

Clinical Biology Section

About US

Clinical Biology is a profession with several types of exercise in the different countries in the world. In most European countries it dates back to the 1950's where community and hospital pharmacists developed it as an additional activity. It then became a complete separate discipline taught in Schools of Pharmacy and Medical Universities and/or Scientific Universities. The clinical biology section (CBS) of the FIP was set up in Paris in September 1973. Today CBS regroups a total of around 100 individual members.

Who we are

CBS regroups pharmacists who are experts in the different disciplines of medical laboratory medicine (clinical biochemistry, immunology, biological hematology, parasitology, microbiology, molecular biology, pharmacology, biological toxicology, and genetics). In the European Union alone, more than 8000 pharmacists are working in clinical laboratory medicine.

Like our colleagues of the Community Pharmacy and Hospital Pharmacy Sections, we have face to face contact with our patients.

Clinical biologists participate to the diagnosis of diseases together with physicians. CBS is also involved in development of new biotechnologies (pharmacogenomics, pharmacogenetics, nanotechnologies

Our missions

- Main objective of CBS is "to study and maintain the development and the protection of the scientific and professional interests of all Pharmacists involved in Clinical Biology e.g. Biopathology".
- Achieve a closer cooperation among Pharmacists specialising in Clinical Biology, medical specialists, and other appropriate organisations.

Major achievements in 2010

1. New statutes adopted by FIP council in Istanbul
2. Congress activities (section program on hot topics: clinical biology an educational challenge, anti-microbial resistance, using clinical biology data to improve anti-infective utilization at the bedside, visit of a lab, leaflet on CBS activities, leaflet on main conferences ...)
3. Communication : 4 newsletters/year + e-mail

Projects

1. Increase cooperation with other groups in FIP like HPS, CPS, APS or LMCS
2. Attract more young colleagues in collaboration with IPSF and YPG
3. Work on good practice of clinical biology, evidence of the impact of clinical biology in primary care, comparison of clinical biology in Europe

CBS at the FIP Congress in Lisbon

- Visit of a clinical laboratory medicine;
- 3 ½ days conferences (joint symposium with CBS/HPS) and joint symposium with APS)
- Complete program focusing on hot topics: education, antimicrobial resistance and anti-infective utilization at the bedside
- Posters presentations;
- Clinical Biology section diner

Why joining the CBS?

- Access a group of friends in the pharmaceutical profession;
- Exchanging ideas with colleagues,
- Have regular updates about scientific and professional questions (by receiving our newsletter);
- Take part in our ongoing projects
- Take active participation in the FIP projects

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