

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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Second Vice-Chairman Wim Martinet (Universiteit Antwerpen) opens the General Assembly at 13.15h.

1. The administrative and financial reports for 2016 are discussed and approved.
2. Our Society was represented at the general assembly of the 7th European Congress of Pharmacology – EPHAR 2016 Istanbul-Turkey June 26-30 by J. Van de Voorde. He reports that the congress was well organized, however with a rather poor participation. Several European Pharmacological Societies were not represented. Therefore the elections for executive committee and president are postponed. The European Certified Pharmacologists Program, a joint project EPHAR & EACPT with the aim to identify and recognize “professional” pharmacologists was discussed. More info on that program: <http://www.eucp-certification.org/>
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.

There is no news about the membership dues for IUPS and IUPHAR; these memberships were in the past usually payed the Belgian Government.

4. Elections

In his absence Prof. Dr. Philippe Gailly was elected as Second Vice-Chairman.

For 2016 the board will be as follows:

Chairman	Prof. Dr. David Gall (ULBruxelles)
First Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. Wim Martinet (UAntwerpen)
Second Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. Philippe Gailly (UCLouvain)
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 Thomas Marichal and Claire Mesnil as new members have been approved. Both candidatures from Liège were supported by Prof. Dr. Julien Hanson and Prof. Dr. Vincent Seutin

6. Calendar of the Society Meetings

2017

April 21th Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Philippe Gailly, UCLouvain)

October 20th Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Wim Martinet, UAntwerpen)

However, the possibility exists that the 3rd Benelux Meeting of Physiology and Pharmacology will be organized in the fall of 2017 in Antwerp. In that case the meeting with Wim Martinet as a host can be postponed to the Spring 2018.

7. International Meetings

2017

June 24-27th European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics – Prague, Czech Republic – www.eacpt2017.org

August 1-5th 38th World Congress of the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS) “Rhythms of Life” – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
www.iups.2017.com

September 13-15th Joint FEPS Meeting (Federation of the European Physiological Societies) – Vienna, Austria – www.feps.org

2018

July 1-5th 18th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology
Kyoto, Japan – www.wcp2018.org

8. Miscellaneous

Prof. Dr. Johan Van de Voorde would like to end his mandate as session-secretary and treasurer of our society next year. He asks the Society to prospect for another member of our society who is prepared to take up these mandates and can be appointed during the General Assembly of 2017. Vincent Seutin thanks him heartily (as well as André Van Baeveghem) for his efficiency as the main manager of the Society for the past fifteen years).
