



SFBC Beyond the Headlines



Société Française de Biologie Clinique (French Society of Clinical Biology, SFBC, www.sfbc.asso.fr) with its president, Joëlle GOUDABLE (photo 1), and the Annales de Biologie Clinique (ABC), will celebrate their 73rd anniversary in 2015. In 1942, Michel POLONOVSKI (photo 2), Professor at the Paris Faculty of Medicine, and two representatives of private laboratory organizations, Dr. Daniel DURUPT for physicians and Georges SCHUSTER for pharmacists created the French Society of Clinical Biology. Prof. M. POLONOVSKI was the first president of this scientific society with the aim of bringing together laboratory medicine specialists or pharmacists from all specialties and types of practice combined. Then, Marcel PAGET, the archivist, started collecting scientific papers. And so the Annales de Biologie Clinique was born, of which he was the first editor-in-chief. This journal (photo 3) is currently published by John Libbey Eurotext with Jean-Louis BEAUDEUX as the editor-in-chief. Before the computer and internet era, a newsletter entitled "L'Information Scientifique du Biologiste [Scientific Information for the Biologist] was edited from 1975 to 1993 by Alain LEGRAND who served as a liaison to the ABC to deliver very practical information to the profession. In 1971 Michel Bailly implemented the first national external quality control program.

The missions of the SFBC are:

- to reflect on the practice of medical biology in respect of the diversity of types of practice, and on methods of evaluating professional practices
- to promote and foster continuing professional development (continuing medical education, evaluating the professional practices of laboratory medicine specialists, accreditation),
- to initiate laboratory medicine studies and issue recommendations to contribute to the quality of care,
- to share its opinions with institutions, agencies and government services.

The SFBC is administered by a board of directors, composed of 21 members elected for three years by the general assembly. The board of directors elects a bureau composed of the president, who is chosen alternately from among doctors or pharmacists, two vice-presidents, the secretary general and the treasurer. On the proposal of the president, the immediate past president is invited to sit on the bureau in an advisory capacity. Project leaders are designated by the bureau for specific actions: congresses and conferences, international relations, e-learning, etc. The scientific committee (Co-chairs: Katell PEOC'H et Sylvain LEHMANN) identifies and coordinates working themes such as in 2014 accreditation, biomarkers of vascular calcification in chronic renal failure, prostate cancer biomarkers, cardiac biomarkers, the role of mass spectrometry in laboratory medicine, prospects in pharmacogenomics and predictive medicine, and continuing professional development. Watch groups are dedicated to forward planning.



Photo 1: Joëlle GOUDABLE



Photo 2: Michel POLONOVSKI

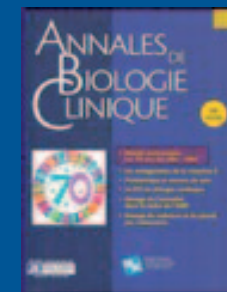


Photo 3: Annales de biologie Clinique



EuroMedLab Paris 2015 Logo

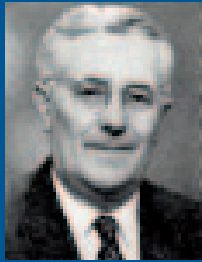


Photo 4: Jean -Emile COURTOIS



Photo 5: Gérard SIEST



Photo 6: Pierre VALDIGUIE

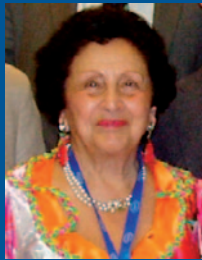


Photo 7: Simone ZERAH

The SFBC holds its Journées Scientifiques Nationales (National Science Days) as part of the Journées Internationales de Biologie (Annual Meeting of Medical Biology, JIB). The JIB was created in 1955 by the Association des pharmaciens directeurs de laboratoire d'analyses (Association of Directors of Pharmacist-Directors of Medical Laboratories, APDILA), ancestor of the Syndicat des Biologistes (Union of Biologists, SDB), they have, over the years, built the Journées de Lariboisière (International Biology Days) then developed a salon with Reed Expositions France as professional congress organizer. The SFBC leads the scientific committee along with various learned societies and historical partners.

The SFBC is present and active internationally. Paul FLEURY and Jean-Emile COURTOIS contributed to the creation of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry, IFCC in 1952. J.E. COURTOIS (photo 4) presided IFCC from 1963 to 1967, as did Gérard SIEST (photo 5) from 1991 to 1996. Pierre VALDIGUIE (photo 6) was president of FESCC (1989-1993). Currently, more than twenty SFBC members are IFCC or EFLM officers. Simone ZERAH (photo 7) has been very active in EC4/EFLM to promote harmonization of professional training and qualifications; she received the "EFLM-Roche Award for Laboratory Medicine 2015". Bernard GOUGET (photo 8), EFLM representative (2003-2015), directed the IFCC Communications and Publications Division (1997-2003) before joining the IFCC Executive Board as member (2008-2010), Treasurer (2011-2014), and Chair of the IFCC Nominations Committee up to 2017. Philippe GILLERY (photo 9), IFCC representative, has been the vice-chair of the Scientific Division since 2011. He is associate editor of the Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine

(CCLM), published in Association with the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) and member of the editorial board of Clinica Chimica Acta as French representative. Guilaine BOURSIER (photo 10) currently leads IFCC/SFBC young scientists.

The SFBC had the initiative in 2007 to create the Fédération Internationale Francophone de Biologie Clinique et de Médecine de Laboratoire (French International Federation for Clinical Biology and Laboratory Medicine, FIFBCML) The founding members are France, Algeria, Libanon, Morocco, Tunisia. The first president was Prof. Alain Legrand.

Several collaborations are already in place with WASPaLM and AACC: AACC- Lab-Tests-on-Line (LTO) (Véronique DUCROS et Jean Pierre Bali); AACC-Clinical Chemistry trainee council; Translation in French of Articles published in Clinical Chemistry; Joint meetings with the AACC POCT and critical care division at the 5th International Symposium "Critical Care Testing and Blood Gases" in Deauville 2012 and a joint session is planned in Versailles in June 2015 under the leadership of Michel VAUBOURDOLLE (photo 11). He coordinated also three monographs published by John Libbey Eurotext on "Accreditation of medical labs according ISO 15189 and 22870".

After EuroLab in NICE 1993, SFBC is organizing EuroMedLab Paris 2015 (June 21-25). EuroMedLab Paris 2015 will be the «R-evolution in Lab Medicine» linking scientific and other evidence to shape tomorrow's development in the field of



Photo 8: Bernard GOUGET



Photo 9: Philippe GILLERY



Photo 10: Guilaine BOURSIER



Photo 11: Michel VAUBOURDOLLE



Photo 12: Veronique DUCROS



Photo 13: Joseph HENNY

Lab Medicine and global Health placing the patient at the heart of all our efforts and discussions. During EuroMedLabParis 2015, Véronique DUCROS (photo 12) and Joseph HENNY (photo 13), received the «SFBC-Award for Distinguished Contribution in Education and Patient Care» and the "SFBC-Distinguished Medical Biologist Award" respectively. Through its innovative actions, SFBC is definitively a dynamic society and a leading actor of 21st century's laboratory medicine.

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The International Francophone Federation of Clinical Biology and Laboratory Medicine (FIFBCML) in Hammamet 2007.
From left to right, bottom-up, Christian Haddad (SDBL) membre CA, Abderrazak Hedhili (STBC) 1st vice-Président, Alain Legrand (SFBC) Président, Layachi Chabraoui (SMCC) Membre du bureau, Smail Belazzoug (ALAM) 2nd vice-Président, Fethi Kemiri (STBC membre CA), Fadi Hobeiche (SDBL) Trésorier, Hanifa Benhassima (ALAM) membre CA, Bernard Gouget (SFBC) Secrétaire Général 1, Marc Antoine Zablith (SDBL) membre bureau, Najoua Garbi (STBC) membre CA, Hachmi Ould Rouis (ALAM) membre bureau, Halima Elalamy (SMCC) Secrétaire général 2, Abdelrhafour Guédira (SMCC) membre CA