OPEN CALL

President

2017
# APPLICATION FORM

for President of the European Pancreatic Club (EPC)

| 1 | **Personal data** | Name: Dr. Gábor Varga  
Username ([www.e-p-c.org](http://www.e-p-c.org)): Varga  
Country: Hungary  
National Society: Hungarian Pancreatic Society |
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| 2 | **Membership** | List of years when the applicant was member of EPC: 1981 - present  
List of years when the applicant attended the annual EPC meeting: 1981-2005 yearly except 1990, 1991, 2002  
List of years when the applicant submitted (as first or last author) an abstract(s) for the annual EPC meeting: 1981-2005 yearly except 1990, 1991, 2002  
| 3 | **Publications** | List of the best 5 original/review papers in international journals:  
| 4 | **Previous positions at EPC or UEG** | 1992-1995 EPC Board Member  
1995 United European Gastroenterology Federation, Budapest, board meeting host  
1999-2004 United European Gastroenterology Week, abstract selection reviewer |
| 5 | **Conference Venue** | Theoretical Building, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary  
July 5-8, 2017 |
| 6 | **Hotels** | Planned official conference hotels:  
Hotel Mercure City Center Budapest 4*  
Hotel Mercure Budapest Korona 4*  
a large number of 5*, 4* and 3* hotels available  
Approximate price  
5*: 220 Euros/night  
4*: 90-120 Euros/night  
3*: 70-90 Euros/night  
(low budget accommodation is also available) |
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| 7 | **Transport from the airport** | Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport (previously known as Ferihegy Airport) is approximately 15 km to city center (about 20 min).  
Means of transport to hotels and conference venue:  
Taxi – 20 Euros one way  
Minibus – 6 Euros one way  
Public transportation – 2 Euros one way |
| 8 | **Additional scholarship** | We plan to accumulate funding for additional scholarship over the constitutionally established EPC scholarships. The level of this can only be decided approximately one year before the meeting, based on available sponsorship and other arrangements. |

The applicant confirms that she/he

- has read the Open call for President of the EPC and the rules and general terms and conditions of the annual EPC meetings and fully accepts its content
- has adequate time resources for volunteer work
- has good command of spoken and written English
- is available for two council meetings per year for 3 years

Professor Gabor Varga  
Name  
Budapest, 2013. April 29  
Date
Dear colleagues,

It would be a pleasure for me to welcome you to Budapest, Hungary to the EPC Meeting in 2017.

Such a meeting in Hungary is not an unprecedented event in Hungary. In 1988, Professor Miklós Papp organized the EPC meeting in Budapest, just before the iron curtain fall off between West and East. To me that was a great event since I personally was heavily involved, as the most immediate young associate of the organizer. Then I also had a very joyful and scientifically rich conference of the Club in Szeged in 2009, with which I can hardly compete. The only thing that I can promise is that I will try to get close to those events if I receive the honor to become responsible for the EPC conference in Budapest in 2017. To achieve this, I plan to involve not only my immediate colleagues, but also fellow clinicians from our university as well as colleagues from the other Hungarian universities, particularly those in Medical School in Szeged.

The meeting will be an important event in European pancreatology and related areas, where basic scientists and clinician specialists can exchange ideas and novel research findings, and also deepen their scientific knowledge. We plan to provide the opportunity for participants to get first-hand information on new developments, current and future trends and will additionally provide an ideal opportunity for international networking. The planned venue at the Theoretical Building of Semmelweis University sets the stage for science, clinical practice and industry to unite in professional advancement.

As we plan, the conference will cover all hot basic science and clinical science topics that are in the scope of pancreatology, giving a good balance of the basic and the clinical side, and also emphasizing the mutuality of them. It will be organized around scientific symposia, workshops, plenary lectures, oral sessions and poster sessions, all of this according to the rules of EPC.

We are aware of the recent financial crisis and the subsequent difficulties that affect many universities and professionals in Europe today. This may be also the case for travelling to EPC meetings. Therefore, the organizers will make all efforts to provide considerable support to young researchers through as many EPC travel stipends as possible, just as it happened in the past, and also accumulate additional funding to widen the scholarship program.

We will work hard to ensure the success of the EPC Meeting in Budapest not only providing a great scientific program, but also providing a good basis for the traditional cultural aspects of EPC, as well. When making your decision, please consider that Budapest is one of the most beautiful European cities, with plenty to see and plenty to do besides cultivating science.

Yours sincerely,

Gábor Varga
Short curriculum vitae of Dr. Gábor Varga

Citizenship: Hungarian
Place and date of birth: Budapest, 02. 22. 1956
Marital status: married, 4 children
Home address: Pasareti ut 171, 1026 Budapest, Hungary
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Qualification:
1975-1980 Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, University degree: general biologist (MSc)
1986 Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, University degree: Ph.D. in physiology
1992 Hungarian Academy of Sciences: "candidate of biological sciences" in physiology
1998 Semmelweis University: “dr. habil” degree in physiology and oral biology
2001 Hungarian Academy of Sciences: doctor of sciences (DSc) in theoretical medicine

Employment
Head of GI Research Laboratory (1993-2002)
2002-present: Department of Oral Biology, Faculty of Dentistry, Semmelweis University
Professor and Chair of the Department
Chair of the Molecular Oral Biology Research Group

Fellowships
1983-1984 7 months, supported by NAS, T.E. Solomon, Univ Missouri, Columbia MO
1984-1994 several 1-6 week-long exchange visits, C. Scarpignato, Univ Parma, Italy
1986 1 month, exchange program, S.J. Konturek, Dept Physiol, Univ Krakow, Poland
1989-91 25 months, Fogarty Fellowship, NIH, T.E. Solomon, Univ Kansas, Kansas City KS
1996 2 months, Royal Soc. fellowship, R.M. Case, School Biol. Sci, Univ. Manchester, UK
1997 2 months, DAAD fellowship, T.M. Gress, Dept. Medicine, Univ. Ulm, Germany
2006 3 months, NIH scholarship, B.J. Baum, NIH, NIDCR, Bethesda MD

Awards
1984 Youth Award, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
1986 Youth Award, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
1989 Fogarty fellowship, NIH
1992 Madaus Foundation Award, Hungarian Gastroenterological Association
1994 Award for Outstanding Research Communication, United European Gastroenterological Federation
1998-2001 Széchényi Professzorial Award, Hungarian Ministry of Education
1999 Kuntz Foundation Award, Hungarian Gastroenterological Association
1999 Private Professor, Semmelweis Medical University
2000 Simor János Avward: „Pro optimo merito in pancreatioco-oncologica”, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Medical Board
2004 Tóth Károly Memorial Award, University of Szeged, Szeged Dental Education Fund
2005 Memorial Award for education, research and public activities, Semmelweis University
2005 Professor Emeritus, Medical University of Targu Mures, Rumania
2008 Outstanding tutor for student research, Semmelweis University
2011 Hetenyi Memorial Award, Hungarian Gastroenterological Society
2012 Arkovy Memorial Award, Semmelweis University
2004 Tóth Károly Memorial Award, University of Szeged, Szeged Dental Education Fund
2005 Memorial Award for education, research and public activities, Semmelweis University
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2008 Outstanding tutor for student research, Semmelweis University
2011 Hetenyi Memorial Award, Hungarian Gastroenterological Society
2011 Master Educator, Hungarian National Council for University Student Research
2012 Arkovy Memorial Award, Semmelweis University

Conference organization
1988 European Pancreatic Club Congress., Budapest member of the Local Org. Committee
1995 United European Gastroenterology Federation, Budapest, Board Meeting host
1996-2002 United European Gastroenterology Week, abstract selection reviewer
1996-present, Hungarian Gastroenterological Association program selection committee
1998 International Symposium on Human Minor Salivary Glands, Budapest, scientific secretary
1999 Congress of the European Pharmacological Association, Budapest, symposium organiser
2011 President of the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) CED-NOF Joint Congress in Budapest

**Hungarian and International Boards:**
1992-1995 European Pancreatic Club, board member
1992-present, member of the council of the Hungarian Gastroenterological Association
1992-1996 Pancreas Section of Hungarian Gastroenterological Association, secretary
1996-present, Hungarian Gastroenterological Association, Research Forum president
1996-present, Ministry of Health, SClentific Research Council, member of the committee for Metabolism, Gastroenterology and Nutrition
2003-present, council member of the Hungarian Physiological Society
2005-2007 Oral Diseases, editorial board member
2008-2010 IADR Continental European Division, board member
2010-2012 president, IADR Continental European Division
2012-2013 past-president, IADR Continental European Division

**Research interest:**
I am originally a research physiologist engaged in epithelial function. For about 20 years my major focus was on the pancreas, working as a full time researcher. In 2002 I was appointed to the Department of Oral Biology, Semmelweis University, Budapest, where I am the chairman of the department since then. My research gradually widened to the salivary field with special attention on the molecular physiology of salivary cell differentiation and electrolyte and water transport. Besides working with primary culture of human epithelial cells, we also work on stem cell/progenitor cell isolation, culture and differentiation of tissues from epithelial origin and mesenchymal origins. Our present research focuses on signaling, gene expression, differentiation and electrolyte transport in cells of epithelial origin, and the application of mesenchymal stem cells of for biological regeneration of hard an soft tissues.

**Research grants as principal investigator**
2010-2013, Hungarian National Development Agency (NFU) TAMOP-4.2.2.B-10/B-10/1-2010-0013, Semmelweis University Magister Program – Epithelial and mesenchymal tissue engineering and related research, subprogram
2010-2013, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant I.D.: OTKA-NKTH CK80928, Postnatal stem cells, signals and scaffolds for tissue engineering
2007-2010, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant I.D.: OTKA-NKTH N169008, Human salivary gland model for exploring the molecular mechanisms of epithelial secretion and for developing gene delivery techniques
2006-2008, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant I.D.: OTKA IN67250, Isolation and characterisation of postnatal stem cells of dental origin
2006-2008, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant ID: OTKA K61543, Isolation and characterisation of postnatal stem cells
2006-2008, Hungarian Ministry for Health Research Fund, grant ID: 332/2006, Studies on stem cells modified by gene transfer
2004-2008, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant ID: OTKA K46511, Secretory function of salivary glands in normal and pathological conditions with especial regard to the hyposalivation
Gabor Varga CV


2005-2006, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant ID: OTKA PU50102, Possible role of duration of PKC-induced ERK activation in the effects of agonists and phorbol esters on DNA synthesis in Panc-1 cells

2005-2006, OM, grant ID: PÁL 114/2005 postdoctoral research support to continue research on isolation of postnatal stem cells of dental origin

2003-2006, Hungarian Academy of Sciences – Semmelweis University - foundation and operation of Molecular Epithelial Research Group, head of research group


2002-2004, The Wellcome Trust Collaborative Research Initiative Grant, Molecular physiology of epithelial function in human pancreas

2001-2004, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant I.D.: OTKA T034241, Complex changes in gene expression of pancreatic tissue - role of bioactive regulatory peptides in normal and transformed cells


1997-2000, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant ID: OTKA T022401, Role of gastrointestinal peptides in the regulation of gut secretory and motor function

1997-1999 Hungarian Medical Research Council (ETT), Comparative investigations on salivary and pancreatic ductal and acinar cells


1995-98 Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant I.D.: OTKA 017104, Gene expression changes in normal and transformed pancreas

1994-1996 European Union - EU BIOMED1 PECO program: Establishment of Eastern and Central Europe pancreatic cancer reference library system as a part of the European Pancreatic Cancer Reference Library System (EPCRLS), Hungarian PI


1992-1996 Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), grant I.D.: OTKA T5429, Bioactive peptides int he regulation of pancreatic and gastric function

1989-1991 Fogarty fellowship, NIH, 2 years research on pancreatic physiology, in University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS, recipient (Tutor Sr. Travis Solomon)

1984 Mid-Missouri Gastroenterology Research Fund, 3 months fellowship, research on pancreatic physiology, in University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, recipient (Tutor Sr. Travis Solomon)

1983 National Academy of Sciences, exchange program fellowship, research on epithelial physiology in University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, recipient (Tutor Sr. Travis Solomon)


Varga G, Bálint A, Burghardt B., D’Amato M 2004, Involvement of endogenous CCK and CCK1 receptors in colonic motor function Br J Pharmacol, 141:1275-84


