

**Curriculum Vitae (26 08 2020)**  
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**Position:** research associate professor at the above Institute since 1977

**Education:** MSc in biology (1977) and PhD in vegetation science (1996) at the Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, Hungary. Habilitation (2008) at the Szent István University, Gödöllő, Hungary

**Language skills:** English and German (medium level national exam C), French (high level national exam C); English used in negotiations and scientific discussion.

**Functions:**

Coordinator of the Hungarian Biodiversity Monitoring System

National Focal Point for the Global Terrestrial Observing System

Steering Committee member of the European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy

Advisory Group member to the EEA SOER2005 subreport “Halting biodiversity loss”

Member of the UNESCO MAB National Committee

Coordinator of BioStrat EU FP6 project

National contact for LifeWatch European Distributed Research e-Infrastructure

IPBES Expert Group member of scoping for “Land Degradation and Restoration” (task 3bi)

IPBES review editor of “Land Degradation and Restoration” (task 3bi)

IPBES member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) since 2017<sup>1</sup>

**Main interests and research activities:**

Based on phytosociological and vegetation research carried out after graduation focusing on rocky grassland communities, I have detected the degradation of natural habitats. At the late 1980s I turned my research interest to restoration ecology and carried out several projects aiming to find effective methods to restore degraded sand grasslands. In 1996 my

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ipbes.net/multidisciplinary-expert-panel>

international career started by participating in the development of the first Hungarian LTER site (Long-term Ecological Research Network) in collaboration with the US LTER network, resulting a joint US-Hungarian research project. My later experimental projects were carried out at the KisKun LTER site.

A long collaboration with the national nature conservation and science-policy interactions started in 1997, when I became the coordinator of the Hungarian Biodiversity Monitoring System and assisted in the launch of activities, hosted by the Ministry for Environment and Rural Development. For eight years the governance of the System was led by me, and resulted in a continuous national biodiversity monitoring and building of the database<sup>2</sup>. My experience in the science-policy interface expanded to the international arena when I coordinated the BioStrat EU FP6 project of 34 partners with the task of developing the European biodiversity research strategy. The biodiversity knowledge project<sup>3</sup> developed on the basis of BioStrat and aimed to help all societal actors in the field of biodiversity and ecosystem services to make better informed decisions. I was the coordinator at national level. I am member of the Steering Committee of the European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy<sup>4</sup> (EPBRS). Being the chair of the official Presidency Meeting: Conference of the EPBRS, Research Priorities to Sustain Ecosystem Services (27-30 April 2011, Budapest) greatly contributed to my experience related to biodiversity and ecosystem services sciences-policy interface.

I was member of the scoping team for IPBES Land Degradation and Restoration assessment, and later became one of the review editors. I was approved as a replacement for ECA region in the MEP during the IPBES 5 Plenary and since I am working as a MEP member. I have been re-elected for the second term as MEP member representing the Eastern European States.

### **Social and organizational skills:**

Good ability to communicate, organize and work together with researchers from different countries and students was developed during the last 25-30 years of project participation, coordinating, chairing of sessions, organizing international conferences and PhD tutoring. Two students successfully graduated in 2019. Presently I have two PhD students from overseas (Brazil, Ecuador).

### **Selected recent papers of Katalin Török**

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3. Reis, B. P., Kövendi- Jakó, A., Szitár, K., **Török, K.**, & Halassy, M. (2020) Long-term effect of mowing on the restoration of Pannonian sand grassland to replace invasive black locust plantation. *RESTORATION ECOLOGY*. (in press)

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<sup>2</sup> [www.termeszetvedelem.hu/nbmr](http://www.termeszetvedelem.hu/nbmr)

<sup>3</sup> [www.biodiversityknowledge.eu](http://www.biodiversityknowledge.eu)

<sup>4</sup> [www.epbrs.org](http://www.epbrs.org)

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10. **Török K**, Csecserits A, Somodi I, Kövendi-Jakó A, Halász K, Rédei T, Halassy M (2017) Restoration prioritization for industrial area applying Multiple Potential Natural Vegetation modelling. *Restoration Ecology*, Online first <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/rec.12584>
11. Peti E, Schellenberger J, Németh G, Málnási Csizmadia G, Oláh I, **Török K**, Czóbel Sz, Baktay B (2017) Presentation of the HUSEEDwild – a seed weight and germination database of the Pannonian flora – through analysing life forms and social behaviour types. *Applied Ecology and Environmental Research* 15:(1) pp. 225-244.
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