



BELGIUM 1958

RBSLM

The Royal Belgian Society of Laboratory Medicine

The development of clinical chemistry in the 1950s led a group of Belgian laboratory directors and university professors to form a scientific society dedicated to this emerging discipline. The statutes of the Belgian Society of Clinical Chemistry (BSCC), a national bilingual association (Belgische Vereniging voor Klinische Chemie, BVKC / Société Belge de Chimie Clinique, SBCC) were published in 1958 and Prof. R. Ruysen, from the University of Gent, was its first President. The young Society rapidly became an IFCC member and, after actualization of the statutes in 1979, the SBCC continued to grow to gather more than 300 members, mainly pharmacists and medical doctors specialized in clinical chemistry.

In 2008, for its 50th anniversary, the BSCC was recognized as a "Royal" society by the Belgian authorities and its denomination officially changed to "Royal Belgian Society of Clinical Chemistry (RBSCC)". In 2014, after many years of collaboration- for example, organization of joint scientific meetings and congresses- the decision was taken of merging the RBSCC and the Belgian Society of Clinical Biology (BSCB), the other scientific Society in the field of Clinical Biology in the country, to form a new association, the Royal Belgian Society of Laboratory Medicine (RBSLM). With more than 500 members, the RBSLM represents all areas of Clinical Biology, including clinical chemistry, hematology, immunology and microbiology.

The main goal of the RBSLM is to continuously improve the scientific, technical, clinical, economic and ethical aspects of laboratory medicine. The Society also aims at keeping the members informed on the last developments of the profession through education programs and scientific meetings, and also by publishing scientific papers and practical guidelines in its official journal, Acta Clinica Belgica (Int J Clin Lab Med). Members may also get special rates for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM) and Clinica Chimica Acta (CCA), official journals of EFLM and IFCC, respectively.

Scientific societies as RBSCC and BSCC could only exist and function during such a long period of time by means of numerous persons who have given their time and expertise voluntarily. Past-Presidents of RBSCC have played a major role in shaping laboratory medicine on the international level. Prof. V. Blaton was co-founder and first President of EFLM in 2007. Prof. J. Delanghe is editor-in-chief of CCA. Many other past and present

executive board members of the Society are actively involved in scientific working groups of IFCC and EFLM and the editorial boards of CCA and CCLM. There is no doubt that the continuous efforts of the members will also guarantee the success of the new Royal Belgian Society of Laboratory Medicine in the future.



Prof. R. Ruysen (1901-1979)
1st President BVKC-SBCC
Member Board IFCC (1963-1967)



Prof. V. Blaton



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EDITORIAAL

Waarde lezers,

De redactie hoopt dat met dit tweede nummer van « Newsletter », de definitieve koers als mededelingsblad bepaald is. Het eerste nummer was niet alleen een eenvoudige uitgave onder de vorm van een gestencild blad maar was tevens bedoeld als proefexemplaar. De eerste uitgave droeg dan ook onvermijdelijk tekenen van onvolwassenheid. We vragen onze lezers hiervoor begrip. Nochtans hopen we dat de bedoeling van de eerste artikels over SI eenheden duidelijk is overgekomen en dat iedereen werd ingelicht over de bepalingen die inzake SI reeds gepubliceerd zijn in het raam van de Europese Gemeenschap.

EDITORIAL

Cher lecteur,

La rédaction des « Newsletters » espère qu'avec ce deuxième numéro, l'orientation définitive de notre bulletin d'information est prise. Le premier numéro n'était pas seulement une simple édition sous la forme d'un journal stencilé, mais en même temps une expérience, une recherche de la formule la plus appropriée. Le premier exemplaire manquait inévitablement de maturité. Nous prions nos lecteurs de nous en excuser. Nous espérons néanmoins que le but de notre première série d'articles sur les unités SI a été atteint et que, finalement, chacun a été mis au courant des dispositions publiées dans le cadre de la Communauté Européenne.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC SESSION

25th ANNIVERSARY of the BELGIAN SOCIETY for CLINICAL CHEMISTRY

Thursday October 20, 1983 at 8 p.m.
Gothic Room of the City Hall

A keynote address will be given by

Dr. E.F. NEUFELD,
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda.

A chamber music concert and a reception will close the evening.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Ladies Program

A ladies program is available including a special visit to the City of Brugge.

A Reception and a Chamber Music Concert

will be held in the Gothic Room of the City Hall on Thursday October 20, 1983 at 9 p.m. after the Academic Session.

Banquet

A banquet will be held on Friday October 21, 1983 at 8 p.m. in the Gothic Hall of the St.-Janshospitaal, Mariestraat 38, Brugge.

Exhibition

An exhibition of scientific apparatus, laboratory reagents, pharmaceutical products and scientific books will be held in the conference building from October 20, 9 a.m. to October 22, 12 a.m.

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The Organizing Committee also wishes to thank the supporting, advertising and exhibiting companies for the support they offered to the Symposium and the Academic Session.