

Foreword of the editor

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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 Department of Medical Biology at the University of Tromsø, Norway. He

was the tutor of five graduated PhD students in the areas of flow cytometry, leukemia diagnostics and thrombosis research. He was invited speaker at several international meetings, in the area of Thrombosis research: Venice 2004, Oslo 2006; Flow cytometry: Odense 1999, Antalya 2010; Laboratory medicine: Belgrade 2003, Berlin 2011, Istanbul 2014. He published 159 original papers, 102 of them in highly ranked international journals. His cumulative impact factor is 325, with over 2000 independent citations in the literature. In 2009-2011 he was the president, since 2015, he is the new president elect of the Hungarian Society of Laboratory Medicine and a board member of the European Society of Clinical Cell Analysis (ESCCA). Due to his excellent research, teaching, clinical service and management activities Dr. Kappelmayer enjoys the full trust of Hungarian laboratorians – including that of the editor-in-chief of this journal – to guest edit the special issue devoted to the 70 year old Hungarian Society of Laboratory Medicine.