

## **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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**Brussels (Palace of the Academies), October 20, 2017**

Chairman David Gall (ULBruxelles) opens the General Assembly at 13.30h.

1. The administrative and financial reports for 2017 are discussed and approved.
2. Our Society was represented at the general assembly of the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS) in Rio de Janeiro (Brasil) on August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 by Johan Van de Voorde. He reports that the congress was well organized with 1479 participants from which 5 Belgians and himself as a member of the Belgian Society of Physiology and Pharmacology. There was an important focus on a recently published document on “Physiology: current trends and future challenges”. This document provides information on the current status of Physiology, provides recommendations to improve the status of Physiology and to improve funding opportunities, as well as recommendations on the way physiologists should be educated. Finally, suggestions are made in the document on the ways to obtain more public support for Physiology, and to address challenges in the physiological sciences worldwide. Council elections 2017-2021 were done: president Julie Chan (Taiwan), secretary-general Ulrich Pohl (Germany). Sri Lanka has been accepted as a member of IUPS. Dates for the coming IUPS and other Congresses are indicated in point 7.
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.

#### 4. Elections

Prof. Dr. Geert Bultynck (KU Leuven) was elected as Second Vice-Chairman. As already announced in the general assembly of 2016 Prof. Dr. Johan Van de Voorde (UGent) wishes to step down as session secretary – treasurer. Prof. Dr. Guido De Meyer (UAntwerpen) is prepared to take over these functions. His candidature is approved by the members. The secretarial and financial administration will be transferred on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. The transfer of the functions will be organized as soon as possible in concertation with the secretary general. The session secretariate will provide Prof. De Meyer with a road map for the organization of the meetings.

In his tribute to Prof. Dr. Johan Van de Voorde and Mr. André Van Baeveghem, secretary general Prof. Dr. Vincent Seutin stresses their merits for their longstanding and very efficient commitment to the organization of our national meetings and to the financial administration.

For 2017 the board will be as follows:

Chairman	Prof. Dr. Wim Martinet (UAntwerpen)
First Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. Philippe Gailly (UCLouvain)
Second Vice-Chairman	Prof. Dr. Geert Bultynck (KU Leuven)
Secretary General	Prof. Dr. Vincent Seutin (ULiège)
Session Secretary - Treasurer	Prof. Dr. Guido De Meyer (UAntwerpen)
Advisors	Prof. em. Dr. Eric Lacroix (UGent)
	Prof. em. Dr. Théophile Godfraind (UCLouvain)
	Prof. Dr. Johan Van de Voorde (UGent)

5. The candidatures of Joris Vriens (supported by Thomas Voets and Rudi Vennekens – KU Leuven) and Lynn Roth (supported by Guido De Meyer and Wim Martinet – UAntwerpen) are approved.

6. Calendar of the Society Meetings

2018 Spring Meeting April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Julien Hanson, ULiège)
2018 Autumn Meeting October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brussels (host: Prof. Dr. Geert Bultynck, KU Leuven)

7. International Meetings

### 2018

26 February–1 March/ Göttingen (Germany)  
3<sup>rd</sup> German Pharm-Tox Summit - a joint meeting: 84<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the German Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology (DGPT)

July 1-5<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology  
Kyoto, Japan – [www.wcp2018.org](http://www.wcp2018.org)

14-16 september: London UK: Congress of the Federation of European Physiological Societies (FEPS): “Eurphysiology 2018”. Info: <https://www.europhysiology2018.org/>

**2021** IUPS 39<sup>th</sup> World Congress - Beijing (People’s Republic of China)

**2022** Glasgow (UK): World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR and the British Pharmacological Society)

**2025** IUPS 40<sup>th</sup> World Congress - Munich (Germany) – organised by several European Physiological Societies (+ Belgium ?)

## 8. Miscellaneous

Considering the changes in the board of the Society, Prof. Dr. Théophile Godfraind, president of the National Committee of Physiology and Pharmacology, suggests that Guido De Meyer should be nominated as secretary and J. Van de Voorde should remain as a member.

The composition of the National Committee of Physiology and Pharmacology will therefore be modified as follows:

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The National Committee of Physiology and Pharmacology

Godfraind Théophile - President  
Lefebvre Romain - Vice-President  
De Meyer Guido - Secretary  
Seutin Vincent – Deputy Secretary

Voets Thomas - Member NL  
Dessy Chantal - Member FR  
Gailly Philippe - Member FR  
Gall David - Member FR  
Van de Voorde Johan - Member NL  
Lebrun Philippe - Member FR  
Dresse Albert - Member FR  
Smolders, Ilse - Member NL  
Snyders Dirk - Member NL  
Lacroix, Eric - Member NL  
Bogaert Marc - Member honoraire NL

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