

**BELGIAN SOCIETY OF FUNDAMENTAL AND CLINICAL  
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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**

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**Louvain-en-Woluwé (Université Catholique de Louvain), November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The General Assembly started at 13.30h and was chaired by Prof. Dr. E. Hermans

1. The administrative and accounting reports for 2008 were approved.
2. No international congresses were organized by IUPS and IUPHAR in 2008. Congresses of EPHAR and EACPT were respectively organized in Manchester (United Kingdom) and Québec (Canada). Prof. V. Seutin, who represented our Society at EPHAR in Manchester, reported that the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies feels that it has a too low profile. There is little interest in the activities of the European Society, which has very limited resources. EPHAR will try to improve the situation by being more visible at world congresses. The first purpose is to be actively present in the "Worldpharma 2010" congress in Copenhagen (Denmark). The idea of EPHAR is to propose general lectures in pharmacology for this meeting. If our members can propose speakers from Belgium or abroad, they can contact our secretary general.
3. EPHAR asks to increase the membership fee of the European societies from 1 to 2 euro per member. The Assembly agreed. As usual, the membership dues to the other European Societies FEPS and EACPT will be paid. The Belgian Academy of Sciences will be asked to pay the membership dues to IUPS and IUPHAR.
4. The annual membership fee for our Society remains 30 €. The Assembly urges the members to pay their dues. At present only 40% do so. Members who fail to pay their dues for two successive years will be removed from the list of members.
5. Prof. Dr. Renaud Beauwens (Université Libre de Bruxelles) was elected as Second Vice-Chairman.

For 2009 the board of administration will be as follows: :

Chairman	Prof. Dr. E. Hermans (UCL)
First Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. I. Smolders (VUB)
Second Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. R. Beauwens (ULB)
Secretary general	Prof. Dr. V. Seutin (ULg)
Session Secretary - Treasurer	Prof. Dr. J. Van de Voorde (UG)
Counsellors	Prof. Dr. E. Lacroix (UG)
	Prof. Dr. T. Godfraind (UCL)

6. The candidatures of the new members were approved: Alexandre Legrand (UMonsHainaut), Valerie Croons (UAntwerpen), Wim Derave (UGent). The late candidature of Robrecht Raedt (UGent) (introduced by Paul Boon and Koen Paemeleire) was also approved.

The Assembly urges the members to encourage their young collaborators to participate actively in the Society and to become members.

7. Meeting calendar

March 7 2009	UGent	Prof. Dr. R. Lefebvre
October 24 2009	VUBrussel	Prof. Dr. I. Smolders
Spring 2010	FUNDPNamur	Prof. Dr. B. Flamion
Autumn 2010	ULBruxelles	Prof. Dr. R. Beauwens
Spring 2011	UHasselt	Prof. Dr. J.M. Rigo

8. International Meetings

The Organisers of the "88th Annual Meeting of the German Physiological Society" in Giessen (March 22-25 2009) invite all the international colleagues to participate at their programme entirely in English  
Web: <http://www.uni-giessen.de/dpg2009>

12-15 July 2009 Edinburgh (Scotland)  
9<sup>th</sup> Congress of the EACPT – European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics  
web: <http://www.eacpt2009.org>

27 July – 1 August 2009 Kyoto (Japan)  
36<sup>th</sup> IUPS Meeting - The International Union of Physiological Sciences  
Theme: "Function of Life: Elements and Integration"  
Web: <http://www.iups2009.com>

12-15 November 2009 Ljubljana (Slovenia)  
Joint Meeting of the Slovenian and Austrian Physiological Societies and FEPS  
provisional web: <http://lnmcp.mf.uni-lj.si>

17-23 July 2010 Copenhagen (Denmark)  
XV<sup>th</sup> IUPHAR World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology  
<http://www.Worldpharma2010.org> – e-mail: [worldpharma2010@ics.dk](mailto:worldpharma2010@ics.dk)

9. Miscellaneous

- a. Lectures of non-members that require a promotor have to be announced as "introduced by" and not as "presented by".
- b. It is decided that active participants of a meeting have to both announce their title and send their abstract to the session secretary at least one month before the meeting. This rule will be enforced from the next meeting. It is our purpose to collect the abstracts before the meeting and to distribute these to all participants during the meeting.