

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### **SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION METHODS PRESENTED AT THE 25TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED IN THE LABORATORY OF THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL BIOCHEMISTRY IN SKOPJE**

**Dear Editor,**

I am eager to share my enriching experience at the WorldLab - Euromedlab, the 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, which was held in Rome, Italy from May 21-25, 2023. This prestigious event also incorporated the 25<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine and the 55<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Italian Society of Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology (SIBioC). It was organized by the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) and SIBioC.

I was honored to receive a bursary from the EFLM to attend the congress, where I also had the opportunity to deliver a poster presentation. The congress showcased an advanced scientific program, featuring a variety of lectures that highlighted critical advancements and challenges in our field. Noteworthy topics included:

- "Inappropriate Use of Laboratory Resources: Demand Management Tools and Strategies."
- "Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Clinical Laboratory Medicine."
- "The Central Role of the Clinical Laboratory in the Public Health and Patient Care Continuum."
- "Innovations in Laboratory Information Systems: Preparing for the Next Generation."
- "Advancing Excellence in Laboratory Medicine Worldwide: An Update from IFCC Task Forces."
- "The Ongoing Challenge of Harmonization in Laboratory Medicine."
- "Evolving Standards of Quality in Clinical Laboratory Practices."
- "Identifying and Mitigating Sources of Interference in Laboratory Testing."

A significant aspect of the congress was learning about the accreditation of methods, which is directly applicable to our work at the Institute for Medical and Experimental Biochemistry at Medical Faculty in Skopje. We have accredited analyses which we have verified, as the professors presented at the congress. This aspect was particularly insightful as it aligns closely with our current practices and standards.

The congress was accredited by the EFLM's Continuing Professional Education Credit System (CPECS®), which provides a quality assurance mechanism for the accreditation of continuing education programs and events. This system ensures that participants receive high-quality, relevant education in laboratory medicine.

Thank you for considering this summary of what was an intellectually stimulating and professionally rewarding gathering. I believe that sharing these insights can significantly benefit our field and promote continued excellence in laboratory medicine.

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