

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

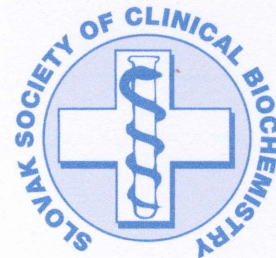
*The European Association for  
Predictive, Preventive and  
Personalised Medicine*



[www.epmanet.eu](http://www.epmanet.eu)

AND

*Slovak Society of Clinical  
Biochemistry*



[www.sskb.sk](http://www.sskb.sk)

European Association for Predictive, Preventive and Personalized Medicine (EPMA) is a non-profit, independent, medical professional association, registered in Brussels, Belgium, having its national representatives in over 40 countries around the world, including the Slovak Republic.

Slovak Society of Clinical Biochemistry (SSKB) is a professional association of medical and analytical experts in clinical biochemistry and clinical laboratory diagnostics. SSKB works as an organizational unit of Slovak Medical Association (SkMA), a voluntary, non-governmental, politically independent non-profit association comprising professional associations and societies acting in the sphere of medicine, the members of which participate in development of medical branches and healthcare.

EPMA is a global leader in PPPM concepts and their realization, promoting an advanced healthcare versus delayed disease management. EPMA is aware that such a magnitude of change cannot be achieved by a single professional organization and it is gradually building effective collaboration with other professional organizations who share EPMA visions and philosophy of predictive, preventive and personalized medicine (PPPM) and inevitable role of PPPM in the development of proactive healthcare as an innovative approach, and a new standard for medical science and services in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

EPMA welcomes and appreciates all professional activities of SSKB supporting development and progress of PPPM in the Slovak Republic, and finds cooperation between both organizations mutually beneficial.

Both professional organizations declare understanding in each other's position in development of PPPM, in which the role of clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine is crucial, and they agreed here within that the cooperation between both professional organizations may encompass the following activities:

1. Publication activities
2. Educational efforts
3. Joint multidisciplinary meetings
4. Web-based promotion activities
5. Cooperation in grant schemes
6. Research cooperation
7. Political and other activities supporting innovation in healthcare

Both, EPMA and SSKB, find it essential that all relevant expert organizations contribute with their expertise and their complementary visions and ideas promoting PPPM and the paradigm shift from reactive disease management to early/predictive diagnostics, targeted preventive measures and treatments tailored to the person.

Signed

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