

Crossroads of Latvian and German pathologists in three centuries

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Cooperation between Latvian (L) and German (G) medicine is reflected in papers of K. Ārons (1983), J. Salaks (2011), A. Vīksna (2017), M. Pozemkovska (2018) but few papers are about collaboration between pathologists of both countries (V. Dērums, 1970; H. Wegener, 1993; G. Ferber, 1997; R. Kleina, 2001; V. Gordjušina, 2004; R. Maurer, 2012).

Aim to analyze and reflect contacts between Latvian and German pathologists through three centuries.

Material and methods. We have used available literature from Latvian and German press, archive materials from Baltic German doctor's association and data of Latvian association of Pathologists

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List of doctors for 1925 in Latvia

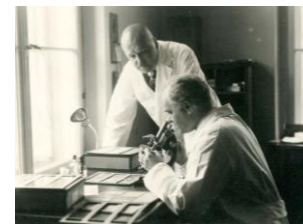
Number	Percentage
Latvians	370 38.6
Jews	271 28.3
Germans	218 22.7
Russians	61 6.4
Poles	6 0.6
Swedes	4 0.4
Estonians	2 0.2
Armenians	2 0.2
Unknown	20 2.1

Results. The interaction between Latvian and German pathology we may divide into 4 periods.

1st period include Russian Empire time till independence of Latvia in 1918. First pathology was started at Riga 1st hospital where from year 1883 worked such German pathologists as Hanss Kranhalss (1853-1910) and Paul Präctorius (1867-1937). In this period R. Virchow was twice in Latvia (1877 and 1896) as the archaeologist at Āraiši where he had cooperation and friendship with earl Carl G. fon Zīverss. As a doctor he had visited X Congress of archaeology, leprosy, department of Pathology, art exhibition at gallery of Brederlosche.

3rd period (1940-1991) was Soviet time. Then contacts were mainly on private level with Köln, Magdeburg, Rostock in the field of hematology and hepatology. This time was reflected by pathologist M. Brandt (Wege und Umwege der Sowjetmedizin, Berlin, 1957).

Conclusions. History of medicine is like a spirale. Cooperation between G. and L. pathologist and cytologists is going on in consultations, research and lifelong learning. Nowadays hundreds of medical students from Germany study in Riga.



From left: R. Virchow, R. Adelheim with M. Brandts and H.H. Wegener

2nd period was time between 2 world wars (1918 –1940) when academical traditions of pathology were developed by Baltic German Roman Adelheim (1881–1938), professor of L. University, director of 1st Pasteur's institute in Baltic countries (1914), a pathologist at Children and 2nd Hospital, the member of Academy of Sciences Leopoldina (1938). Scientific activities of professor were morphology of infectious diseases, toxicology and oncology. Pathologists published their articles in the main journals of Germany.



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4th period: 1991-2021 after the restoration of the independence of Latvia. The brightest event in this period of cooperation was foundation of Baltic- German doctor's association in 1991. It was time when we needed advises, support with literature and devices. As 1st president of Baltic German Doctors association was pathologist H. H. Wegener (1991-1999) there were organized 27 annual symposium. H. Wegener (1937) later was a member of the board. He had worked at Pathology Institute of Moabit and R. Virchow hospital in Berlin. He is the author of > 60 articles. He was also president of Berlin Association of Nature and Resorts and member of board of Berlin Doctors Camera. He has organized continuing education of pathologists in Germany and in Baltic countries. With the support of H. Wegener on 2012 was founded IAP Baltic Division (presidents prof R. Kleina: S. Isajev). Pathologists from Latvia have emigrated to Germany but only Max T. Brandt (1890-1972), B. Press (1917-2001) and A. Kadeģis (1933-2012) had work at German institutes.