



SIBioC Italian Society of Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology

The Italian Society of Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology (SIBioC) celebrated its 40 years Anniversary in 2010.

SIBioC was founded in April 1970 but about a year before, in July 1969, a team of five eminent laboratory professionals (Prof. Giovanni Ceriotti, Prof. Carlo Franzini, Prof. Giulio Vanzetti, Dr. Augusto Rossi, Dr. G. Giordani and Dr. Prandini) did already get the approval from the IFCC President (Prof. Martin Rubin) and its Executive Board, to create a new Italian Society of Clinical Chemistry, open to all physicians, chemists and biologist having a professional working interest in Clinical Chemistry with IFCC extending provisional and conditional membership to the Association during the formative period of the new Society. It was not an easy task for our Masters at that time to be able to overtake the conflicts and the tensions between the different categories of graduates working in the clinical laboratories, but they succeeded at the end, and today SIBioC has more than 2500 members, including Medical Doctors, Biologists, Chemists, Technicians.

SIBioC has the goal of bringing together scientists throughout the fields of clinical biochemistry and clinical molecular biology, in order to enhance its members' scientific knowledge and professional expertise. SIBioC also promotes scientific and technical publications in the field, cooperate with other scientific societies world-wide, and organize local, national, and international meetings and seminars. SIBioC has two Commissions and four Divisions, so that many of the activities are de-centralized, and the Executive Board has essentially functions of strategic plans and coordination. Moreover, 24 Working Groups are presently active, covering almost every aspect of Laboratory Medicine. The President is elected for two years, and within the Executive Board all the professions are well represented. The name of the Society was changed in 2013 to "SIBioC-Medicina di Laboratorio", to include also the broad spectrum of

Laboratory Medicine and to be in harmony with the most recent European directives.

Particular attention is dedicated to the education, achieved in close collaboration with the most important Italian Universities, in order to facilitate the career of all the professionals working in the clinical laboratory, each one with duties and responsibilities adequate with their own qualifications. The first School for post-graduate learning (Scuola di Specializzazione in Biochimica e Chimica Clinica) was established in Milano in 1976 and is now open to various kind of second level degrees, including Medicine and Surgery, Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy and Veterinary Science. In 1988 the name of the School was changed (Scuola di Specializzazione in Biochimica Clinica), and nowadays the Schools from different towns have been grouped together and share common teaching courses with the Schools of three other sectors (i.e. those of Clinical Pathology, Clinical Microbiology and Morbid Anatomy). Beside the collaboration with the Academic Schools, SIBioC has launched in 2006 its own School for the Permanent Formation in Laboratory Medicine (SPML), which is very active all around Italy, offering various courses with practical exercitations on several aspects of the laboratory professions (Allergology, Cardiovascular, Clinical Molecular Biology, Cytometry, Diabetes, Emergency, Flow Cytometry, Hematology, Hemostasis and Thrombosis, ISO standards and Quality systems, Mass Spectrometry, Pharmacotossicology, Urine microscopy).

With regard to the International activities, beside being Member of the International



The Italian delegation of SIBioC at the IFCC Congress in Mexico City in 1978 (from left to right: Prof. Tentori, Prof. Vanzetti, Prof. Bonini, Prof. G. Ceriotti, unknown, Prof. Montalbetti).



The Executive Board of SIBioC in January 2014 (from left to right: Prof. Ciaccio, Dr. Buoro, Prof. Zuppi, Prof. Castaldo, Dr. Trenti, Mrs. Carnevale, Dr. Quercioli, Prof. F. Ceriotti, Dr. Fortunato, Mr. Pezzuto and Dr. Maglione)



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Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), SIBioC is member of the European Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM). SIBioC is also promoter for a permanent international exchange for young scientists visiting qualified European laboratories and regularly collaborates with colleagues from Eastern Europe. SIBioC has also promoted the registration of European clinical chemists since 1999 and, finally, SIBioC has joined the Lab Tests Online Program, a public resource on clinical labtesting from the laboratory professionals who do the testing (www.labtestsonline.it).

Forty five National Congresses have been organized by SIBioC, one per year, and several Regional Conferences and meetings have been also held since its foundation. Three major international meetings have also taken place by and with SIBioC, i.e. the 8th European Congress of Clinical Chemistry (Eurolab '89, in Milano, June 25-30, 1989), the 17th International and 13th European Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, and the 1st International Congress of Clinical Molecular Biology (Worldlab 1999, Firenze, June 6-11, 1999), and the 20th IFCC-EFCC European Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (Euromedlab 2013, May 19th-23rd, Milano).

The success of SIBioC over more than 40 years has been obtained thanks to its members who gave time and expertise voluntarily. Many of them are now present in several International Societies, in Working Groups, Committees, Divisions and also at the very apical level. To learn more on SIBioC please visit our website (www.sibioc.it).