

Personal data:

At present I am professor emeritus at the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, University Medical School of Pécs, Hungary. In Würzburg at the Institut für Molekulare Infektionsbiologie I was hosted by Professor Jörg Hacker who is actually the president of Leopoldina Academy in Halle/Saale. From the present staff I have performed joint research with Dr. Gabriella Blum-Oehler. Our cooperation dates back over 30 years, and resulted in more than 20 joint publications, joint DAAD and EU level grants and two jointly organised international conferences in Pécs, Hungary. Several co-workers of mine spent years in Würzburg, and received a pivotal help to their PhD theses there. Beside the professional connections we always enjoyed a very amicable atmosphere in Würzburg.

My main research interest is the pathomechanism of infections by *Escherichia coli*, the bacterium described by Theodor Escherich, who started his medical career in Würzburg. Further microbes of my attendance are *Salmonella*, *Yersinia* and *Proteus*. As a university staff member I have also been involved in teaching medical microbiology, and have participated in the clinical microbiology service for the university hospitals in Pécs.

Title of my contribution:

Globalisation versus personalisation: my 45-year experience above their impact on medical microbiology