*Dear University Students!*

The COVID epidemic and world crisis have radically changed our lives and our thinking. We know well that every epidemics end psychologically before they end biologically*.*  According to many leading scientists the current pandemic may be a trial run before the soon-to-come epidemics with even more serious consequences. This underlines that health professionals must be prepared for any unexpected situation. It is thought-provoking that even a relatively small global investment of $5 per person to prevent future epidemics has not been materialised. However, we very much hope that this new academic year will be business as usual without the disruption by the wave of a new epidemic.

I am pleased to tell you that you will be able to study in a fully refurbished educational environment thanks to the substantial developments of our infrastructure in recent years. Our second building in Rókus street will be completed next month. Beyond the usual training of pharmacists our faculty will begin the training of biotechnologists this academic year. Our 110 pharmacy students (40 English language, 70 Hungarian language) and 30 biotechnology students will spend significant part of their university time at this brand new campus.

On behalf of the faculty, I thank your parents for supporting your studies, and you for choosing our university. Our goal is to justify this decision. From the feedback from our former graduates the pharmacists we train are highly regarded in the labor markets in this country and abroad. We are committed that you become valued and respected health professional in any of these fields of pharmaceutical science.

I wish you a lot of strength and perseverence for the forthcoming academic year, and a fulfilling life in Pécs! Some of the most formative years of your lives are beginning! Remember that you will only become a successful and recognized practitioner if you fully participate in your training with a positive attitude. Please take advantage of the wide ranging opportunities offered by the university and the city.

May your university years be the best investment with the greatest return in your life!