

**DRUŠTVO
MEDICINSKIH
BIOHEMIČARA
SRBIJE**

**SOCIETY OF
MEDICAL
BIOCHEMISTS
OF SERBIA**



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The Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia (former Yugoslavia – YuSMB) was established in 1955, although medical biochemists (clinical chemists) of Serbia had already joined together in professional associations after the World War II. Even before 1950, the Pharmaceutical Society of Serbia hosted laboratory experts, among whom the most active were Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Damanski in Bromatology, Prof. Dr. Momčilo Mokranjac in Toxicology and Assistant Professor Dr. Pavle Trpinac in Biochemistry. Firstly, the Section for Sanitary Chemistry, combining medical biochemists, sanitary chemists and toxicologists, was founded on January 1st, 1951. Later on this Section grew to become the Serbian Section for Medical Biochemistry, the first President of which was Dr. Pavle Trpinac.

In May 1971, the Society of Medical Biochemists of Yugoslavia became the 28th member of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC). At that time the president of YuSMB was Tatjana Plečaš-Drljača, Serbian medical biochemist. The Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia is also a member of European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFCC) and the regional Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation (BCLF) organization.

In 2010 the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia celebrated 55 years of its existence and work, that as member of IFCC and EFCC serving and supporting Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine both in Serbia and globally.

The purpose of the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia (SMBS) is to engage all medical biochemists in development and improvement of all the branches of medical biochemistry in health service. Its

tasks are the following: to standardize operations in clinical-biochemical laboratories, the education of young biochemists on all levels, to encourage scientific research, to set up of working standards, and to implement ethics codes and monitor the compliance of health workers. The SMBS is also involved in promoting systemized standards in the field of medical biochemistry, with the relevant republican institutions and in facilitating exchange of experiences between its members with the members of affiliate associations at home and abroad.

In 2006 the Society was renamed to the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia (SMBS). The Society is run by the Executive Board and the Assembly and acts through various committees for: science, education, congress activity, standardization, organization and technology of laboratory services, quality control, as well as quality management and accreditation, cooperation with industry, history of medical biochemistry and clinical chemistry, award committee, ethics committee, and committee for cooperation with IFCC, EFCC, BCLF, and related organization in country and abroad.

The Society of Medical Biochemists has a wide net of regular members, associate members and student members (over 700). There is a growing tendency for other experts from related natural and medical disciplines to become members as well. As a member of all international expert and scientific organizations for clinical chemistry and related disciplines, i.e. laboratory medicine (International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, IFCC; European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, EFCC; and Balkan Federation of Clinical Laboratory, BCLF) the Society is involved in cooperation on an international scale.

Medical Biochemists of Serbia organized two congresses of Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation, the Fourth Congress in 1996 in Budva and the 11th Congress in 2003 in Belgrade. Plenary lectures presented at both congresses are published in the monograph *Advances in Laboratory Medicine (YuSMB, 1996.)* and »Yugoslav Medical Biochemistry«, Volume 23(3), 2004.

Since now the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia organized seventeen congresses. For the occasion of the 55th Anniversary, the Society organized the 6th EFCC Symposium for Balkan region and XVIIth Congress of Medical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (Belgrade, October 2010) with important participants from IFCC, EFCC and BCLF.

The Society established the »Professor Ivan Berkes« Scientific Conference, devoted to the founder of Medical Biochemistry and clinical chemistry in Yugoslavia and Serbia, which takes place in Belgrade every year (twelve scientific conferences have been organized so far). On the occasion of this Conference, the Society awards a prize to the most successful graduated students of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

The members of the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia actively participate

in all IFCC and other relevant Congresses and Conferences in the field of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. This participation promotes the implementation of standard procedures for diagnosis, forming of protocol and implementing uniform organization in all laboratories in the country.

The Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia founded two Fund on behalf of Professor Ivan Berkeš and Magistra Milica Marković. During the scientific and professional conferences organized each year the Society awarded the best students of the Pharmaceutical Faculty and clinical chemists, Society members.

The Society has Centre for Continuing Medical Education who organized education for medical and clinical chemists in Serbia.

Ethics Committee take care of personal and professional ethics or codes of behaviour of the Society members.

The Awards Committee Recognizes an individual or organization who has made outstanding contributions to the Society and promoting Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in Serbia and globally.

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