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# CUBRA Confederación Unificada Bioquímica de la República Argentina

#### History of unity and representation

The establishment of CUBRA took place during a very particular political, social and economic environment of our country. This process occurred between the years 1982 and 1984, a period that awakens the sensitivity of all Argentines, including important events such as the beginning of the War for the Falkland Islands and the restoration of democracy in our country. It was in this atmosphere of seizures in different areas of the Republic that CUBRA was founded. The institution is now emblematic of the country's regional groupings of our Biochemists and provides an example for many countries in Latin America.

Prior to the creation of the CUBRA in Argentina two forces representing the profession were: "Confederación Bioquímica Argentina" (founded in 1954 that only included Biochemists), and the "Confederación de Bioquímica Clínica" (founded in 1971 that represented the various professions involved in clinical analysis: Doctors, Chemists, Chemical Engineers with biological orientation, Biochemists, etc.)..

On December 4, of 1982, "Confederación Unificada Bioquímica de La República Argentina" (CUBRA) was established and achieved legal status from the General Inspectorate of Justice on June 15, 1984, by Resolution No. 241/84. Notice was given at the 1st Convocation meeting of the Federal Council on July 27, 1984 at the headquarters of the Confederation of Clinics, Private Hospitals and Sanatorium of Argentina. The Officers of CUBRA appointed in the first year (1984-1986) were Dr. Jose María Sarraillet as Chairman and Juan José Vigliocco as Secretary.

As the profession of Biochemistry was maturing and the competencies of the profession taking hold, CUBRA membership was restricted to institutions that bring together professional biochemists and individuals Licensed in Biochemistry.

#### **Representation Leadership**

CUBRA has achieved its leadership claims by unifying the biochemical industry, while respecting the identities, realities and regional needs.

Its founding purpose as stipulated by its charter, is to bring into its ranks biochemical entities in the country to: "(...) to promote scientific, social guild and biochemical

improvement through measures for their further professional training, the dignity and rank of the specific activity and the preservation and defense of their legitimate interests. To foster the spirit of unity and solidarity, ensuring open debate within the institution in accordance with the purposes thereof (...) ". CUBRA now gathers 26 institutions distributed throughout Argentina: Colegio Bioquímico de Catamarca, Federación de Bioquímicos de la Prov. de Córdoba, Colegio Bioquímico del Chaco, Colegio de Bioquímicos de Entre Ríos, Colegio de Bioquímicos de Formosa, Colegio de Bioquímicos de Jujuy, Asociación Colegio Bioquímico de La Pampa, Colegio Bioquímico de La Rioia. Círculo Bioquímico de la Prov. de Misiones. Asociación Bioquímica de Salta, Colegio Bioquímico de San Juan, Bioquímicos del Interior Bioquin A. C. Salta, Colegio Bioquímico de Santiago del Estero, Colegio Bioquímico de Tucumán, Federación Bioquímica de la Provincia de Buenos Aires (FABA), Fed. Bioquímica de la Pcia. de Chubut, Colegio de Bioquímicos de la Pcia. de Río Negro, Colegio Bioquímico de Corrientes, Colegio de Bioquímicos de Neuquén, Colegio Oficial de Farmacia y Bioquímica de Capital Federal, Asociación Bioquímica de Mendoza, Asociación Bioquímica del Este (San Martín, Mendoza), Asociación Bioquímica de San Luis, Asociación Bioquímica de Villa Mercedes (San Luis), Asociación Bioquímica de San Rafael (Mendoza) y Federación Bioquímica de la Prov. de Santa Fe.

#### Confederate services institutions and their partners

Your maximum liability to the biochemical community is to defend the professional interests and be the voice representing those interests before the authorities of the powers of the Republic, thus enabling continuous improvement and upgrading of the biochemical activity in the country.

Besides offering the Confederate authorities carry out proceedings in the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, CUBRA, through these, biochemical approaches related services practice and move offers and discounts: the acquisition of reagents, equipment and supplies, hiring, insurance cover, systems and distance education (just to name a few); provided as supplements to their primary function: to struggle for the recognition of biochemistry profession within the health team and in economic activity.

#### Speeches, performances and inter-institutional activities

CUBRA participates actively protecting the interests of biochemistry profession, not only in Argentina but also in Latin America, Latin America and the world, interacting with national and international institutions, in addition to representing global emblematic institutions in the region and the country. Nationally liaises with ECUAFYB (Ente Coordinator de Unidades Académicas de Farmacia y Bioquímica) with FBA (Fundación Bioquímica Argentina), with the Consultative Group on Quality Improvement in Clinical Biochemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry University of Buenos Aires, with COFELESA (Consejo Federal Legislativo) with the CGP (Confederación General de Profesionales), the Biochemistry Subcommittee of

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the Ministry of Health of the Nation; and works fully in line with the ABA (Asociación Biouímica Argentina) and CALAB (Cámara Argentina de laboratorios). He has also participated in the creation of COCERBIN (Comisión de Certificación Nacional del Ejercicio de la Profesión), an organization which today houses. Internationally constitutes COLABIOCLI (Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry) who is co-founder with other institutions in Latin America and currently has the responsibility for putting its executive board, the CUBRA is also representative in Argentina of the IFCC (International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine).

#### Commitment to ongoing work by the biochemical activity in the country

CUBRA works tirelessly to defend the interests of biochemistry professionals, most of this work is channeled through committees in which these interests are reflected in projects and plans. In this context CUBRA has working four committees: (a) CTP-NBU (Comisión Técnica Permanente – Nomenclador Bioquímico Único) responsible for developing the Single Biochemical Nomenclature (NBU) and keep it updated, recently had the honor of having partially approved a bill to this nomenclator; (b) Standing Committee on Scientific CUBRA, pride committee comprised of Biochemical blameless career paths in teaching, scientific and professional, is an essential support in the organization of scientific activities CUBRA; (c) CCC (Comisión de Calidad) and (d) CUBRA-PAMI Technical Committee recognized by Resolution 1543/10 on December 10, 2010, in which the "Continuous Model of Performance Compensation" and in Section 5° creates the "Joint Monitoring Committee is established Provision". By consensus two distinct areas, one composed of senior executives with PAMI CUBRA political and other technical constraints to solve the problems usually arising from the different mechanisms for sending information from the provinces to establish PAMI.

#### PRESIDENTS





1984-1986 1 período Dr. José María Sarraillet (Prov. De Buenos Aires)

1986-2000 7 períodos Dr. Juan José Vigliocco (Córdoba)



2000-2006 3 períodos Dr. Héctor Ávila (Tucumán)



2006-2012

3 períodos

(Córdoba).



2012-2014 1 período Dr. Carlos Navarro Dr. Jorge Alegre (Río Negro)



2014 Dra. María Alejandra Arias (San Luis).