Eötvös University, Budapest); Title of doctoral thesis: Essay of the iharkutian Late Cretaceous amphibian fauna from taxonomical, functional anatomical, palaeoecological and palaeobiogeographical aspects

Employment

2013 – Hungarian Natural History Museum, Department of Paleontology and Geology
muzeologist

2012 – 2013 MTA-MTM-ELTE Research Group for Paleontology
research assistant

2012 Eötvös University, Department of Paleontology (Grant: TÁMOP 4.2.2)
research assistant

2011 - 2012 HAS-HNHM Paleontological Research Group
research assistant

1996–2003 Szepesi Building Ltd., Tiszalök
glazier

1989–1995 Tiszalök
farmer

1985–1989 State Farm of Tiszalök
car mechanic

Research grants and project leadership

2011 – 2015 (participant)

OTKA NF 84193 (“A continental refugium in the Late Cretaceous western Tethyan archipelago: paleobiological and biogeographical study of the Iharkút vertebrate fauna and its comparison with other European faunas”)

2013 – 2016 (participant)

OTKA K 104506 (“Taxonomy, tafonomical, paleoecological and stratigraphic analysis, the most significant middle Pleistocene terrestrial deposits in Hungary (Somssich Hill 2, Villány”)

Honors and Awards

2008. – 11th Hungarian Paleontological Symposium, „The Best Student Oral Presentation” **I. prize**

2008. – Introductory lecture of Eötvös-Day, Eötvös University

2008. – XXXIXth Conference of Young Earth Sciences – Oral Presentation Category **III. prize**

2007. – Geologist Student Conference of Eötvös University, Budapest – **I. prize**

2006. – Geologist Student Conference of Eötvös University, Budapest – **II. prize**

2006. – 9. Hungarian Paleontological Symposium, „The Best Student Poster” **I. prize**

Fellowships

2012.

National Development Agency, TÁMOP 4.2.2, grant

2011.

Regular Academic Scholarship of Student Self-Government of Eötvös University

2010.

Grant of the Hantken Miksa Foundation for study of amphibians of the Late Cretaceous (Campanian-Maastrichtian) localities of Spain (Chera and La Solana) and to compare with iharkutian lissamphibian fauna

2007-2008

Single and Regular Academic Scholarship of Student Self-Government of Eötvös University

Service in scientific bodies and conference organization

2006 – Hungarian Geological Society, Paleontology and Geology Section, member

2006 – European Association of Vertebrate Paleontologists, member

Teaching experience

2012 –

Mammalia (geologist, MSc, Eötvös University)

2010 –

Applied palaeoecology (Diatoms) (environmental science, BSc, Eötvös University)

2009 –

The funds of applied micropaleontology (Diatoms) (geophysicist, MSc, Eötvös University)

2008 –

Vertebrate Paleontology (Amphibians) (geologist, biologist BSc, Eötvös University)

2008 –

Vertebrate Paleontology Practice (geologist, BSc, Eötvös University)

Presentations

Scientific

2012 – 15th Hungarian Paleontological Symposium (May 2012, Uza): The first eggshells from the Upper Cretaceous (Santonian) Csehbánya Formation (Iharkút, Bakony Mountains).

2012 - Day of paleontology, in honor professor emeritus Miklós Monostori and presentation of new paleontological research units (February 2012, Budapest): From frogs to mammoths.

2011 -. 14th Hungarian Paleontological Symposium (June 2011, Szeged): Caudate amphibians (Allocaudata, Albanerpetontidae) from the Late Cretaceous (Santonian) Csehbánya Formation (Iharkút, Bakony).

2010 – 13th Hungarian Paleontological Symposium (June 2010, Csákvár): *Hungarobatrachus szukacsi* and other frog remains from the Upper Cretaceous vertebrate locality of Iharkút.

2009 – 12th Hungarian Paleontological Symposium (May 2009, Sopron): Iharkút like an Upper Cretaceous (Santonian) microvertebrate locality (Csehbánya Formation, Bakony Mountains).

2008 – 11th Hungarian Paleontological Symposium (May 2008, Szögliget): Miocene green toad from the Collection of Natural History Museum of Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Science.

2008. – Introductory lecture of Eötvös-Day, Eötvös University (May 2008 Budapest): Miocene green toad from the Collection of Natural History Museum of Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Science.

2007 – 10th Hungarian Paleontological Symposium (May 2007, Budapest) Late Cretaceous amphibians from the Csehbánya Formation (Iharkút, Bakony)

Public presentations

2009 – 2012 September Researchers' Night events, Department of Paleontology, Eötvös University, Budapest

Media appearance

2010 - February Hír TV, interview

2010 – October-November Explorer Magazin, interview