



USCLD The Ukrainian Society of Clinical Laboratory Diagnostics

In the 1960s most specialists of clinical laboratories were graduates from medicine or biochemistry in the USSR. There was no any department of clinical laboratory in medical high schools. But some departments of clinical laboratory diagnostics existed in structure of postgraduate education institutes of Ukraine. There was no any specialized magazine dedicated to this branch as well. Clinical laboratory community needs opportunity for wide discussion concerning new methods of analysis and trends of its development; legislation of speciality, observance of authorized bodies' medical regulations in every day activity, etc. Thus necessity of regular meetings with education program was evident.

The Ukrainian Society of Clinical Laboratory Diagnostics has its predecessor named The Republican Scientific Society of Laboratory Physicians. The last was established in September 1969 at the First Republican Conference of Laboratory Physicians in the city of Sumy of former Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

Prof. Ivan Fyodorov, Prof. Lubov Gromashevskaja and Mrs. Vera Rubina, a corresponding Chief Specialist of The Ministry of Health initiated this establishment. The Society was officially registered by The Ministry of Health in 1969 and was a subunit of corresponding All Society.

Prof. Ivan Fyodorov was the first Chair of Society and Prof. Lubov Gromashevskaja his Deputy. After death of Prof. Ivan Fyodorov in 1972 Prof. Lubov Gromashevskaja was elected as the Head of Society.

Ukraine gained its independence in 1991. Era when Ukraine was a republic in structure of USSR finished with dramatic changes in people thinking. Plenary session of the Society took decision regarding its reorganization in new political reality on 25th October 1994 and relevant Executive Committee was approved.

The next conference of the Society reorganized its in Ukrainian Society of Clinical Laboratory Diagnostics (USCLD) on 10th May 1995. This one was registered on 19th February 1997 by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. USCLD had its new Statutes, Executive Board and units from all 25 administrative regions of Ukraine. Prof. Lubov Gromashevskaja was elected as President. The Laboratory Diagnostics journal was established in June 1997. In June 2008 the USCLD joined IFCC as a Full Member.

After death of Prof. Lubov Gromashevskaja in 2009 new Executive Board was elected and Dr. Valerii Dieiev as its President.

The mission of USCLD is to improve quality of clinical laboratory analyses by informing its members about new technology achievements in branch of diagnostics, trends of its development, quality control and procedure standardization, education and support to young specialists. USCLD is a junction link between practicing specialists, researchers and the Ministry of Health and institutes of National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine.

After 45 years of existence USCLD faces new challenges. Inadequate Government investment in health care at all and particularly in clinical laboratory diagnostics and laboratory medicine makes many problems to the specialists. But all members of USCLD understand this problem and stay devoted towards their patients and duties.



Dr. Igor Mishunin, USCLD Vice-President, National Representative for IFCC



USCLD Meeting Opening, 18th December 2006 (from left to right):
President Prof. Lubov Gromashevskaja
Dr. Valerii Parij, Representative of Ministry of Health
Vice-President Dr. Valerii Dieiev