# CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTS

# ASSOCIATION DES MÉDECINS BIOCHIMISTES DU CANADA



# Executive Committee Meeting / R*éunion du conseil d’administration*

Wednesday, Mar 23 2022 3-4 pm ET

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| Attendees |
| Executive members  |
| Dr. Li Wang (LW) √ | Dr. Pierre Douville (PD) - √ |
| Dr. Andre Mattman (AM) √ | Dr. Gang He (GH) - √ |
| Dr. Mohsen Tanfous (MT) – √ | Dr. Manal Elnenaei (ME) – X |
| Dr. Karim Mourabit-Amari (KM) –√ | Ms. Manon Gaudry (MG) – exempt for presence  |
| Dr. Ramesh Saeedi (RS) – √ | Dr. Ann Gangloff (AG) - √ |
| Invited  |
| Dr. Dan Holmes (DH) – √ | Dr. Jonatan Blais (JB) – √ |
| Dr. François Corbin (FC)– √ | Dr. Jean-Claude Forest (JCF)– √ |

1. **Review and adopt last meeting minutes** (Proposed by *AM*; Seconded by *JB*)
2. **Discussion about the draft letter to Royal College regarding the General Pathology entry route**
* *JCF:* Will the specifics of the general path +1 year MB training be equivalent to 2-year MB training for IM residents?

*JB:* There were equivalent 24 months of Medical Biochemistry training among the combined GP+1 year MB curriculum, so it would be consistent with the IM route.

* *MG*: With the long term version of clinical pathology, will this short term of general pathology entry route phase out?

*AM/JB*: Yes, then we need to consider what to happen for the IM trained MB route; Suggest to remain this route viable

* *FC*: There are no general pathology program in Quebec. Currently MB is a subspecialty for IM entry. It will be confusing if there are 2 entry routes for the same residency position. Most medical biochemists are doing clinics in Quebec, while the general pathologists aren’t--- May not see much gain by this general pathology entry program

*JCF/JB:* Across Canada, not all the medical biochemists see patients. This new entry route by GP was requested by Royal College, and it could provide additional distinction from clinical chemist due to training in medical microbiology, Hematopathology etc. There is no net loss and maybe more different with the new route.

* *MT*: GP entry route would dilute Medical biochemistry interest and trainee won’t know what they will do in real life. IM entry seems more attractive to make our specialty known to medical students.

*JB:* Currently a working group is working on the IM entry route. This GP entry route is additional to help recruit more residents with these two parallel routes.

* *LW:* Can the royal college open foreign trained general pathology residents to be allowed for the MB entry?

*JB/AM*: Yes, the national specialty group is working on it

* *PD:* Suggest some examples of clinical pathology training programs from other countries in this support letter

*JB*: Has similar ideas to add examples from US, South Korea and Europe but worry that people would think we propose this clinical pathology based on existing programs available somewhere else instead of the needs.

* *FC*: When Royal College asks MB, we don’t have to respond yes all the time. Is it clear it won’t be any issue regarding positions in residency between GP and IM routes?

*JCF/JB:* The advantage of multiple entry routes is to have flexibility and satisfy needs in difference provinces.

1. **CAMB-AMBQ Annual Meeting update (FC)**
* Virtual only (June 2-3, 2022) based on survey
* No president identified for the scientific committee
1. **Website:**
* Nephew of PD has been building and maintaining our website
* Manon will be trained to manage the website contents.

**Actions:**

*LW* sent the final version of support letter and ask executive members to vote by emails.

**Addendum:**

All members voted and see the attached final copy which was sent to the Royal College

