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Profile of the department

Department of Family and Occupational Medicine, University of Debrecen, Hungary

Regarding the number of students, University of Debrecen is the largest university in Hungary with 15 multidisciplinary Faculties (from law to agricultural, from economy to philosophy).

According to the new regulations, previously independent universities were merged in 2000.

The most traditional faculty was the theology, established in 1538. The medical Faculty was established in 1912, later on become Medical University; recently it is called Medical and Health Science Center.

Department of Family Medicine was established in 1992, founded and chaired by **Prof. István ILYÉS** who was replaced as a chairman by **Imre RURIK** in 2008. Recently the department has one more full-staff member (**Hajnalka MÁRTON**) and 3 part-time staff members (**Attila SIMAY**, **Eszter KOVÁCS**, **Zoltán JANCsó**) and 3 PhD students.

Traditionally the main research topics were: cardiovascular diseases, childhood and adult obesity, endocrinology, recently: mental health, emergency, sexual medicine & andrology, health services research.

The department has the largest GP tutorial and research network in Hungary.

The department took part **EU funded projects**; (RIGHT) in the topic of *health informatics*, SWEET -*pediatric diabetes* (www.sweet-project.eu), recently participates in APRES -*antibiotic-resistance* (www.nivel.nl/apres) and performed some own Hungarian and international projects.

Imre Rurik beside his chairmanship is a part time GP as well, member of the Hungarian Board of Family Medicine, and working group of Nutrition of the Hungarian Academy of Science. He is an executive board member in other Hungarian scientific organizations (Hungarian Societies of Nutrition, -Obesity, -Sexual Medicine, -Primary Care Research).

His international activity: Research Strategy Committee of the European General Practice Research Network, Primary Care Diabetes, European Academy of Nutritional Science. In 2011 he obtained the European Scope Fellowship. (Specialist Certification of the Obesity Professional Education Programme).

He is an editor in chief of Forum of Family Medicine (*Családorvosi Fórum*), and editorial board member of the Hungarian Medical Journal (*Orvosi Hetilap*) and other primary care journals.

The main **scientific research topics** are the same: nutrition, metabolic-related and cardiovascular diseases, andrology, aging male, health services research, occupational related diseases, pediatric endocrinology and pulmonology.

The **educational activity** of the department focuses to 3 target groups.

- undergraduate** teaching (in the 5th Academic year)

- residency** program

- CME** program for family physicians and occupational medicine specialist.