

Gyongyi's Story...

Gyongyi Szabo, MD, PhD, is Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. In her institutional role as Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Director of the MD/PhD program, Gyongyi leads programs in all aspects of clinical and translational science training and professional development. Gyongyi received her MD from the University Medical School of Debrecen, Hungary, and her PhD from the National Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary. She completed her internal medicine residency and gastroenterology fellowship training at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Gyongyi's research investigates the cellular and molecular mechanisms of immunity and inflammation in the liver including alcoholic and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and viral hepatitis infection. She has had uninterrupted NIH funding since 1989 and her current support includes an NIH merit award. She is an internationally recognized leader in the field of liver immunology and has been organizer and invited speaker at numerous international and national conferences and has published papers in high-ranking journals in the field of liver research.



Gyongyi is a national and international leader in the American Association for Studies in Liver Diseases (AASLD). She was elected to be Councilor and member of the Governing Board of the AASLD (2010-2015), and she will serve as President in 2015. She is Associate Editor of *Hepatology* and served as member of Liver Action Plan and the National Commission for Digestive Diseases for the NIDDK. She has received the distinction of a Doctor Honoris Causa from the Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary. She is a member of

the National Advisory Board for the NIAAA, and serves as member of the Advisory Boards for the American Beverage Medical Foundation and the Alpha-1 Foundation.

In Gyongyi's own words:

The one word I would use to describe my ELAM experience is empowering. ELAM opened both physical and virtual doors for me in many ways. With the help of the

"homework" assignments to interview senior leadership, I became recognized by all of the leaders at my home institution.

Through my time in ELAM, I learned that I am not genuinely funny, so I better not try! It really is okay just to be myself.

"The prestige of the ELAM program increased my image and recognition at the national level."

The ELAM network is a fantastic resource for all professional and leadership dilemmas. Some examples are job search, hiring processes, preparation for an interview, negotiations for new positions, trouble shooting of existing institutional conflicts, and strategic planning. Most importantly, there is the invaluable human resource of our learning communities where no problem goes unresolved.

ELAM is a special and invaluable program for women leaders. I give to ELAM because I feel strongly that we should nurture our relationship with ELAM and the ELUMs.

I hope that my contribution to ELAM will provide a basis for continued education for ELUMs in leadership and give a framework to help maintaining our valuable ELUM relationships.

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