**Laudation of Prof. Dr. Ferenci Péter**

Prof.Dr Ferenci Péter born in Budapest in 1948. He left Hungary in 1957, just after the revolution. He studied at the Medical Faculty of the University of Vienna and received his Medical Doctor Diploma in 1972. Simultaneously, as a medical student, he completed a degree in computer science at Technical University in Vienna.

Professor Ferenci’s medical career started at the 1st Department of Medicine at the University of Vienna, where he completed his training in Internal Medicine. He has been working in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in the Department of Internal Medicine 3 at the Medical University of Vienna since 1982, and as associate professor since 1990.

 He worked as research fellow at National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, USA between 1981 and 1982, and in Freiburg, Germany in 1987. He has also participated in the courses of world famous professors, such as Dame Sheila Sherlock in London and K. Ishak in Washington.

His outstanding scientific activity is proven by more than 330 original papers published in peer reviewed journals, including New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, Annals of Internal Medicine,  Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Journal of Hepatology, Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

He is author of 18 articles, which appeared in such textbooks as Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology, Gastroenterology, Oxford Textbook of Hepatology, and UpToDate®.

He is a regularly invited speaker and chairman at highly ranked international congresses.

Professor Ferenci is member of the editorial board of many prestigious medical journals including Hepatology, Gastroenterology and GUT Journal. He is associate editor of Liver International and the European Journal of Clinical Investigations.

He has organized many European and World congresses on gastroenterology and hepatology.

He is member of numerous international scientific societies including the European and American Associations for Study of the Liver and fellow of the American Gastroenterology Association. He was committee member of the European Association for Study of the Liver for several years, from whom he received an Achievement Award in 2008.

He is honorary member of the Hungarian, South African, Italian and Slovakian Societies of Gastroenterology. He received the Doctor Honoris Causa distinction from the University of Cluj-Napoca in Romania.

Professor Ferenci speaks Hungarian fluently and regularly participates at the annual meetings of the Hungarian Society of Gastroenterology.

His active relationship with Semmelweis University has been going on for many years. Thanks to the scientific cooperation with our university’s staff, numerous scientific papers have been published on Wilson disease and inflammatory bowel disease and many PhD fellows from Budapest have had the opportunity to work in Professor Ferenci’s department in Vienna