

IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR STOYAN DANEV (1932-2022)

Professor Stoyan Danev was born 1932 in Sofia, Bulgaria. He finished Medical Faculty in Sofia and has been specialist in Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Laboratory Medicine. He has been Professor and Chairman of Clinical Laboratory of Medical Academy in Sofia. His main field of interest have been clinical enzymology, automation in clinical chemistry and enzymology, immunochemistry, modern management and teaching of clinical laboratory and accreditation and good laboratory practice.

Professor Danev has been secretary and president of Bulgarian Clinical Laboratory Society, founding member of International Society of Clinical Enzymology and member of New York Academy of Science, and Association of UK Clinical Biochemists. He was member of Editorial Board of many international Journals. He wrote numbers of monograph and handbooks. He got a few awards: Medals »Zname na truda« and »100 years Bulgarian Medicine« and Plaque »80 years Medical Faculty-Sofia«. From the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia he got Honorary Diploma for promoting Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation and globally (2012).

Professor Stoyan Danev founding the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation and has been the first President of the BCLF (1993–1996).

The Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation (BCLF) as a regional organization includes all Balkan countries, i.e. Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Turkey and Greece that are also EFLM and IFCC members.

The idea of founding the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation occurred to us during the farewell party of the IFCC Clinical Laboratory Management Course in May 1992 in Sofia. The ideas of Professor Danev (Sofia), Professor Terzioglu (Smyrna), Dr Jullien (Athens), Dr Buzo (Tirana), Professor Shipkov (Sofia) and Assistant Professor

Tzontcheva (Sofia) were refined by our brilliant visiting IFCC lecturer Professor P. Broughton. After roughly on year of lively correspondence between Sofia, Birmingham, Athens, Istanbul, Smyrna, Skopje and Bucharest the Inaugural Meeting of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation has been organized in Sofia Centre of Hygiene by Professor J. Todorov, Honorary President and Founder of Bulgarian Clinical Laboratory Medicine. An important consequence of the Meeting was the Foundation of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation, with the basic purpose to enhance cooperation between all societies and individuals in the Balkan area. An Executive Board was elected with Professor Stoyan Danev as President, Assistant Professor K. Tzachev as Secretary and with Professor Terzioglu, Professor Dzekova, Dr Jullien, Professor Shipkov, Professor Tzvetanova, Professor Tzontcheva and Dr Buzo as members to guide the establishment of the Federation which will do its best to forge productive links with IFCC, FESCC and other international bodies.

In September 16–19, 1993 in Florence the representatives from Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria strongly supported the idea of BCLF organization and had useful talks with Professor Gerard Siest, IFCC President and other IFCC members on future objectives and activities of our Federation during the first National Meeting of the North Macedonian Delegation of Balkan countries with colleagues from Yugoslavia at the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Society of Medical Biochemists of Yugoslavia (Belgrade, May 1995).

Clinical Biochemists in Ohrid in 1993 the same idea was instigated by Professors Gruev, Hrisoho, Dzhekova, Traikovska, Dimitrov, etc. In 1995 the during the 40 Years Anniversary of the Serbian Society chaired by Professor Majkić-Singh and attended by representatives from Romania (Professor Cojoiaru) and Bulgaria (Professors S. Danev, T. Shipkov and K. Tzachev) gave full support to the founding of BCLF.



Members of BCLF Board (Belgrade; 2003).



Delegation of Balkan countries with colleagues from Yugoslavia at the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Society of Medical Biochemists of Yugoslavia (Belgrade, May 1995).



Professor Stoyan Danev, BCLF President Greetings to the participants (Belgrade, May 2005).

This early period enhanced the INTEGRATION into IFCC, which had a most successful start during the IFCC Meeting in Leipzig 1995, when Albania, Greece and North Macedonia became regular IFCC members, followed in 1996 by Turkey and Romania. We owe this great victory to the efforts of Professor Gerard Siest and his IFCC board. The Leipzig event was a grand day for BCLF and especially for its Yugoslav and Bulgarian members. It opened the doors to further initiatives of euro integration. In 1996 BCLF became Associate Member of IFCC, FESCC and ECLM. Special tribute should be given to the companies sponsoring the trips of BCLF members to numerous sites that helped to consolidate BCLF members, to establish new links of friendship by overcoming existing social and geographic differences.

As a regional organization, BCLF gathers all clinical chemists from the Balkan Region with the aim of improving clinical laboratory practice in each of the Balkan countries, as a result of new medical discoveries, new technologies, and changes in the organization and in the process of laboratory support of clinical activities. To achieve this aim, BCLF will work on the basis of the strategic plan as follows: to promote Member activities, to develop and maintain BCLF communications between countries inside the region



1995 Meeting-Leipzig: Happy Victory for BCLF (Professor Stoyan Danev and Professor Nada Majkić-Singh).

and outside towards EFCC and IFCC, to create own BCLF journal or use some well-established national journal for publication activities, to promote BCLF through national, regional and international congresses, to organize teaching courses and joint seminars with IFCC, FESCC, WHO and other institutions, to encourage the professional development of individuals and regional working groups in National Societies and maintain the activities in standardization and research activities oriented towards the patient and towards the health of individuals, to establish collaboration, joint meetings and projects inside the Balkan countries and outside with international organizations having interest in the clinical laboratory. On the basis of the conclusions reached at the FESCC Symposium for Balkan Region (Belgrade, June 2005) the Societies from Balkan countries will work on the improvement of the education and training programs in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine, organization, quality management and accreditation (ISO,

CEN standards), external quality assessment programs, laboratory information systems, to establish the reference laboratories, and laboratories for specialized investigations (DNA methods, trace elements, tumor markers, etc.) in the Balkan countries, the interest of the BCLF member countries lies in the investigations of the specific geographic pathology of the Balkan Region (hereditary nervous, neuromuscular, hematological and other diseases, endemic Balkan nephropathy, arteriosclerosis, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus, etc. as the most frequent diseases in the region for the improvement of patient care through laboratory medicine.

See addition: BCLF - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
(Professor Stoyan Danev, Bulgaria)

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