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The scientist of the year is Dr. Gábor Kemenesi!

Dr. Gábor Kemenesi, Associate Professor at the Institute of Biology of the Faculty of Sciences of the UP, colleague of the National Laboratory of Virology, was awarded the Scientific Journalists' Club of Hungary's Disseminating Scientist of the Year Award, which was presented on the occasion of the Hungarian Science Day at the headquarters of Regional Committee of Pécs of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences on 15th November. The club also contributed to the fame of the laureate with a special event: a small planet was named after Gábor Kemenesi.

The Science Disseminator of the Year Award, with a star, after the name of the recipient's celestial body, has been awarded annually since 1996 by the Science Journalists' Club, on the basis of a vote of its members, to the outstanding scientist who has made an outstanding contribution to science in his or her field of study and to science dissemination in the year in question. The award is given to the scientist who has done the most to promote science in the written and popular press.

Today, we are honouring exemplary people and initiatives who are at the forefront of science education and science popularisation in Hungary," said Brigitta M. Kocsis, Secretary General of the Science Journalists' Club. "In the missionary vision of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, our most important mission is to make science understandable to the public, to promote science, to mediate scientific results to society" - emphasized László Lénárd, President of the Regional Committee of Pécs of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, rector emeritus, in his welcoming speech, and then introduced the work of the award-winning Dr. Gábor Kemenesi "Junior Prima Prize winner, only 35 years old, already nationally known in connection with COVID-19, the most outstanding student and colleague of Professor Ferenc Jakab."