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Foreword of the editor

Janos Kappelmayer was born in Debrecen, Hungary in 1960. In 1985 he received his medical degree from the University of Debrecen with "summa cum laude". After his residency program in clinical pathology, he obtained his board certification in 1989. He received a second board certification in laboratory hematology and immunology in 2003. He defended the PhD thesis in 1994 and D.Sc. degree in 2008. His scientific interest is in laboratory diagnostics, hematology, and thrombosis research. Since 2004, he is the director of the Institute of Laboratory Medicine at the University of Debrecen. He spent two postdoctoral years at The Sol Sherry Thrombosis Research Center, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia (1990-92) and one year at the Cardiovascular Biology Program, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation as a Greenberg Scholar (2001). Dr. Kappelmayer has several ongoing international research collaborations, e.g. with the Department of Medicine and Biochemistry at the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and the Cytometry Services Department of Hematology, University of Salamanca, Spain. He was the tutor of 4 graduated PhD students in the areas of flow cytometry, leukemia diagnostics and thrombosis research. He was invited speaker at several international meetings, e.g. Thrombosis research (ISTH, SSC meetings): Venice 2004, Oslo 2006; Flow cytometry: Odense 1999, Antalya 2010; Laboratory medicine: Belgrade 2003, Berlin 2011, Istanbul 2014. He published 143 original papers, 93 of them in highly ranked international journals. His cumulative impact factor is 290, with 1540 independent citations in the literature. In 2009-2011 he was the president of the Hungarian Society of Laboratory Medicine and a board member of the European Society of Clinical Cell Analysis (ESCCA). Since 2003, he is the treasurer of the Hungarian Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis.

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