

Belgian Hypertension Committee (BHC)

Annual report 2016

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 2016 the BHC counted 77 members of whom 0 new members entered in 2016 and one left because of retirement.

58 members have paid up till the date of 23 January 2017.

(See annex 1).

New candidate members to be approved by the general assembly:

-Dr. Yang Wenyi

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-Dr Elena Berra

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3. Organization of scientific meetings

3.1. Educational symposium Square Brussels, 30 January 2016 (See annex 2)

3.2. Lecturer of the year 07 March-10 March 2016: Prof Dr S. Kjeldsen (See annex 3)

3.3. Annual Scientific Meeting BHC, AZ Brussels, 29th October 2016 (See annex 4)

4. Endorsing activities

- 4.1. World Hypertension Day 2016 (May 17th - May 24th). In the wake of the INAMI-RIZIV consensus meeting (5 November 2015), an open letter supporting the reimbursement of ABPM has been diffused in the media. (See annex 5)
- 4.2. Summer school 2016, Sirmione, Italy. Two candidates received a travel grant to attend the ESH Summer school: Dr Wenyi YANG (KUL) and Dr Elena BERRA (UCL)
- 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 2016
- 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) has been fully published and support of BHC is acknowledgements of all published manuscripts.
- 4.6. The BHC patronizes LAPTOHP (stepwise vs. combination treatment; usual care vs. telemedicine) Runs in Argentina/Uruguay and Tokyo
- 4.7. The BHC patronizes BEL-FMD, a national multicentric cohort of patients with Fibromuscular Dysplasia + genetic studies. Second National Meeting on Fibromuscular Dysplasia. Saturday 10th December 2016, Brussels.(see annex 6)
- 4.8. ESH 2016, Paris, June 2016
- 4.9. ISH meeting Seoul. 24-²⁹ September 2016.
- 4.10. Hy-result project. Dr Postel-Vinay (HEGP, Paris) is demanding party for a collaboration with the BHC on the Hy-result project. Participation is left at the board member's discretion

5. **Website belhyp.be** The webmaster is Dries Gaerdelen(codefairies.com). <http://belhyp.be/>. Positive feedback from the board members & colleagues in general. Members are invited to inform AP/TdB about open publications from Belgian investigators which could be uploaded on the website. The annual report (without the financial evaluation) will also be made available on the website.

6. **Agreement with Servier** (See annex 7)

7. **Financial report** (See annex 8)