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OCTOBER 20-22  
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## MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 2025

8:00	Opening Speech	<b>Péter Hegyi</b> <i>Director of the Centre for Translational Medicine</i>	
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### FIRST CANDIDATE

	<p><b>ZSOLT HUSZÁR</b>  <i>"Risk factors of cognitive decline in elderly population"</i></p> <p><b>Publications</b></p> <p>Huszár, Zs. et al. (2024) Risk of conversion to mild cognitive impairment or dementia among subjects with amyloid and tau pathology: a systematic review and meta-analysis  <i>Alzheimers Res Ther, D1, IF: 9.000</i></p> <p>Huszár, Zs. et al. (2024) Association of modifiable risk factors with progression to dementia in relation to amyloid and tau pathology  <i>Alzheimers Res Ther, D1, IF: 7.900</i></p>	Psychiatry
8:30  <b>Supervisor(s)</b> Gábor Csukly		

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Martin Koltzenburg, László Szapáry, Bence Lázár, Gábor Varga							
	<b>OPP 1</b>	Tamás Kiss	<b>OPP 2</b>	Zsolt Datki	<b>SMS</b>	Nazanin Ghods	<b>STAT</b>	Réka Tóth

### SECOND CANDIDATE

	<p><b>KATALIN LUGOSI</b>  <i>"Prevalence and influencing factors of domain-specific cognitive impairment in multiple sclerosis"</i></p> <p><b>Publications</b></p> <p>Lugosi, K. et al. (2024) Domain-specific cognitive impairment in multiple sclerosis: A systematic review and meta-analysis  <i>Ann Clin Transl Neurol, D1, IF: 5.300</i></p>	Neurology
9:30  <b>Supervisor(s)</b> Zsolt Mezei, Klaudia Horváth		

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	<b>OPP 1</b>	László Szapáry	<b>OPP 2</b>	Tamás Kiss	<b>SMS</b>	Nazanin Ghods	<b>STAT</b>	Réka Tóth

### THIRD CANDIDATE

	<p><b>ISTVÁN LÁSZLÓ BARADÁCS</b>  <i>"Investigating the role of parp inhibitors in the treatment of ovarian cancer"</i></p> <p><b>Publications</b></p> <p>Baradács, I. et al. (2024) PARP inhibitor era in ovarian cancer treatment: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.  <i>J Ovarian Res, Q2, IF: 4.000</i></p> <p>Baradács, I. et al. (2025) Efficacy and Safety of Combination Therapy with PARP Inhibitors and Anti-Angiogenic Agents in Ovarian Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis  <i>J Clin Med, Q1, IF: 3.000</i></p>	Gynecology
11:00  <b>Supervisor(s)</b> Balázs Lintner		

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Bart Fauser, Tamás Marton, Dóra Koczka-Balogh, Gábor Varga							
	<b>OPP 1</b>	Bálint Farkas	<b>OPP 2</b>	Romina-Marina Sima	<b>SMS</b>	Viktória Barna	<b>STAT</b>	Réka Tóth

#### FOURTH CANDIDATE



12:00

**Supervisor(s)**  
Réka Hermanné  
Juhász

#### ANNA EVELIN JUHÁSZ

*"The role of dietary fibers and diet composition in the management of metabolic disorders"*

Gynecology / Dietetics

##### Publications

Juhász, AE. et al. (2022) Galactomannans are the most effective soluble dietary fibers in type 2 diabetes: a systematic review and network meta-analysis.

*Am J Clin Nutr, Q1, IF: 7.100*

Juhász, AE. et al. (2023) Reply to Zurbau et al.

*Am J Clin Nutr, D1, IF: 7.100*

Juhász, AE. et al. (2024) Ranking the dietary interventions by their effectiveness in the management of polycystic ovary syndrome: a systematic review and network meta-analysis

*Reprod Health, D1, IF: 3.400*

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#### FIFTH CANDIDATE



13:30

**Supervisor(s)**  
Tibor Szarvas

#### TAMÁS FAZEKAS

Urology

*"Prostate cancer screening, molecular diagnostics, and therapy prediction: toward personalized care"*

##### Publications

Fazekas, T. et al. (2024) Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Prostate Cancer Screening: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

*JAMA Oncol, D1, IF: 28.400*

Fazekas, T. et al. (2023) Poly (ADP-ribose) Polymerase Inhibitors Have Comparable Efficacy with Platinum Chemotherapy in Patients with BRCA-positive Metastatic Castration-resistant Prostate Cancer. A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis.

*Eur Urol Oncol, D1, IF: 8.200*

Fazekas, T. et al. (2024) Molecular Correlates of Prostate Cancer Visibility on Multiparametric Magnetic Resonance Imaging: A Systematic Review

*Eur Urol Oncol, D1, IF: 8.200*

#### COMMITTEE

István Király, Mátyás Benyó, Dániel Bányai, Zsolt Molnár

OPP 1

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Miklós Damásdi

SMS

Krisztina  
Csöke-Kabai

STAT

Karen Fazekas

#### SIXTH CANDIDATE



14:30

**Supervisor(s)**  
Zsolt Kopa

#### ANETT SZABÓ

Urology

*"Male infertility: the functional side of the spermatozoa"*

##### Publications

Szabó, A. et al. (2023) Lifestyle-, environmental-, and additional health factors associated with an increased sperm DNA fragmentation: A systematic review and meta-analysis.

*Reprod Biol Endocrinol, Q1, IF: 4.400*

Szabó, A. et al. (2025) Assessing the efficacy of varicocelectomy, antioxidants, FSH treatment, and lifestyle modifications on sperm DNA fragmentation: a systematic review and meta-analysis

*Sci Rep, D1, IF: 3.800*

#### COMMITTEE

Csaba Berczi, Miklós Damásdi, István Király, Zsolt Molnár

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Karen Fazekas

## SEVENTH CANDIDATE

15:30



**Supervisor(s)**  
Tibor Szarvas

### ÁDÁM DÁNIEL SZÉLES

"Prognostic and predictive biomarkers in urothelial cancer"

Urology

#### Publications

Széles, ÁD. et al. (2022) High Pretreatment Serum PD-L1 Levels Are Associated with Muscle Invasion and Shorter Survival in Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma

*Biomedicines*, Q1, IF: 4.700

Széles, ÁD. et al. (2022) Pre-treatment soluble PD-L1 as a predictor of overall survival for immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy: a systematic review and meta-analysis

*Cancer Immunol Immunother*, Q1, IF: 5.800

Széles, ÁD. et al. (2025) Prognostic and predictive value of pre-treatment blood-based inflammatory biomarkers in patients with urothelial carcinoma treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors: a systematic review and meta-analysis

*Front Immunol*, Q1, IF: 5.700

#### COMMITTEE

Dániel Bányai, Miklós Damásdi, Csaba Berczi, Zsolt Molnár

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**OPP 2**

Mátyás Benyó

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Csőke-Kabai

**STAT**

Karen Fazekas



## TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 2025

8:00	Opening Speech	<b>Péter Hegyi</b> <i>Director of the Centre for Translational Medicine</i> 
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### FIRST CANDIDATE

	<p><b>MAHMOUD OBEIDAT</b>  <i>"Hemodynamic instability and refeeding in patients with gastrointestinal bleeding"</i></p> <p><b>Publications</b></p> <p>Obeidat, M. et al. (2023) One in four patients with gastrointestinal bleeding develops shock or hemodynamic instability: A systematic review and meta-analysis.  <i>World J Gastroenterol, Q1, IF: 4.300</i></p> <p>Obeidat, M. et al. (2024) Early nutrition is safe and does not increase complications after upper gastrointestinal bleeding- A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.  <i>Sci Rep, D1, IF: 4.600</i></p>	Gastroenterology
8:30  <b>Supervisor(s)</b> Bálint Erőss	Lajos Bogár, Octavian Andronic, Marcel Tantau, Zoltán Zádori	

### SECOND CANDIDATE

	<p><b>ANETT RANCZ</b>  <i>"The invisible presence of microscopic colitis"</i></p> <p><b>Publications</b></p> <p>Rancz, A. et al. (2023) Microscopic colitis is a risk factor for low bone density: A systematic review and meta-analysis.  <i>Therap Adv Gastroenterol, Q1, IF: 4.802</i></p> <p>Rancz, A. et al. (2025) Risk Factors for Microscopic Colitis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis</p> <p><i>J Gastroenterol Hepatol, Q1, IF: 3.400</i></p>	Gastroenterology
9:30  <b>Supervisor(s)</b> Emese Mihály	Lajos Bogár, Patrícia Sarlós, Tibor Gyökeres, Zoltán Zádori	

	Lajos Bogár, Patrícia Sarlós, Tibor Gyökeres, Zoltán Zádori	
<b>OPP 1</b> Octavian Andronic <b>OPP 2</b> Marcel Tantau <b>SMS</b> Jimin Lee <b>STAT</b> Andrea Harnos		

### THIRD CANDIDATE

	<p><b>MARIE ANNE ENGH</b>  <i>"Equipment and techniques for optimizing diagnostic efficacy after endoscopic ultrasound-guided tissue acquisition from solid pancreatic and abdominal masses"</i></p> <p><b>Publications</b></p> <p>Engh, MA et al. (2024) Contrast-enhanced endoscopic ultrasound likely does not improve diagnostic adequacy during endoscopic ultrasound guided tissue acquisition: A systematic review and meta-analysis.</p> <p><i>Pancreatology, Q1, IF: 3.600</i></p>	Gastroenterology
10:30  <b>Supervisor(s)</b> Bálint Erőss	Lajos Bogár, Octavian Andronic, Tibor Gyökeres, Zoltán Zádori	

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<b>OPP 1</b> Patrícia Sarlós <b>OPP 2</b> Marcel Tantau <b>SMS</b> Jimin Lee <b>STAT</b> Andrea Harnos		

#### FOURTH CANDIDATE

12:00



**Supervisor(s)**  
István Ferenc  
Édes

#### PÉTER MÁRTON KULYASSA

*"Optimizing outcomes in percutaneous coronary procedures"*

Critical care-Cardio

##### Publications

Kulyassa, PM. et al. (2023) Drug-coated balloon therapy is more effective in treating late drug-eluting stent in-stent restenosis than the early occurring one — a systematic review and meta-analysis.

*Front Cardiovasc Med, Q1, IF: 5.846*

COMMITTEE	Rainer Schulz, Andárs Lörx, Marcel Tantau						Bence Szabó
	OPP 1	Péter Kanizsai	OPP 2	Octavian Andronic	SMS	Darius-Valentin Sandu	

#### FIFTH CANDIDATE

13:00



**Supervisor(s)**  
Zsolt Molnár,  
Zoltán Ruszkai

#### CSENGE ERZSÉBET SZIGETVÁRY

Critical care-Cardio

##### Publications

Szigetváry, CSE. et al. (2023) Hemoabsorption as Adjuvant Therapy in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS): A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Biomedicines,

*Biomedicines, Q1, IF: 4.700*

Szigetváry, CSE. et al. (2024) Individualised Positive End-Expiratory Pressure Settings Reduce the Incidence of Postoperative Pulmonary Complications: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.

*J Clin Med, Q1, IF: 3.900*

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#### SIXTH CANDIDATE

15:00



**Supervisor(s)**  
Ákos Gasparics

#### KINGA KOVÁCS

Pediatrics

*"Placenta – fetal lung in utero"*

##### Publications

Kovács, K. et al. (2023) The histologic fetal inflammatory response and neonatal outcomes: systematic review and meta-analysis.

*Am J Obstet Gynecol, D1, IF: 9.800*

Kovács, K. et al. (2025) The effect of an additional pre-extubational loading dose of caffeine citrate on mechanically ventilated preterm infants (NEOKOFF trial): Study protocol for a multicenter randomized clinical trial

*PLoS One, Q1, IF: 2.900*

COMMITTEE	Prem Puri, Anikó Görbe, Zoltán Zádori						
	OPP 1	Tamás Marton	OPP 2	Gergely Balázs	SMS	Amir Makolli	STAT

## SEVENTH CANDIDATE

16:00	 <b>ESZTER BAKÓ</b> "Volatile organic compounds and essential oils: distribution in conifers and their applications in pain management" <b>Publications</b> Bakó, E. et al. (2024) Chemometric analysis of monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes of conifers. <i>J Frontiers in Plant Science, Q1, IF: 5.600</i>	Pharmacology		
	<b>Supervisor(s)</b> Andrea Böszörményi			
	Ingolf Cascorbi, Lajos Botz, Zoltán Zádori			
COMMITTEE	<b>OPP 1</b> István Baczkó	<b>OPP 2</b> Anikó Görbe	<b>SMS</b> Amir Makolli	<b>STAT</b> Bence Szabó

## EIGHTH CANDIDATE

17:00	 <b>DOROTTYA BASTIDAS-GERGŐ</b> "Assessment of efficacy and safety of natural products in evidence-based medicine" <b>Publications</b> Gergő, D. et al. (2025) Efficacy and Safety of L-Menthol During Gastrointestinal Endoscopy-A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Clinical Trials <i>J Clin Med, Q1, IF: 2.900</i> gergő, D. et al. (2025) Inhalng Peppermint Essential Oil as a Promising Complementary Therapy in the Treatment of Nausea and Vomiting <i>J Clin Med, Q1, IF: 2.900</i>	Pharmacology		
	<b>Supervisor(s)</b> Dezső Csupor, Attila Ványolos			
	Ingolf Cascorbi, Lajos Botz, Anikó Görbe			
COMMITTEE	<b>OPP 1</b> Zoltán Zádori	<b>OPP 2</b> István Baczkó	<b>SMS</b> Amir Makolli	<b>STAT</b> Bence Szabó



## WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 2025

**8:00**

Opening Speech

**Péter Hegyi**  
Director of the Centre for  
Translational Medicine



### FIRST CANDIDATE

**8:30**



**Supervisor(s)**  
Tamás Terebessy

**ORSOLYA ZSUZSANNA GRESITS**

Orthopedics

*"Functional effects of common cerebral palsy treatment methods"*

**Publications**

Gresits, OZS. Limited Evidence of Functional Benefit After Upper Limb Botulinum Toxin Treatment in Children With Cerebral Palsy: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

*Am J Phys Med Rehabil, Q1, 2.200*

**COMMITTEE**

Ling Qin, Imre Antal, Krisztián Sisák, Miklós Szendrői

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László Bucsi

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**STAT**

Boglárka Szentes

### SECOND CANDIDATE

**9:30**



**Supervisor(s)**  
Judit Réka Hethéssy

**LUCA HERGÁR**

Orthopedics

*"Translational key points between radiology, physical examination and hand surgery"*

**Publications**

Hergár, L. et al. (2024) No evidence for the superiority of 3 T MRI over 1.5 T MRI for diagnosing wrist ligamentous lesions: a systematic review and meta-analysis.

*Arthroscopy, D1, IF: 4.700*

Hergár, L. et al. (2024) Assessing the severity of carpal tunnel syndrome during physical examination by measuring two-point discrimination: Post-hoc analysis of prospectively collected data.

*Injury, Q1, IF: 2.500*

**COMMITTEE**

Ling Qin, László Bucsi, Krisztán Sisák, Imre Antal, Zsolt Molnár

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**OPP 2**

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### THIRD CANDIDATE

**11:00**



**Supervisor(s)**  
György Kocsis

**KRISZTIÁN BALÁZS KOVÁCS**

Orthopedics

*"Aspects of Orthopaedic Biomechanics"*

**Publications**

Kovács, KB. et al. (2023) Anisotropy, Anatomical Region, and Additional Variables Influence Young's Modulus of Bone: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.

*JBMR Plus, Q1, IF: 3.800*

Kovács, KB. et al. (2025) Acromioclavicular Reconstruction Using the Lockdown Technique: A Case Series and Systematic Review

*J Clin Med, Q1, IF: 2.900*

**COMMITTEE**

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Boglárka Szentes

#### FOURTH CANDIDATE

12:00



**Supervisor(s)**  
Gábor Skaliczki

#### VIKTOR WENINGER

*"Evidence-based strategies for optimizing shoulder treatment outcomes: from injections to antimicrobials"*

Orthopedics

##### Publications

Weninger, V. et al. (2024) Hyaluronate acid plus platelet-rich plasma is superior to steroids for pain relief less than 6 months using injection therapy of partial rotator cuff tears: A systematic review and network meta-analysis.

*Arthroscopy, D1, IF: 4.700*

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#### FIFTH CANDIDATE

14:00



**Supervisor(s)**  
András Bánvölgyi

#### ISTVÁN SZONDY

Dermatology

*"New frontiers in the prevention of sexually transmitted infections"*

##### Publications

Szondy I. et al. (2024) Doxycycline prophylaxis for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials.

*Int J Infect Dis, Q1, IF: 8.400*

Szondy, I. et al. (2025) Evaluating cross-protection: Meningococcal vaccines show effectiveness in gonorrhoea prevention - A systematic review and meta-analysis

*Vaccine, D1, IF: 4.500*

COMMITTEE

Carmen Cantisani, Rita Nagy, Gábor Varga

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Lajos Kemény

OPP 2

Roxana Nedelcu

SMS

Koorosh Karimi

STAT

Dániel Veres

#### SIXTH CANDIDATE

15:00



**Supervisor(s)**  
Péter Holló,  
András Bánvölgyi

#### NOÉMI ÁGNES VÁMOSI-GALAJDA

Dermatology

*"The effects of tumour necrosis factor inhibitors on cardiovascular risk in immune-mediated inflammatory diseases"*

##### Publications

Galajda, NÁ. et al. (2024) Reducing cardiovascular risk in immune-mediated inflammatory diseases: Tumour necrosis factor inhibitors compared to conventional therapies-A systematic review and meta-analysis.

*J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol, Q1, IF: 9.200*

Galajda, NÁ. et al. (2025) Evaluation of the risk of heart failure with tumour necrosis factor inhibitors: A large-scale meta-analysis in immune-mediated inflammatory diseases

*J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol, D1, IF: 8.500*

COMMITTEE

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Roxana Nedelcu

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Koorosh Karimi

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Dániel Veres

## SEVENTH CANDIDATE

16:00



### NOÉMI NÓRA VARGA

"Innovative multimodal imaging techniques in dermatology"

Dermatology

#### Publications

Varga, NN. et al. (2025) Diagnostic Accuracy of Novel Optical Imaging Techniques for Melanoma Detection: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

*Int J Dermatol, Q1, IF: 3.500*

#### Supervisor(s)

Norber Kiss,  
Mária Medvecz

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