



Romanian Society of Laboratory Medicine (SRML) and Romanian Association of Medical Laboratories (ALMR)

In 2014 in Romania there were two societies, the Romanian Society of Laboratory Medicine (SRML) and the Romanian Association of Medical Laboratories (ALMR).

In 1993 the Romanian Society of Clinical Laboratory was founded (continuing the activity of the former section of Clinical laboratory, which was a branch of the Union of Medical Sciences in Romania). Since 2001 the Romanian Society of Clinical Laboratory was transformed into the Romanian Society of Laboratory Medicine (SRML). SRML is a member of IFCC, EFLM, WASPaLM.

In 1999, Professor Eugen Mody in Tirgu Mures founded the Foundation Of Clinical Laboratory "Marcela Zamfirescu Gheorghiu" which was transformed in 2004 into the Romanian Association of Medical Laboratories (ALMR). Since 2006 ALMR is an affiliated member of IFCC and since 2009, member of EFLM.

The members of both the organizations are medical doctors (specialists in Laboratory medicine), biologists, biochemists, chemists, biophysicists.

Clinical laboratory is meant to support a high quality healthcare management, thus establishing standards for scientific, technical and ethical aspects of good laboratory practice is one of the main goals of the two societies. As clinical laboratory is an essential tool for clinical medicine, the societies focus on the development and implementation of diagnostic tests.

The societies also encourage the development of continuous education and training for laboratory professionals.

In order to fulfill these objectives, the societies organize each year national conferences/ congresses in partnership with the Medical Faculties in Romania and with visiting lecturers supported by IFCC and EFLM. As our profession is in a permanent and strong partnership with the clinical diagnostic industry, the opportunity for the development and transfer of technical innovations to clinical laboratory professionals is provided by the workshops organized by the clinical diagnostic companies and by the exhibitions of equipment, reagents, supplies, software.

Continuous Medical Education (CME) training courses for laboratory professionals are organized every year by both of the societies.

As ALMR is very much involved in the training of young laboratory professionals, in order

to stimulate our young colleagues, two awards are granted at every conference for the best poster presentation and for a meritorious activity in the field of laboratory medicine.

ALMR has its own publication, the Romanian Review of Laboratory Medicine (RRML) which publishes peer-reviewed original papers, general and professional reports of laboratory medicine. The objective of the journal is to publish new information that would lead to a better understanding of biological mechanisms involved in human diseases, their prevention and diagnosis as early as possible, and to improve therapy and evolution monitoring. The journal also includes a section entitled "Lecture Notes", targeted at medical residents and other professionals wishing to update their knowledge in the areas addressed. RRML is indexed in the ISI Web of Knowledge - Web of Science - Science Citation Index Expanded (Thomson Reuters Scientific), in the SCOPUS and EMCARE databases since 2008, and in Index Copernicus since 2009. RRML is a member of COPE since 2012.

The merger process was initiated and successfully completed in 2015, because the two societies and their goals are similar. The newly born unique, stronger society, named the Romanian Association of Laboratory Medicine, will be more effective in accomplishing its tasks.

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