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About the Society

The Greek Society of Clinical Chemistry-Clinical Biochemistry (EEKX-KB) was founded in 1989 by scientists who were working in the clinical laboratories in the state hospitals of Greece. It is a member of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) since 1994 and also member of the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM). Almost 90% of the Society members are of scientific background (chemists, biochemists, biologists) with the vast majority of them holding MSc or PhD titles. There are also 7% who are medical doctors who have specialized in Biopathology or Clinical Chemistry. Today the Society has more than 500 members.

In 2004, the Greek Society set up a voluntary Register for specialists in clinical biochemistry-laboratory medicine. The criteria for registration are: 1) University degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology, Medicine, Pharmacy or other relevant subject. 2) A total of 9 years of university studies and postgraduate specialization in clinical biochemistry-laboratory medicine. 3) A minimum of 4 years of postgraduate specialization in clinical biochemistry-laboratory medicine and 4) The candidate must be practicing clinical biochemistry-laboratory medicine in a laboratory in a medical environment in Greece. The postgraduate specialization in clinical biochemistry-laboratory medicine includes both laboratory training (training on the job) and theoretical education. The Greek Register gained equivalence with the EC4 Register in 2005 and today has 218 members, 80 of whom are also members of the European Register of Specialists in Laboratory Medicine (EurSpLM).