

BELGIAN SOCIETY OF PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY

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

Brussels (Palace of the Academies), October 17th 2014

The General Assembly starts at 13.30h

1. The administrative and accounting reports for 2014 are discussed and approved.
2. Prof. Dr. J. Van de Voorde attended the general assembly of IUPHAR in Cape Town (South Africa). Forthcoming IUPHAR world congresses will be organized in Kyoto (Japan) 2018 and Glasgow (UK) 2022. He also attended the meeting of the Federation of European Physiological Societies (FEPS) in Budapest (Hungary). Since the last years, FEPS joins yearly the organisation of a meeting of one National Society. So FEPS will join the meeting of the Baltic National Societies in Kaunas (Lit.) in 2015, and the French National Society in Paris in 2016.
3. The annual membership fee for our Society remains 40 €. The Assembly urges the members to pay their dues on time. The membership for retired Society members will be maintained free of charge. The Royal Academy of Sciences and Arts of Belgium (RASAB) will be asked to pay as usual the membership dues to IUPS and IUPHAR. In the meantime RASAB informed the international societies (IUPS and IUPHAR) that the changes in the Belgian government can be the cause of the delay of payment of the Belgian government funding to these Societies. A report of activities of the National Committee of Physiology and Pharmacology was sent to RASAB. Based on that report it is hoped that RASAB will further pay the membership dues to IUPS and IUPHAR in the coming years.
4. Elections

Prof. Dr. David Gall (Université Libre de Bruxelles) was elected as Second Vice-Chairman.
For 2015 the board will be as follows:

Chairman

Prof. Dr. First Vice-Chairman

Prof. Second Vice-Chairman

Secretary General

Session Secretary - Treasurer

Advisors

Prof. Dr. Chantal Dessy (UCLouvain)

Prof. Dr. Thomas Voets (KULeuven)

Prof. Dr. David Gall (ULBruxelles)

Prof. Dr. Vincent Seutin (ULiège)

Prof. Dr. Johan Van de Voorde (UGent)

Prof. em. Dr. Eric Lacroix (UGent)

Prof. em. Dr. Théophile Godfraind (UCLouvain)

5. The candidatures of Cindy Dressen (ULBruxelles) and Jeroen Stas (UAntwerpen) as new member have been approved. The candidature of C. Dressen was supported by Prof. Dr. Ph. Lebrun and Prof. Dr. P. Lybaert (both ULBruxelles), the candidature of Jeroen Stas was supported by Prof. Dr. Dirk Snyders and Prof. Dr. Elke Bocksteins (both UAntwerpen).

6. Calendar of the Society Meetings

2015

27.03/24.4/08.05/ ? Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Pascale Lybaert, ULBruxelles)

November 6 Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Thomas Voets, KULeuven)

2016

Spring Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. David Gall, ULBruxelles)

Autumn Brussels (host: N. UAntwerpen)

The hosts were asked to determine the date as soon as possible to secure reservations in the Palace of the Academies.

7. International Meetings

2015

April 10-12 Edinburgh (UK): Ageing and Degeneration: a Physiological Perspective

April 20-21 Edinburgh (UK): British Pharmacological Society focused meeting: Exploiting the new pharmacology and application to drug discovery

June 3-6 Pisa (It.): Joint Meeting 28th European Microcirculation Society (ESM) and 8th European Vascular Biology Organisation (EVBO)

June 27-30 Madrid (Spain): 12th Congress of the European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT)

July 6-8 Cardiff (UK): Physiology 2015

August 26-29 Kaunas (Lithuania): Joint Meeting of FEPS and the Baltic Physiological Societies

Sept. 25-27 Kyoto (Japan): 10th World Congress for Microcirculation

Dec. 15-17 London (UK): Pharmacology 2015

2016

April 18-19 Leicester (UK): British Pharmacological Society Focused Meeting on Cell Signaling

June 26-30 Istanbul (Turkye): 7th European Congress of Pharmacology (EPHAR 2016)

8. Miscellaneous

Prof. Vincent Seutin discussed the efforts of EPHAR to create an European Certified Pharmacologist Degree and the question whether our Belgian national Society would have interest to participate. Many countries have already agreed. However some big countries such as Germany and the United Kingdom have not yet decided to participate. The Assembly was asked for our opinion on the creation of a body ("National certifying body") able to evaluate applications for the European Certified Pharmacologist Degree.

Prof. Johan Van de Voorde mentioned the existence of the qualification of "Clinical Pharmacologist". In Gent about 10 colleagues have a "Clinical Pharmacology qualification".

The conclusion was that our Society has few resources to organize such a certifying body and cannot launch this effort at the moment. This may of course change in the future.

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