

EVENT REPORT ON THE SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM OF THE PETŐ 130 JUBILEE EVENT SERIES

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On 24. November 2023, The András Pető Scientific and Professional Symposium was organized at the András Pető Faculty, officially connected to the Hungarian Science Festival series of events. The scientific symposium was opened by Ibolya Turi (PhD) the scientific deputy dean of the András Pető Faculty (PAK), who in her opening speech recalled the most important events related to the commemorative year, such as the opening of the András Pető Research Room and

the dedication of the Pető Memorial Wall. She also mentioned the publication of two new volumes about conductive pedagogy. Then Andrea Zsebe (PhD) the dean of the András Pető Faculty greeted the audience (see Figure 1). In her speech, the dean highlighted that Dr. András Pető considered it important to introduce his method to other rehabilitation specialists and to document everything precisely for the next generation of conductors and for further scientific use.

Figure 1: The opening speech of the dean of András Pető Faculty (source: Webpage of András Pető Faculty)



The first major topic of the The András Pető Scientific and Professional Symposium was related to the 12th annual 'it's Good to be good!' („Jónak lenni jó!”) charity fundraiser action supported by public media. The foundation's aim was the comprehensive development of the Semmelweis Development Support Centre, Hungary's largest media company was providing assistance in this matter. In connection with the charity campaign's goal, the speakers of the section drew the audience's attention to the significance of early screening, prevention and follow-up in their presentations.



In the second section, doctoral research in the fields of conductive pedagogy was presented. Erika Kolumbán, lecturer at András Pető Faculty, Center of Conductive Pedagogy PhD student of the Translational Doctoral Program, detailed the purpose of her research in her presentation entitled *The role and significance of respiratory task sequences in the development and improvement of the quality of life of people living with CP (cerebral palsy) analysis*, as well as the concept of preparing a protocol for the conductive professional community. Nóra Zimonyi, conductor, PhD student, spoke about the results of the study on executive function tests among children with CP and presented the conclusion of the meta-analysis carried out in this round. Márk Pulay gave a lecture on the joint

study with the Faculty of Health Sciences and the meta-analysis of international research collected on the subject in his presentation entitled *Possibilities of mechanical vibration therapy among children with CP*. The session ended with the presentation of doctoral candidate Dóra Lesztkó Mladoneczki's doctoral research on the comparison of the quality of life of adolescents living with cerebral palsy in different sociocultural areas.



The final section of the event was devoted to health awareness, health education, sports and recreation. Among the presentations, the author of this report would stress the last one, a film by Ádám Makk the head of the Unified Conductive Pedagogical Methodology Institute of the András Pető Faculty, who recently received the Fair Play Lifetime Achievement Award of the Hungarian Olympic Committee for the establishment of the wheelchair fencing club of the András Pető Faculty (PAK). He gave a presentation about *The Possibilities of Parasport through a Conductor's Eye*, since as a person living with cerebral palsy, she herself tries to live as active and fulfilling a life as possible. Sports opportunities are not only important in terms of health preservation in the lives of people living with cerebral palsy, but also because they can gain

recognition from their healthy peers through their remarkable achievements in sports. The film which was shown was a very touching document of these sports successes and recognitions.

All in all, the author believes that the organizers condignly commemorated Dr. András Pető's legacy by offering a very rich and varied program for interested professionals and researchers.