

PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATION AND DEGREES

- 2011 Ph.D.: Eötvös Loránd University (ELU), Biology PhD School, Ecology, Conservation Biology, Taxonomy PhD Program
- 2010 MSc in Regional and Environmental Economics (Corvinus University of Budapest; CUB)
- 2007 Bilingual Biology Teacher in English (ELU)
- 2006 MSc in Biology and certificated Biology Teacher (ELU)
Specialisation: Evolutionary biology, ecology and taxonomy

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)

Spanish (basic)

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND CURRENT RESEARCH

- local food systems (LFSs) and short food supply chains (SFSCs)
- the impact of LFSs and SFSCs on environment and climate change
- economics of biodiversity, the application of biodiversity indicators and models in the context of agricultural economics

AFFILIATIONS

- 2016- Research Fellow, (Institute of Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies)
- 2012-2015 Junior Research Fellow (Institute of Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- 2011-2012 Assistant professor (Dept. of Environmental Economics and Technology, CUB)
- 2010-2011 Research assistant (Dept. of Environmental Economics and Technology, CUB)
- 2008 Research assistant (Dept. of Plant Taxonomy and Ecology, ELU)

RESEARCH GRANTS/PROJECTS

The costs and benefits of local foods (Funding for research groups with internationally outstanding high impact results)

2018 – 2020. Research group member. Project leader: Imre Fertő
Supported by NKFIH

Low Input Farming and Territories. Integrating knowledge for improving ecosystem-based farming

2018 – 2021. Research group member. Project leader: Imre Fertő
Supported by EU H2020

Success or Waste of Taxpayers' Money? Impact of EU Rural Development Policies upon Hungarian NUTS3 Regions.

2016. Project leader.

Supported by CERGE-EI Foundation

Die Wirkung der Finanzkrise auf die Struktur der Nahrungsaufnahme in Österreich und Ungarn

2014-2015. Research group member. Project leader: Zoltán Bakucs

Supported by Osztrák-Magyar Akció Alapítvány (Stiftung Aktion Österreich-Ungarn)

Economic analysis of biological diversity.

2013 – 2016. Project leader.

Supported by Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA PD109177)

International comparisons of product chains in the agro-food sectors: determinants of their competitiveness and performance on EU and international markets – COMPETE

2012 – 2015. Research group member. Project leader: Imre Fertő

Supported by EU FP7

Rural Research 2012-2013 (MTA-MNVH)

2012 – 2013. Research group member. Project leader: Imre Fertő

Supported by the Hungarian National Rural Network (NAKVI)

Extreme-risk area of water resources for effective, sustainable alternatives to the medium and long-term treatment - WaterRisk.

2009 – 2011. Research group member. Project leader: Zsuzsanna Marjainé Szerényi.

Supported by the National Office of Research and Technology (NKTH).

EXPERT POSITIONS

2014 **UN-IPBES** (Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services). Deliverable 2b. „Scoping a set of regional/subregional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services”. Expert.

2014 - **UN-IPBES** (Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services). Deliverable 3c. „Policy support tools and methodologies for scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services based on a fast track assessment and a guide”. „Lead author” (Chapter 2.)

2013-2014 **Short Food Supply Chain Thematic Sub-programme** (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development) expert team member

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Corvinus University of Budapest, Dept. of Environmental Economics and Technology (2010-2012)

Courses: Environmental Economics (BSc, in Hungarian)

 Environmental Policy (MSc, in Hungarian)

 Environmental Economics and assessment of environment and cultural heritage (MSc, in English)

Eötvös Loránd University

Courses: Landscape and environmental management (MSc, in Hungarian Center for Environmental Studies, 2010-2012)

Biometry seminars (originally a compulsory course; within the mandatory-elective module after the launch of the Bologna process; Dept. of Plant Taxonomy and Ecology, 2006-2009)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2013.* CEU Summer School Grant: Adaptation Governance: Spatial, Temporal, and Cultural Constraints and Opportunities
- 2012 January* Corvinus Visiting Scholar (at COSBI - Centre for Computational and Systems Biology, University of Trento; Trento, Italy)
- 2009 Autumn* Erasmus scholarship (at NHH, Bergen, Norway)
- 2007* Grant of the Croatian Biological Society
- 2006-2009* Ph.D. State Scholarship
- 2005/2006* Republic Award