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Education

2016 Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Natural Sciences, MSc in Cognitive Science
2012-2016 Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Natural Sciences, BSc in Biology

Languages

English
German

Research experiences

2014 Student research assistant at the Institute of Experimental Medicine HAS, Laboratory of Thalamus Research, supervisor: Dr. László Acsády

Scientific Awards/ Scholarships

2017 Stephen W. Kuffler Research Scholarship
2017 Excellent Student Award, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Budapest University of Technology and Economics
2017 Scientific Scholarship of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Natural Sciences

- 2017 XXXIII Hungarian Scientific Conference and Competition for Students, Neurobiology section (2nd prize)
- 2017 Volunteer on the Brain Awareness Week
- 2016 Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Scientific Conference and Competition for Students, Cognitive Science section (3rd prize)
- 2016 Acknowledgement for Excellent Scientific Activities of the Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Natural Science
- 2016 Scientific Scholarship of the Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Natural Sciences
- 2016 Bolyai College Honorary membership
- 2015 Eötvös Loránd University, Scientific Conference and Competition for Students, Neurobiology section (1st prize)
- 2015 Bolyai College Special Award (best lecturer in Scientific Conference and Competition for Students)
- 2015 Spring School in Biology, Master course, Leányfalu
- 2011 Kitaibel Pál Competition in Biology and Conservation Biology for Students, participant
- 2010 Dobó Katalin Secondary Grammar School, Taxonomy Competition
- 2008 Hungarian Red Cross – Regional Infant-care Competition (3rd prize)
- 2007 Hungarian Red Cross – Regional First Aid Competition (2nd prize)

Conference attendance

Presentations

Investigation of motor afferents in the pontine reticular formation at light- and electronmicroscopic level (*Eötvös Conference 2017, Budapest*)

Emília Bósz, Viktor Plattner, László Acsády

Optogenetics – light controlled neurons (*3. Elevator Speech Festival in Life Sciences 2017, Budapest*)

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Motor afferents in the pontine reticular formation (*Bolyai College, Biologist Seminar, Special Award 2016, Budapest*)

Emília Bósz, Viktor Plattner, László Acsády

Control of glycinergic neuronal activity by motor cortex in the pontine reticular formation (*19th IEM Days 2015, Balatonfüred*)

Viktor Plattner, E. Bósz, H. Bokor, L. Acsády

Posters

Cortical control of the inhibitory pathway from the brainstem to the thalamus (Inhibition in the CNS, Gordon Research Conference 2017, Les Diablerets, Switzerland)

Viktor Plattner, Emília Bósz, Marco A Diana, László Acsády

Motor afferents in the pontine reticular formation (*HunDoc 2016, Budapest*)

Emília Bósz, Viktor Plattner, László Acsády

Role of an ascending inhibitory pathway – motor or arousal system? (*Bolyai Conference 2016, Budapest*)

Emília Bósz, Viktor Plattner, László Acsády

Research interest

I have joined the Laboratory for Thalamus Research of the Institute of Experimental Medicine in the second year of my BSc. As a student research assistant I have learned basic neuroanatomic methods, like immunohistochemistry, retrograde and anterograde tracing, light- and electronmicroscopy. Using these techniques I investigated the morphological properties of a cortico-brainstem connection. In the pontine reticular formation (PRF) of the brainstem there is an inhibitory cell population, which can cause behavioral arrest via the thalamus. This strong motor response is surprising given that the PRF has been implicated in arousal but not in motor control. I mapped the sources of the afferents of these inhibitory cells and found that they originate in higher order motor cortices and in deep cerebellar nuclei as well. These data suggest that the PRF could be involved not only in arousal but also in motor control.

In the future I am planning to acquire in vivo electrophysiological methods and learn to design basic behavior tasks to investigate the role of thalamus in motor functions. Next year's challenges for me are combining optogenetic manipulation, EEG/EMG recording with behavior studies.