

BELGIAN SOCIETY OF PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY

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***Minutes of the General Assembly of the Belgian Society of Fundamental
and Clinical Physiology and Pharmacology
and of the
National Committee of Physiology and Pharmacology***

Brussels (Palace of the Academies), October 26th 2012

The General Assembly started at 13.45h

1. The administrative and accounting reports for 2012 are discussed and approved.
2. Prof. Dr. J. Van de Voorde represented our Society at the EPHAR council meeting (Granada, Spain – July 18, 2012) and the FEPS council meeting (Santiago de Compostela, Spain – September 18, 2012) and reports on these meetings. The next EPHAR-meeting will be organized in Istanbul (Turkey) in 2016. Our Society received an invitation to organize one of the symposia; this will be discussed later in our Society.
It is highlighted that FEPS sponsors travel grants for young scientists and PhD-postdoctoral courses in physiology (Summer School).
In 2013 there will be no joint FEPS congress because of the IUPS Congress of Physiology (Birmingham, UK). Grants for young scientists are offered by FEPS to attend this meeting.
In 2014 FEPS organizes a joint meeting with the Hungarian Society of Physiology.
3. The annual membership fee for our Society remains 40 €. The Assembly urges the members to pay their dues on time.
The Royal Academy of Sciences and Arts of Belgium (RASAB) will be asked to pay the membership dues to IUPS and IUPHAR.
4. Elections
Prof. Dr. Chantal Dessy (Université Catholique de Louvain) was elected as Second Vice-Chairman.
For 2013 the members of the board are:

Chairman	Prof. Dr. Bruno Flamion (FUNDPNamur)
First Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. Hidde Bult (UAntwerpen)
Second Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. Chantal Dessy (UC Louvain)
Secretary General	Prof. Dr. Vincent Seutin (ULiège)
Session Secretary - Treasurer	Prof. Dr. Johan Van de Voorde (UGent)
Advisors	Prof. em. Dr. Eric Lacroix (UGent)
	Prof. em. Dr. Théophile Godfraind (UCLouvain)
5. Prof. Thomas Voets (KULeuven) agreed to become the ambassador of our Society for his University.

In the Groupe de contact "Pharmacologie Biochimique" of the "Fonds National de Recherche Scientifique", Prof. Dr. Théophile Godfraind will be replaced as President by Prof. Dr. Vincent Seutin.

6. The candidatures of two new members are approved:
Julien Hanson (ULiège), supported by Jean-François Liégeois and Vincent Seutin.
Elke Decrock (UGent), supported by Luc Leybaert and Bert Vanheel.

7. Calendar of the national meetings

The 2nd Benelux Congress on Physiology and Pharmacology was planned to be organized in Maastricht in Spring 2013. Unfortunately, the local organiser, Prof. Dr. Jo De Mey is no longer active in Maastricht. Our General Assembly regrets this, especially because some invited speakers were already contacted. Our Secretary General will contact Prof. Dr. Jan Danser (Erasmus University Rotterdam NL.) to discuss the possibility of organizing the meeting in 2014 or in 2015 in The Netherlands.

The General Assembly of our Society agrees to have all the forthcoming Society meetings organized on a Friday in the Palace of the Academies in Brussels, given the success of the two last meetings. The former „local organizer“ will now be the „chair person“, who invites the plenary lecturer, takes care of his stay and leads the scientific sessions. The meeting itself, i.e. catering and registration, will be organized by the session secretariate.

2013	Spring	Prof. Dr. E. Hermans (UCLouvain)
	Autumn	Prof. Dr. H. Bult (UAntwerpen)
2014	Spring	2nd Benelux Congress on Physiology and Pharmacology ? if not, Prof. Dr. J. Van de Voorde (Gent)
	Autumn	Prof. Dr. C. Dessy (UCLouvain)
2015	Spring	2nd Benelux Congress on Physiology and Pharmacology ?

8. International Meetings

July 4-6 2013
Edinburgh (U.K.)
EACPT (European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics)
www.eacpt.org

July 21-26 2013
Birmingham (U.K.)
IUPS – 37th Congress of the International Union of Physiological Sciences
www.iups2013.org

September 11-13 2013
Leuven (Belgium)
4th ECS Workshop, "Ca²⁺ and Cell death"
website not yet in use - Contact: jan.parys@med.kuleuven.be

July 13-18 2014
Cape Town (South Africa)
XVIIth World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology
www.wcp2014.org

(date) 2014
(Hungary)
FEPS – Joint Meeting with Hungarian Society of Physiology
Website no yet in use!

9. Miscellaneous

Prof. Dr. J. Van de Voorde brings up the suggestion to organize an “Inter-University Doctoral School Course” concerning “Basic experimental techniques in physiology and pharmacology” under the auspices of the Belgian Society of Physiology and Pharmacology. It is brought up that the French speaking Universities organize activities in the framework of their Thematic Doctoral School of Physiology, Physiopathology and Pharmacology (supported by the FNRS), which is not the case in the Flemish part of the country.

The Assembly supports the idea; the organisation and details will be discussed in a near future.
