

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Pap Péter László

JOB APPLIED FOR
POSITION
PREFERRED JOB
STUDIES APPLIED FOR

Babeş-Bolyai University

WORK EXPERIENCE

Replace with dates (from - to)

2012 – present: professor, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania

2012 – 2020: associate professor, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania

2005 – 2012: senior lecturer, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania

2002 – 2005: assistant lecturer, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania

1998 – 2002: teacher assistant, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[Add separate entries for each course. Start from the most recent.]

Replace with dates (from - to) 2015 – defense of habilitation thesis at the Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Biology and Geology, Cluj Napoca, Romania (since 2016 I can supervise PhD students)

1998 – 2001: PhD Biodiversity, University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary, supervisor: Dr. Tibor Szep (PhD degree from 26th November 2005)

1993 – 1998: B.S. Biology, Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Biology and Geology, Cluj Napoca, Romania, specialization: Biology.

Fellowships

2018 – 6 months: Post-doctoral researcher, University of Colorado, USA

2013 – 2014: Post-doctoral researcher, University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary

2010 – 1 month research fellowship, University of Bath, UK; supervisor: Prof. Tamas Szekely

2006 – 2008: Post-doctoral researcher, University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary; supervisor: Prof. Zoltan Barta

2002 – 2 months research fellowship, Universite Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France; supervisor: Prof. Anders Pape Møller

2001 – 2 months research fellowship, Universite Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France; supervisor: Prof. Anders Pape Møller

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Grants

1. Title: Annual and spatial variation of immunocompetence and susceptibility to parasitism in the house sparrow: possible implication of cohabitation between wild birds and poultry disease transmission. Funded by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research; 40000 Euro; Period: 2006–2008; Contract number: CEEX ET_94/2006.
2. Title: Resistance and tolerance to parasitism as a mediator of avian life history: the role of oxidative stress and immune cell system. Funded by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research; 170000 Euro; Period: 2010–2013; Contract number: TE_291/2010.
3. Title: Integrating cooperation research across Europe (National coordinator of a FP6 international research project). Funded by the European Union; 13000 Euro for the Romanian partner; Period: 2007–2010; Contract number: 043318.
4. Title: The co-evolution of life history traits and measures of oxidative physiology (National coordinator of a bilateral project between Romania and Hungary). Funded by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research; 7000 Euro for the Romanian partner; Period: 2013–2014; Contract number: 679/2013.

Coordination of a research group

I started my academic career in 1998 at the Faculty of Biology and Geology of the Babes-Bolyai University from Cluj Napoca, Romania, and since then, with short interruptions during which I have been fellow researcher in different European universities and research centers, my research activity is based at this institute. I founded a research group, called 'Evolutionary Ecology Group', the main focus of which is on the field of ecophysiology, the study of the host–parasite interaction, microevolution and avian biology. In the research group activate a post-doctoral student, 4 PhD students and many undergraduate students. With the material support of several national (CEEX, TE and bilateral cooperation) and international (FP6) grants the fundaments of the infrastructure for research was established. For instance, we have several indoor and outdoor aviaries situated in the campus of our faculty, small cages (60) for housing birds and a

laboratory equipped for parasitological and physiological measurements. Several well established house sparrow and barn swallow populations are followed since 2011, which serve as a background for our studies on birds. More than 40 students were actively involved in the research activity of the group, among which 5 continued their academic career as PhD students and many more are working as field ecologists in various projects in Romania and abroad. The collaboration between the group leader and his students (Csongor I. Vagasi, Laura Patras, Orsolya Vincze and many others) resulted in prolific publication activity in peer-reviewed international journals (see the publication list of the group here:

<https://avianimmunoecology.wordpress.com/publications/>).

Organization of conferences and meetings

2019 – I was the organizer of the *11th Conference of the European Ornithologists' Union* congress, Cluj Napoca, Romania

2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 – Biology Days from Cluj Napoca (a local conference organized mainly for students)

2009 – Cooperation in Animal Societies, Cluj Napoca, Romania

2008 – Conflict and Cooperation in Animal Societies, Debrecen, Hungary

2007 – Behavioural Ecology Meeting, Cluj Napoca, Romania

Visibility of the scientific activity

(1) Oral presentations at international conferences

Pap, P.L. (2017). 'Birds of a feather flock together'. How feathers fulfill their functions in a diverse world? 11th Conference of the European Ornithologists' Union. Turku, Finland.

Pap, P.L. et al. (2015). Interspecific variation in the structural properties of flight feathers in birds. 10th Conference of the European Ornithologists' Union. Badajoz, Spain.

Pap, P.L. et al. (2012). Seasonality in coccidian parasitism and immune function in the house sparrow: natural covariation or just coincidence? 8th Conference of the European Ornithologists' Union. Riga, Latvia. (as an invited speaker)

Pap, P.L. et al. (2012) The evolution of constitutive immune defence in relation to life-history and parasitism in European birds. 12th European Ecological Federation Congress, Avila, Spain.

Pap, P.L. et al. (2010). Badge size and the immune function in male house sparrows during the annual cycle: coccidians enforce the honesty of a plumage ornament. 25th International Ornithological Congress. Campos do Jordao, Brasil.

Pap, P.L. et al. (2008). Diet quality affects post-nuptial molt and feather quality of the house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*): interaction with humoral immune function? 7th Conference of the European Ornithologists' Union. Vienna, Austria.

Pap, P.L. et al. (2005). Microhabitat preference, escape behavior and cues used by feather mites to avoid molting wing feathers: an experimental test. Winter Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour, London, UK.

Pap, P.L. (2005). Breeding time and sex specific health status in the barn swallow *Hirundo rustica*. 'Migration in the life-history of birds', European Science Foundation Conference on Optimality in Bird Migration, Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

(2) I was referee for the following international journals: Animal Behaviour, The Auk, Behavior Ecology and Sociobiology, Biological Journal of the Linnean Society, BMC Veterinary Research, Canadian Journal of Zoology, Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology, Evolutionary Ecology, Functional Ecology, Global Change Biology, Ibis, International Journal of Parasitology, Journal of Animal Ecology, Journal of Avian Biology, Journal of Experimental Biology, Journal of Zoology, Physiological and Biochemical Zoology, PlosOne, Polar Biology.

Community service

I am a member of the National Council for Attesting Titles, Diplomas and University Certificates (CNATDCU) of the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research since 2016. Besides supervising PhD and habilitation theses, among the others, this council develops national criteria for academics (i.e. for PhD and habilitation, academic career).

I organized many environmental activities for cleaning, education and protection of wildlife.

Teaching

For MSc students: Behavioural conservation biology (lectures and seminars), Methods in biological research (lectures)

For BSc students: Vertebrate zoology (lectures and labs), Ethology (lectures and seminars), Field practice in vertebrate zoology

Supervised students: In total 47 undergraduate and 16 MSc theses.

(3) List of publications

- Pap PL, Vágási CI, Bókony V, Péntes J, Szabó K, Magonyi NM, Cziráj GÁ, Vincze O. 2025. Phylogenetic relationships of immune function and oxidative physiology with sexual selection and parental effort in male and female birds. *Ecology and Evolution* 15 (3), e71119.
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- Pap PL, Vincze O, Vágási CI. 2024. Oxidative state is associated with migration distance, but not traits linked to flight energetics. *Journal of Avian Biology* e03325.
- Horváth G, Sos T, Bóné G, Lőrincz CE, Pap PL, Herczeg G. 2024. Integrating behavioural thermoregulatory strategy into the animal personality framework using the common lizard, *Zootoca vivipara* as a model. *Scientific Reports* 14: 14200.
- Minias P, Pap PL, Vincze O, Vágási CI. 2024. Correlated evolution of oxidative physiology and MHC-based immunosurveillance in birds. *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London B* 291: 20240686
- Hornok S, Kontschán J, Takács N, Pap PL, Sándor AD. 2024. First record of *Ixodes* (Scaphixodes) caledonicus in the Carpathian Basin and first time molecular-phylogenetic analysis of this tick species with updated host records and geographical range. *Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases* 15: 102280.
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