**ADDED VALUE IN 3D PRINTING**

The development of 3D printing technology has accelerated rapidly in the last decade, and the work of the research group established in 2015 and the 3D Printing and Visualisation Center established in 2016 has made the University of Pécs visible internationally. I talked to Péter Maróti dr., the professional head of the interdisciplinary research, education, and development center, about their activities, which are almost like a science fiction movie, and the challenges of the field.

How has the 3D Center evolved since it was founded?

The aim was to establish an interdisciplinary, innovative, multi-disciplinary technology that would support existing research and help to strengthen the links between the university and the market.

How diversified is the Center's current activity?

In line with the university's mission, there are three main pillars. One is education and the other is talent management.

"The third pillar, perhaps the most exciting and recent, is innovation and service-related activities."

How will 3D printing be integrated into the center?

It's an important manufacturing technology, and it's joined by complementary activities that are essential to complex design and manufacturing, and prototyping processes.

"The general trend in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and technology is to move towards custom solutions, and 3D printing is an excellent way to do that."

Our materials lab is also well equipped internationally. It supports scientific activities to a large extent and has significant internal and external service potential.

We aim to be an effective part of the university innovation chain in the medical, health, and engineering field, to help internal innovation, and to bridge the gap between industry and the university.