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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**

Brussels-Jette (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), October 24th 2009

The General Assembly started at 13.45h and was chaired by Prof. Dr. I. Smolders (in the absence of Prof. E. Hermans, who sent his apologies)

1. The administrative and accounting reports for 2009 are discussed and approved. It is noticed that the income of money suffers from the many members that do not pay their membership. To lower the costs for administration, the assembly decides to stop the regular surface mail for most members, who have e-mail facilities. The programmes and the necessary forms will be sent as one pdf-file by e-mail to our members. As a limited number of our members do not use e-mail, these will further receive the correspondence by surface mail. The request for payment of the membership fee will be sent in addition to all the members by surface mail !
2. Prof. Dr. V. Seutin reports on the EPHAR general assembly meeting. The European Pharmacological Society feels that it suffers from a low international visibility and their purpose is to encourage the national societies to participate more to the European meetings. A first step is to encourage the members of the national societies to participate to the next IUPHAR meeting in Copenhagen (Denmark) from 17 to 23 July 2010.
Prof. Dr. J. Van de Voorde attended as the representative of our Society the IUPS general assembly during the 36th IUPS meeting in Kyoto-Japan. More than 4000 physiologists attended this successful congress and the strong collaboration with the Japanese national society was emphasized.
IUPS asks the national societies to submit their candidature to organize one or more satellite symposia during the next IUPS meeting and to skip a national meeting in order to increase the attendance at their meeting. Our Society decides not to take this option as it is felt that the main purpose of our Society (to give the opportunity to young and doctoral researchers to present their results) does not interfere with the success of a big international meeting.
As usual, the membership dues to the European Societies (FEPS, IUPHAR and EACPT) are payed by our Society. The Royal Academy of Sciences and Arts of Belgium (RASAB) will be asked to pay the membership dues to IUPS and IUPHAR.
3. The annual membership fee for our Society remains 30 euro. As formerly decided, the members who do not pay their membership fee for two consecutive years will be removed from our lists. The members who did not pay yet their 2009 membership fee will receive a letter to encourage them to do so.
The Assembly urges the members of the Clinical Pharmacology section to encourage their collaborators to become a member of our Society, as they are regularly involved in our meetings.

4. Prof. Dr. Dirk Snyders (Universiteit Antwerpen) was elected as Second Vice-Chairman.

For 2010 the board of administration will be as follows:

Chairman	Prof. Dr. I. Smolders (VUB)
First Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. R. Beauwens (ULB)
Second Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. D. Snyders (UA)
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)

5. The candidatures of four new members were approved:

Patrick Vanderheyden (VUB) - introduced by I. Smolders (VUB) and R. Lefebvre (UG)

Elke De Vuyst (UG) - introduced by L. Leybaert (UG) and B. Vanheel (UG)

Evelien Carrette (UG) – introduced by R. Raedt (UG) and P. Boon (UG)

Tine Wyckhuys (UG) – introduced by R. Raedt (UG) and P. Boon (UG)

6. Meeting Calendar

March 27 2010	FUNDPNamur	Prof. Dr. B. Flamion
Autumn 2010	ULBruxelles	Prof. Dr. R. Beauwens
Spring 2011	The Netherlands?/Belgium?	Dutch-Belgian Pharmacol. Meeting ?
Autumn 2011	UAntwerpen	Prof. Dr. D. Snyders
Spring 2012	UHasselt	Prof. Dr. J.M. Rigo

7. International Meetings

12-16 September 2010 Brussels (Belgium)

13th International Conference on in vivo methods, “Monitoring Molecules in Neurosciences” Contact:

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EPHAR meetings: <http://www.ephar.org/calendar.html>

FEPS meetings: <http://www.feps.org>

July 17-23 2010 Copenhagen (Denmark)

XVIth IUPHAR World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology

<http://www.Worldpharma2010.org> - e-mail: worldpharma2010@ics.dk

July 21-26 2013 Birmingham (U.K.)

IUPS – 37th Congress of the International Union of Physiological Sciences

e-mail: info@iups2013.org - website: www.iups2013.org

8. Miscellaneous

a. A delegation of our Society recently met the board of the Dutch Pharmacological Society to discuss the possibility to organize a common meeting. The Assembly agrees with this proposal and the Dutch Society will be informed by our Secretary general. The participation of the clinical pharmacologists of the two countries to this meeting is strongly encouraged (in Holland, they constitute a separate Society and will be contacted soon). The date and the location should be decided as soon as possible. The financial implications will be examined. In case the meeting is organized in Brussels, the RASAB (The Royal Academy of Sciences and Arts of Belgium) should be asked for financial support of the organisation.

b. The idea to help the Dutch Pharmacological Society in the organisation of the 2016 EPHAR meeting (in case the Dutch bid is accepted by EPHAR) is also discussed. The agreement is that our Society would be very happy to be a partner in the organisation of this meeting. However, it is felt that our participation should be restricted to the organisation of the scientific programme, as our Society does not have the capacity to take part in the financial aspects of such an event.

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