

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

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The General Assembly starts at 13.30h

1. The administrative and accounting reports for 2013 are discussed and approved.
2. Prof. Dr. J. Van de Voorde attended the IUPS Council Meeting during the IUPS World Congress in Birmingham (UK). He commented the efforts of this Society to include Societies of developing countries. Candidatures of Bangladesh, Malta and Nepal for IUPS membership were approved. IUPS World Congress 2017 will take place in Brazil and in 2021 in China.

A FEPS council meeting was also organized during the IUPS World Congress in Birmingham. One of the goals of FEPS is to find out if it would be possible to organize a joint meeting with pharmacologists, biochemists, pathologists etc. similar to the “Experimental Biology” meetings in the United States. The candidatures of Armenia and Malta to become FEPS members were approved.

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.

4. Elections

Prof. Dr. Thomas Voets (KULeuven) was elected as Second Vice-Chairman.

For 2014 the board will be as follows:

Chairman	Prof. Dr. Hidde Bult (UAntwerpen)
Prof. Dr. First Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. Chantal Dessy (UCLouvain)
Second Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. Thomas Voets (KULeuven ^o)
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 candidature of Dr. Dominique Engel (ULiège) as a new member has been approved. This candidature was supported by Prof. Dr. V. Seutin (ULiège) and Prof. Dr. J.M. Rigo (UHasselt).

6. Calendar of the national meetings

Prof. Seutin reported on the progression of the 2nd PhysPhar Meeting that was planned to be organised in Maastricht next Spring (April 4 and 5). Unfortunately it seems that the Maastricht team is not very active so that this meeting might be cancelled. If this is the case, our forthcoming programme will be as follows:

March 28 2014	Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. J. Van de Voorde – UGent)
October 17 2014	Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Chantal Dessy – UCLouvain)
Spring 2015	?
Autumn 2015	Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Thomas Voets – KULeuven)

8. International Meetings

July 3-5 2014 Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
The European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT) Summer Cardiovascular Meeting
www.eacpt.org

July 13-18 2014 Cape Town (South Africa)
XVIIIth World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology
www.iuphar2014.org

August 27-30 2014 Budapest (Hungary)
Joint Meeting of the Federation of European Physiological Societies (FEPS) and the Hungarian Physiological Society
www.feeps2014.org

9. Miscellaneous

The opportunities to further organize the meetings of the Society in the Royal Academy were discussed. With the support of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts it is possible to organize our meetings in the Flemish part of the Palace of the Academies in Brussels without rent. Prof. Dr. T. Godfraind, President of the National Committee of Physiology and Pharmacology, will contact the French speaking Academy to examine the opportunities to use the meeting rooms that they manage.

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