RSPSSLM History of Russian Scientifically-practical society of specialists in Laboratory Medicine

Russian Scientifically-practical society of specialists in Laboratory Medicine (RSPSSLM) was founded in 1947. The first name of RSPSSLM was "All-Union Society of laboratory physicians". Professor E.A.Kost (1947 - 1966), professor A.S. Petrova (1966-1983), professor B.F.Korovkin (1983-1995) and professor V. V. Menshikov (1995 - 2014) were chairmen of the Society. The main task of the society was consolidation of specialists of the medical laboratories working at the extensive territory of the Soviet Union and Russian Federation in nowadays. Members of the society prepared guidelines, standards and legislative documents that were evaluated by Ministry of Health Care of Russian Federation for using by specialists in Laboratory Medicine. The main divisions supervised by Russian Society of Clinical Laboratory diagnostics are clinical biochemistry, laboratory hematology, microscopic researches, cytology, coagulation, laboratory immunology, molecular biology and genetics, isoserology, microbiology, parasitology.

During last 20 years RSPSSLM worked on development of Russian Laboratory Medicine under leadership of Professor Vadim Menshikov in sphere of:
- Implementation of metrological rules of utilization International System of Units of Quantities,
- Development of measurement procedures for some quantities commonly used in laboratory medicine,
- Establishment of Quality System in Russian Laboratory Medicine,
- Development of control and reference materials,
- Harmonization of 30 international standards and recommendations from ISO and CEN with National Standards of Russian Federation,
- Development of 15 National guidelines for clinical laboratories related to the ISO 15189,
- Improvement of Quality of Clinical Laboratory diagnostics in Russian Federation according International Standardization.

There are 63 territorial offices of RSPSSLM which conduct active organizational, educational and methodical work in Laboratory Medicine. Society constantly supports and develops activity of the Federal System of an External Assessment of Quality (FSVOK) of laboratory investigations in Russian Federation. FSVOK was created in Russia in 1995. FSVOK activity is consolidated with many international systems of EQA. Russian Scientifically-practical society of specialists in Laboratory Medicine constantly interact with the international professional organizations. Foreign Affairs are priority activity of the Society. RSPSSLM is a full IFCC and EFLM member. Contacts with these international professional organizations are carried out by board members of Society A.V. Moshkin, A.A. Totolyan and L.A. Khorovskaya. Russian specialists in Laboratory Medicine visit

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Professor Vladimir Dolgov with his presentation devoted to memory of Professor Vadim Menshikov in National Days for Lab Medicine, Moscow, October 1-3, 2014.
international congresses and conferences. RSPSSLM invites speakers of IFCC, EFLM, AACC and experts from other professional organizations from many countries for representation of their achievements and exchange of experience on Russian meetings of Laboratory Medicine. Svetlana Kovalyevskaya, Karina Kasoyan, Alexey Bugrov, Daria Kisilishina are members of EFLM working groups. RSPSSLM has agreements with AACC and Journal Clinical Chemistry in education and publication activities. Board members S. Saprygin, A. Gilmanov and L. Khorovskaya work together with AACC leaders to develop this collaboration. Russian Laboratory Medicine uses the international recommendations and standards in many fields of Laboratory Medicine that we evaluated in Governmental level. In 2011 for consolidation with the international practice and terminology the Russian National Society was renamed to “Russian Scientifically-practical society of specialists in Laboratory Medicine”.

Professor Vladimir Dolgov (Head of Laboratory Medicine Department of Russian Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education, Moscow) is a Chair of RSPSSLM from October 2014. A new election of Chairman and Board Committee are planning in March 24, 2015. Russian National Society is going to continue active cooperation with the international professional organizations in Laboratory Medicine and develop Russian Laboratory Medicine.

RSPSSLM has an Internet channel of communication http://www.labmedicina.ru. It gives opportunities of continuous distribution of scientific and practical information in the sphere of laboratory medicine, illumination of all forms of work of society, open discussion of pressing problems of laboratory service and distribution of experience of their decision in Regional offices of the society.