

## The Hilfenhaus Award Conferred to Professor Farkas at the 2017 International Plasma Protein Congress in Prague

The 2017 Hilfenhaus Award was bestowed to Professor Henriette Farkas, MD, Ph.D., DSc, during the 2017 International Plasma Protein Congress for her work related to treating those suffering from Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) and working to improve treatments and patients' quality of life. She is a professor of allergology and clinical immunology at the Hungarian Angioedema Center at Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary.

Additionally, Prof. Farkas was the first person to start the treatment of HAE in Hungary. Her commitment earned her several awards and recognitions, e.g., the “Jendrassik Ernő” Medal and Award of Semmelweis University in 2005, the “L'Oréal-UNESCO Awards for Women in Science” in 2013 and the “For HAE Patients” Award of the International HAE Working Group in 2013. She is also member of many important bodies, such as the Committee of the Hungarian Allergology and Clinical Immunology Society, the Hungarian Professional College of Immunology & Allergology, the Medical Advisory Board of International Patient Organization for C1-Inhibitor Deficiencies, the International HAE Working Group, and the World Allergy Organization Steering Committee for Angioedema.

During the ceremony, Prof. Farkas gave a very clear overview of HAE, outlining the symptoms, the life-threatening consequences, the mechanism of activation of HAE, and different treatment options.

She then reported how access to care developed throughout the years in Hungary, evolving from a very stringent approach in the 1980s, to a mere hospital use in the following decade, and finally to self-administration in 2011. Prof. Farkas also presented the diverse activities carried out in the Hungarian Angioedema Center; it is the core of the regional HAE Network project, which aims at accelerating the proliferation of such centers in neighboring countries, as well as providing workshops and training courses. Finally, she presented some remarks on efficacy and safety of the therapy with plasma-derived C1-inhibitor, both in the short and in the long-term prophylaxis, specifically in pediatric and female patients. ●



Dr. Oliver Schmitt (CSL Behring and Chairman of the PPTA Europe Board of Directors) presents Prof. Henriette Farkas with the 2017 Hilfenhaus Award in Prague.

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