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Zsolt Szépfalusi graduated at the Medical University of Vienna, worked as research fellow at Harry Pearlman Research Institute, Miami Beach (USA), followed an immunology training at the Institute of Pathophysiology in Vienna and finally moved to the Dpt. of Pediatrics, where he still is working. He was vice Head of the Department of the Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the Medical University of Vienna and was running a Research Professorship in Pediatric Allergology and Pneumology. He runs clinical studies in pediatric lung transplantation, cystic fibrosis and allergy prevention. His particular research area is devoted to early mechanisms in the development of allergic sensitization, encompassing the prenatal/perinatal period, which should lead to the development of new preventive immunotherapy strategies. Here, the role of dendritic cells and of regulatory cells are his major research focus. Zsolt Szépfalusi heads a large research group, members of which having received research fellowships in Harvard Medical School and the Swiss Institute of Allergy Research in Davos. He is peer reviewer in Allergy, Clinical and Exp. Allergy, J Allergy Clin Immunol, Int Arch of Allergy, Ped Allergy and Immunol, Pediatrics, BMJ, Allergologie among others. He is author of 70 publications in mostly top journals in the field of allergy, immunology and pediatrics. He is participating in many EC projects (REDALL, ALLERGEST, EUROPREVALL, GALEN, GLOFAL) and received numerous national and international fundings.