



VACB Vietnamese Association of Clinical Biochemists

The Vietnamese Association of Clinical Biochemists (VACB) was organized on June 1st 1963 in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam. It is member of the Vietnam Medical Association (VMA). Since 1995, the VACB has comprised of three Societies: Society of Clinical Biochemistry of Hanoi and Northern Provinces, Society of Clinical Biochemistry of the Centre of Vietnam, Society of Clinical Biochemistry of Ho-Chi-Minh City and Southern Provinces. The Association has four categories of membership: medical doctor, pharmacist, biologist, bachelor of laboratory techniques.

The official Journal of VACB, Medical Biochemistry, first appeared in 1964. During 51 years of development, the Association has progressed and expanded rapidly in the health care systems. It promotes and encourages clinical laboratory service, investigation and training in Vietnam. Ten National Congresses were organized in 1963, 1966, 1970, 1974, 1978, 1985, 1994, 2001, 2005 and 2011.

Officers of the association from 1963 to the present day have been:

DATE	PRESIDENT	GENERAL SECRETARY
1963 to 1985	Prof Dr Tran Thi An	Prof Dang Hanh Phuc.
1985 to 1994	Prof Dr Tran Thi An	Dr Hoang Van Son
1994 to 2005	Prof Do Dinh Ho;	A/Prof Dr Hoang Van Son
2005 to 2011	Prof Dr Dai Duy Ban	A/Prof Dr Bach Vong Hai
2011 until now	A/Prof Dr Hoang Thi Bich Ngoc	A/Prof Dr Pham Thien Ngoc.

Numerous advanced techniques in Enzymology, Immunology, Endocrinology, Oncology, Toxicology, Molecular Biology, Proteomics, POCT, etc., have been implemented since the last years of the 20th century. Many studies have been reported in the International Congresses and in some International medical Journals: Clinical Chemistry, Clinical Biochemistry, Journal of Tumor marker Oncology, etc. The VACB holds 2-3 Scientific Conferences every year.

The Association offers thematic workshops, basic courses and post-graduate trainings to members. The QA and QC programs have been trained and implemented since 1994, especially in this century, sponsored by the Ministry of Health of Vietnam

and supported by IFCC and APFCB members such as AACB, SFBC (Société Française de Biologie Clinique), the Canadian Society of Clinical Biochemists.

Currently 3 Centres of Quality Control are working in Hanoi and Ho-Chi-Minh City. The VACB became member of IFCC in 1989 and of APFCB in 1990, allowing international cooperation to flourish rapidly. Thanks to the excellent support of the IFCC, the APFCB, and the IATDMCT, scientific exchanges between VACB members and international colleagues has been fruitful. Prof Dr GM Kellerman of the AACB is familiar with VACB members for his role in training courses. Two International Conferences of the ANCLS (Asian Network for clinical laboratory standardization and harmonization) were organized in Vietnam in 2005 and 2013. The IFCC Professional Exchange Program gave five scholarships for VACB members to study in Hong Kong, Sweden, Australia and Thailand. The success of the VACB has been gained thanks to the members who have given their time and efforts voluntarily, to the leadership of the National Boards.

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The current National Board of the VACB (photo taken in 2013, VACB 50th Anniversary ceremony, 16 people)



The founding members of the VACB (photo taken in 2003, VACB 40th Anniversary ceremony, 11 people)