
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



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I am an electrophysiologist, neurophysiologist, pharmacologist, tissue engineer. My primary interest was the study of the behavior, physiology and pathophysiology of neuronal and cardiac systems. I worked on engineered biological systems to develop high-throughput functional pharmacological screening methods and also novel *in vitro* functional disease models. In the last 10 years I was teaching a very wide selection of courses at a local university in Szombathely, Hungary.

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Eötvös Lorand University Budapest, Hungary	B.S.	1984-1989	Physics, Biophysics
Eötvös Lorand University Budapest, Hungary	Dr. Univ..	1989-1992	Biophysics
University of Bristol		1992	3 months training
International School of Biophysics, Erice, Sicily		1995	Neurobiology Course
University of Pécs, Pécs, Hungary	Ph.D.	2009-2010	Neurobiology

Positions, Honors, and Activities.

Positions and Employment

- 1989 – 1992 Research Scientist, Richter Gedeon Co. Ltd., Dept. Biochemistry, Budapest, Hungary
1993 – 1995 Research Scientist, Project manager, ChinoIn Co. Ltd., CNS Pharmacology, Budapest, Hungary
1996 – 2000 Research Associate, Duke University Medical Ctr., Dept. Pharmacology, Durham, NC, USA
2000 – 2003 Postdoctoral Fellow, Clemson University, Dept. Bioengineering, Clemson, SC, USA
2003 – 2004 Research Assistant Professor, Clemson University, Dept. Bioengineering, Clemson, SC, USA
2004 – 2009 Assistant Professor, Nanoscience Technology and Biomolecular Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
2008 – 2010 Assistant Professor, University of West Hungary, Dept. Zoology, Hungary
2012 – 2014 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
2010 – 2017 Associate Professor, University of West Hungary, Dept. Zoology, Hungary
2017 - Associate Professor, ELTE, Savaria Campus, Dept. Biology

Selected Activities

- 1993 - 1995 Hungarian Neuroscience Society Member
1993 - 1995 ENA Member
1993 - 1995 ESN Member
1996 - 2001 New York Academy of Sciences Member

1997 - 2010 American Society for Neuroscience Member

Teaching activity:

tissue engineering
bioinstrumentation
neuroscience
toxicology
physiology
statistics
scientific writing
cell culture
cell biology
control biology
biophysics
bio informatics
biotechnology
computer simulations
micro photography

Selected Patents

WO9707116	Prolylendopeptidase inhibitors against neurodegenerative diseases, neuroprotection
WO9719934	Quinoxaline compounds inhibitors of glutamate receptor (NMDA glycine site), neuroprotection
US Patent 20,130,096,888	Model and Methods for Identifying Points of Action in Electrically Active Cells. J Hickman, P Molnar, F Sommerhage, J Hood, J Jenkins.
EP Patent 2,435,585	Methods of screening drugs for reversal of amyloid beta neurotoxicity. JJ Hickman, K Varghese, P Molnar
US9489474B2	Model and methods for identifying points of action in electrically active cells
US20160305927A1	Patterned cardiomyocyte culture on microelectrode array

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4. Tarnawa I., P. Molnár, L. Gaál, and F. Andrásí, "Inhibition of hippocampal field potentials by GYKI 52466 *in vitro* and *in vivo*," Acta Physiol. Hungarica 79:169-175 (1992)
5. Molnár P., L. Gaál, and Cs. Horváth, "The impairment of long-term potentiation in rats with medial septal lesion and its restoration by cognition enhancers," Neurobiology 2:255-266 (1994)
6. Maksay G., P. Molnár, and L. Gruber, "Common modes of action of g -butyrolactones and pentylenetetrazol on the convulsant and benzodiazepine sites and channel activity of the GABA receptor-ionophore complex," Eur. J. Pharmacol. - Mol. Pharmacol. Sect. 288:61-68 (1994)
7. Molnár P. and S.L. Erdő, "Vinpocetine is as potent as phenytoin in blocking voltage-gated sodium channels in rat cortical neurons," Eur. J. Pharmacol. 273:303-306 (1995)
8. Lakics V., P. Molnár, and S.L. Erdő, "Protection against veratridine toxicity in rat cortical neurons: relationship to sodium channel blockade," Neuroreport 7:89-92 (1995)

9. Maksay G., P. Molnár, and M. Simonyi, "Thermodinamics and kinetics of t-butylbicyclophosphorothionate binding differentiate convulsant and depressant barbiturate stereoisomers acting via GABA_A ionophores," Naunyn-Schmiedebergs Archives of Pharmacology 353:306-13 (1996)
10. Molnár P. and S.L. Erdő, "Differential effects of five glycine site antagonists on NMDA receptor desensitization," Eur. J. Pharmacol. 311:311-314 (1996)
11. Erdő S.L., P. Molnár, V. Lakics, J.Zs. Bence, and Zs. Tömösközi, "Vincamin and vincanol are potent blockers of voltage-gated Na channels," Eur. J. Pharmacol. 314:69-73 (1996)
12. Okazaki M., P. Molnar, and J. V. Nadler, "Recurrent mossy fiber pathway in the rat dentate gyrus: synaptic currents evoked in the presence and absence of seizure-induced growth," J. Neurophysiol. 81:1645-1660 (1999)
13. Molnar P. and J. V. Nadler, "Mossy fiber - granule cell synapses studied with whole cell patch clamp recording and laser photostimulation," J. Neurophysiol. 82:1883-1894 (1999)
14. Molnar P. and J. V. Nadler, "O-(CNB-caged) GABA selectively blocks inhibitory synaptic transmission in rat hippocampal slices," Eur. J. Pharmacol 391:255-262 (2000)
15. Molnar P. and J. V. Nadler, "Lack of effect of mossy fiber-released zinc on postsynaptic GABA_A receptors in the pilocarpine model of epilepsy," J. Neurophysiol. 85:1932-40 (2001)
16. Molnar P. and J. V. Nadler, "Synaptically-released zinc inhibits N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor activation at recurrent mossy fiber synapses," Brain Res. 910:205-207 (2001)
17. Feng L., P. Molnar, and J. V. Nadler: Short-Term Frequency-Dependent Plasticity at Recurrent Mossy Fiber Synapses of the Epileptic Brain. J. Neurosci. 23. 5381-5390 (2003)
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20. Das M., P. Molnar, C. Gregory, L. M. Riedel and J. J. Hickman: Long-term culture of embryonic rat cardiomyocytes on organosilane surface in serum-free media. Biomaterials, 25: 5643-47 (2004)
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Book chapters

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3. **Molnar P.**, and J. J. Hickman: Modeling of Action Potential Generation in NG108-15 Cells. In: 'Patch Clamp Methods and Protocols', Humana Press 'Methods in Molecular Biology' series: in press (2007)
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Professional Service:

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- Reviewer for Biosensors and Bioelectronics
- Editor: Patch Clamp Methods for Humana Press 2006
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