



# DGKL

## The German Society for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine e. V.

### The history about the foundation of DGKL

The German Society for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine e.V. (DGKL), founded in 2003, emanated from the fusion of two medical-scientific committees of professional associations, namely DGKC (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Klinische Chemie) and DGLM (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Laboratoriumsmedizin). This union was the result of 12 years long merger and consolidation phase. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2003 the newly consolidated association was recorded in the register of associations of the city of Frankfurt am Main with retrospective effect back to 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2002.

The founding committee was put together with equal right of determination from members of the preceding associations of the DGKC and DGLM.

The first challenge of the new DGKL-executive committee, consisting of the president Professor Michael Oellerich (previously DGLM), the vice-president Professor Knut Kleesiek (previously DGKC), the secretary Professor Wolfgang Vogt (previously DGLM), the treasurer Professor Heinrich Patscheke (previously DGKC) and the additional executive committee members Professor Ingolf Schimke (previously DGKC) and Professor Utz Merten (previously DGLM), was the virtual fusion of both professional associations. The creation of a "corporate identity" as the basis of a uniform appearance both inwardly and outwardly reinforced this merge.

Among other things this meant, the creation of a new logo, the consolidation of the congresses and fees as well as the continuation of the Reference Institute for Bioanalytics (RfB). The RfB was established and ordered, as an inter-laboratory test organization, by the German Medical Association.

Aim of this merger of the two professional associations was a strong unified appearance and the avoidance of redundancies and of a mutual inhibition in national and international boards as well as in discussions with representatives of politics, officials, boards, organizations and universities.

By combining the mutual goals, like e.g. the institutional rootedness of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine as scientific subjects and the preservation of professorships can continue to be pursued. The Latest examples of the successful work of the DGKL are mentioned here as representation of that work: the preservation

of chairs at the Institute for clinical chemistry of the Medical College Hannover through the establishment of a foundation professorship and the revision of the draft for the directive of the German Medical Association for the quality assurance of laboratory medical analysis through the DGKL-work group "Qualitative Laboratorial Analysis.

Goals and purposes of the DGKL

The DGKL represents, promotes and shapes Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in research, teaching and patient care. It is the ambition to secure departmental chairs for education and continuing education, to advance research in all areas of laboratory medicine and clinical pathology respectively, to improve diagnostics and care for patients in all areas, to promote interdisciplinary dialog for medical doctors and scientists and therewith achieve further development of our subject matter.

The DGKL especially promotes:

- Professional qualification of young academics
- Education and continuing education of doctors
- Continuing education of natural scientists
- Organization of scientific conferences
- Projects in research and education
- Measures for the improvement in early detection, diagnosis, progression assessment and therapy monitoring of illnesses
- Measures for the improvement of medical care
- The DGKL donation to Pathobiochemistry and molecular diagnostic
- Awarding scholarly prizes
- Conferral of recognition as a clinical chemist
- Publishing of scientific magazines



The DGKL committee in 2015: Dr. Matthias Orth (additional member), Prof. Dr. Berend Isermann (vice-president), Prof. Dr. Michael Neumaier (president), Prof. Dr. Uta Ceglarek (additional member), Prof. Dr. Dr. Thomas Demant (treasurer), Prof. Dr. Dr. Klaus P. Kohse (secretary)



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