

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), November 6th 2015

Chairman Chantal Dessy (UCLouvain) opens the General Assembly at 13.30h

1. The administrative and financial reports for 2015 are discussed and approved.
2. Our Society was not represented at the general assembly of the “Federation of European Physiological Societies (FEPS) in Kaunas (Lithuania) and the “European Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT)” in Madrid. No reports can be presented.
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 remains free of charge.

The Royal Academy of Sciences and Arts of Belgium (RASAB) that usually pays the membership dues to IUPS and IUPHAR has not paid these memberships fees for 2014 due to the lack of funding by the Belgian Government. For 2015 however there exists a possibility that it will be paid.

4. Elections

Prof. Dr. Wim Martinet (Universiteit Antwerpen) was elected as Second Vice-Chairman.

For 2016 the board will be as follows:

Chairman

Prof. Dr. Thomas Voets (KULeuven)

First Vice-Chairman

Prof. Dr. David Gall (ULBruxelles)

Second Vice-Chairman

Prof. Dr. Wim Martinet (UAntwerpen)

Prof. Dr. 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. The candidatures of Laurence Dewachter (ULBruxelles) and Katrien Lemmens (UAntwerpen) as new members have been approved. The candidature of L. Dewachter was supported by Prof. Dr. Philippe Lebrun and Prof. Dr. Kathleen McEntee (both ULBruxelles), the candidature of Katrien Lemmens was supported by Prof. Dr. Guido De Meyer and Prof. Dr. Benedicte De Winter (both UAntwerpen).

6. Calendar of the Society Meetings

2016

April 22 Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. David Gall, ULBruxelles)
October 21 Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Nathalie Caron, UNamur)

2017

Spring Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Philippe Gailly, UCLouvain)
Autumn Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Wim Martinet, UAntwerpen)

The hosts for 2017 were asked to set the date of their meeting as soon as possible to secure reservations in the Palace of the Academies.

7. International Meetings

2016

April 18-19 Leicester (UK): British Pharmacological Society Focused Meeting on Cell Signaling
June 9-11th Novigrad (Croatia): GI IUPHAR Section Meeting 2016
June 26-30 Istanbul (Turkey): 7th European Congress of Pharmacology (EPHAR)
June 29th – July 1st Paris (Fr.) FEPS in association with the French Physiological Society

(All information about these meeting can be found on websites ...)

8. Miscellaneous

- a. The session secretary regrets the lack of respect for deadlines when sending in the proposals for communications. This hampers the smooth organization of the meeting.
- b. Prof. Dr. T. Godfraind, president of the National Committee of Physiology and Pharmacology, suggested an update of the board which was accepted.
The members of the National Committee of Physiology and Pharmacology are now:
Godfraind Théophile – president
Lefebvre Romain – vice-president
Van de Voorde Johan – secretary
Seutin Vincent – vice-secretary
Voets Thomas – member NL
Dessy Chantal – member FR
Gailly Philippe – member FR
Gall David – member FR

De Meyer Guido – member NL
Lebrun Philippe – member FR
DresseAlbert – member FR
Smolders Ilse – member NL
Snyders Dirk – member NL
Lacroix Eric – member NL
Bogaert Marc – honorary member NL

- c. Prof. Dirk Snyders suggests the possibility for the organization of the 3rd Benelux Phys Pharm meeting. Antwerp could be a candidate to host the next meeting in 2018. This possibility will be discussed with Prof. Dr. Guido De Meyer.
- d. Prof. Dirk Snyders informs about the idea of a “doctoral training” network in physiology and pharmacology. Prof. Johan Van de Voorde suggests a collaboration between our Society and the “Doctoral Schools”. Ideas for a strong collaboration are appreciated !

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