

SCIENTIFIC DIVISION

The mission of the Scientific Division (SD) is to advance the science of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine by facilitating its application in clinical practice. The main goals of this Division are standardisation through the definition of metrologically-sound reference systems (reference methods, reference materials and networks of reference laboratories) and the definition of diagnostic strategies for new analytes.

The SD initiates and manages projects with its own resources or through its Committees and Working Groups. Work is conducted in cooperation with other IFCC units and with relevant National and International Organisations. The SD ensures that each of its Committees and Working Groups are functioning under clear terms of reference together with an agreed schedule of activity.

Scientific Division history

The Precursors

1971-1988 → Creation of Expert Panels reflecting current needs (Instrumentation, pH and Blood Gases, Immunoassays, etc.)

1979 → CS changed to Scientific Committee (SC), Robert Zender (CH) (First Chair); The concept of Working Groups introduced

1966 → A Committee of Standards (CS), Martin Rubin (US) (First Chair), was established

The Scientific Division

1987 → SC changed to a Division (SD) and Expert Panels elevated to Committees

Past sixty years at glance:

- Development of theme-oriented Committees and task-oriented Working Groups
- Publication of Recommendations and Guidelines
- Over 150 scientific publications in leading Laboratory Medicine journals
- Development of Reference Measurement Procedures
- Production of Reference Materials, in collaboration with national and international organisations (WHO, IRMM, NIBSC)
- Establishment of Reference Laboratory Networks
- Formal collaboration agreement with IRMM, CLSI and NIST
- Master Discussion Conferences (Bergmeyer Conference, Beckman Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Conference, etc.)

Diamond Accomplishments

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