

## Belgian Hypertension Committee (BHC)

### Annual report 2015

#### 1. Current board

**President:** Prof. Dr. Tine De Backer

**Secretary:** Prof. Dr. Alexandre Persu

**Treasurer:** Prof. Dr. Jean-Marie Krzesinski

**Members:** Dr. Hilde Heuten, Prof. Dr. Danny Schoors, Prof. Dr. Jan. A. Staessen, Prof. Dr. Philippe Van de Borne

#### 2. Members

At the end of 2015 the BHC counted 76 members of whom 2 new members entered in 2015. 55 members have paid up till the date of 21 January 2016.

New candidate members to be approved by the general assembly:

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#### 3. Organisation of scientific meetings

3.1. Lecturer of the year 02 March-05 March 2015: Prof Dr T. Unger Educational symposium Square Brussels 07 March 2015

3.2. Joint Belgian-Dutch-Swiss meeting, Antwerpen, May 2015

3.3. Annual Scientific Meeting BHC, AZ Brussels, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015

3.4. **Consensus Meeting RIZIV-INAMI** “L’usage rationnel des médicaments en cas d’hypertension artérielle/Het rationeel gebruik van geneesmiddelen bij arteriële hypertensie” (5 November 2015). TdB and AP have been involved in the preparation of the program and lectures were given by JAS, JMK, M. Burnier, S. Kjeldsen and B. Boland.

#### 4. **Endorsing activities**

- 4.1. World Hypertension Day, May 17 2015. Press communication.
- 4.2. Summer school 2015. Two candidates received a travel grant to attend the ESH Summer school: Dr Allamani MANDELINA (VUB) and Dr Fangfei WEI (KUL).
- 4.3. Journées de l'Hypertension. The BHC actively participated in the program of the Annual meeting of the French Society of Hypertension, Paris, December 2015
- 4.4. The BHC patronizes the VITARAA Study on hypertension, conducted in different countries of Sub Saharan Africa
- 4.5. The BHC patronizes NOAAH (Africa, efficacy of "old" vs. "new" antihypertensive treatment in Africa)
- 4.6. The BHC patronizes LAPTOHP (stepwise vs. combination treatment; usual care vs. telemedicine)
- 4.7. The BHC patronizes BELHYPGEN, a study on genetic predisposition for hypertension conducted in different Hypertension Clinics in Belgium.
- 4.8. The BHC patronizes BEL-FMD, a national multicentric cohort of patients with Fibromuscular Dysplasia + genetic studies.

5. **Website belhyp.be** The new webmaster is Dries Gaerdelen (IT UGent). A first version of the new website is available. Feedback and proposals. Please have a look at <http://belhyp.be/>