The Croatian Society of Medical Biochemists (CSMB) was founded in 1953 as a voluntary and non-profit professional association of medical biochemists. Until 1988, CSMB had been part of the Croatian Pharmaceutical Society and afterwards became an autonomous association. In 2012, it changed its name to the Croatian Society of Medical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CSMBLM), in line with the current trends within the profession and with the recommendations of European and global professional associations. Today, we have around 630 members, masters in medical biochemistry, specialists, masters or doctors of science, assistant professors and professors involved in the healthcare system, research, education or commerce.

Clinical chemistry has been a separate professional field in Croatia since 1937 when the first medical biochemistry laboratory was founded as an independent unit at the Clinical Hospital Merkur in Zagreb by Professor Ibrahim Ruždić. The starting point in the undergraduate education of clinical chemists was the introduction of clinical chemistry as a subject into the academic curriculum of the study program of pharmacy in 1946 by Professor Marijana Fišer Herman.

CSMBLM has always been active in international collaborations, so it organized 6th Alpe-Adria congress of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine in Opatija (2000) and General assembly of IFCC in Dubrovnik (2001). Starting with 2001, CSMBLM has launched Continuing Postgraduate Courses in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine under the auspices of EFLM. As additional proof of international recognition of our members, many of our members are full or corresponding members within different working groups and committees in IFCC and EFLM.

A significant task, regularly carried out by CSMBLM since 1970, is the external assessment of the performance quality of all medical biochemistry laboratories in the Republic of Croatia. The external evaluation programs are updated and continually expanded according to the needs of the profession and in line with the European organizations for external quality assessment (EQAL). Assessment results are the basis for the rating of medical laboratories carried out by the Croatian Chamber of Medical Biochemists. CSMBLM publishes a scientific journal.
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