In 2003 a new branch of the lan Donald School was established in Hungary, where obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound examinations have a long history.

The Hungarian Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, established in 1992 organizes four postgraduate courses every year, with an average of 100 participants, and holds the Society’s National Congress every 2 years for almost 1000 registered participants. Dr. Z. Papp accepted the request to organize the Hungarian Branch of the lan Donald School. This resource is available not only to Hungarians, but also to other Central and Eastern European practitioners. For the first course (November 23-24, 2003) an outstanding and varied program was selected to provide up to the minute information on a number of pertinent topics. The course was held under the supervision of his university department (I. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary) and with his leadership. The venue of the course was the lecture hall of his department (Baross u. 27, Budapest, H-1088).

The dates of the next courses:
Second course: Budapest, 21-22 November 2004
Third course: Budapest, 19-20 November 2005
Fourth course: Budapest, 2-3 December 2006
Fifth course: Budapest, 24-25 November 2007
Sixth course: Budapest, 13 December 2008
Seventh course: Budapest, 12 December 2009
Eighth course: Budapest, 11 December 2010
Ninth course: Budapest, 10 December 2011
Tenth course: Budapest, 14 December 2012

The courses have been intended for general gynecologists and residents and fellow, radiologists, family practice physicians, genetic counselors, ultrasound technicians, perinatal nurses and other health professionals who desire an update on new developments in the field of ultrasound in obstetrics and gynecology.

**General objectives of the courses are:**
State-of-the-art OB/GYN ultrasound in clinical practice
Applications of ultrasound in early pregnancy
Current ultrasound evaluation of fetal anomalies and fetal well being
The expanding role of 3D/4D ultrasound in OB/GYN diagnosis
Applications of pelvic ultrasound in evaluation of gynecologic patients
Current ultrasound evaluation of pelvic masses
Ethical challenges in ultrasound diagnosis and patient counseling.
Dr. Papp was born in Mezőkövesd, Hungary. He graduated from the Debrecen University Medical School in 1966, where he specialized in obstetrics and gynecology in 1970 and in clinical genetics in 1979. His main scientific interest is prenatal diagnosis. He spent years of fellowships in Edinburgh and Oxford to study genetic counseling, prenatal diagnosis, ultrasound, and molecular genetics. He introduced prenatal karyotyping from amniotic fluid in Europe in 1969. Professor Papp was appointed director of the I. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Semmelweis University, Budapest, in 1990. As the head of the leading department of obstetrics and gynecology in Hungary, he practices obstetrics, prenatal genetics, gynecological and oncological care, organizes research and graduate/postgraduate medical education. He has published over 900 peer-reviewed papers in prestigious journals. He is author of several books, including the Atlas of Fetal Diagnosis and Textbook of Medical Genetics in English and the Textbook of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Clinical Genetics, which are official textbooks for medical students in Hungary.

Dr. Papp is a member of the German Academy of Natural Scientists Leopoldina, the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences, the International Academy of Perinatal Medicine, the World Academy of Art and Science and Honorary Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. His most important leadership positions are in the Committee for Scientific Ethics of the Hungarian Health Scientific Council (Chairman), Hungarian College of Ob/Gyn (Past President), Hungarian College of Human Genetics (Board Membership), Hungarian Society of Psychosomatics in Ob/Gyn (Founding and Present President), Hungarian Society of Ultrasound in Ob/Gyn (Founding and Honorary President), Hungarian Society of Assisted Reproduction (Founding and Past President). He is presently the President of the National Health Council in Hungary.