

Newsletter



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EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

First of all, on behalf of the ABC/BVC board, I would like to thank all attendees of the training course organized in Mont Godinne May 15-16 which was a great success. Therefore also thanks to the organizers and especially to the experts who shared their knowledge with all participants. We intend to organize a similar training course in Gent next year, thus continuing the tradition to organize this course in the French- and Dutch- speaking parts of Belgium, alternatively.

The next major activity, the National Symposium of the BVC/ABC, is scheduled on Friday, November 15 in Namur. Please, note down this date in your agenda! Further details can be found on the next pages of this Newsletter.

We are pleased that Marianne Van Blerk accepted to give an overview of the QC activities organized by WIV/ISSP-LP at the National Symposium. This QC deals with lymphocyte immunophenotyping. In this context I can feed more information to you regarding QC organized by the Dutch. In a recent letter Jan-Willem Gratama wrote: *"We have since 5 years an external quality assessment scheme ongoing for platelet & lymphocyte antibody screening & typing, and platelet HPA typing. The scheme has developed well, and a scoring system to quantify the performance of the participants has been developed. Some 15 labs participate to the scheme, among which several ones from Flanders. The language of the scheme is English. We think it's worthwhile to recruit eventually more participants from Belgium and Luxemburg."* If you are interested, do not hesitate to contact me or someone else from the board.

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Finally, once more, I want to fix your attention to the BVC/ABC website to be found at <http://www.cytometry.be/>.

I hope to meet you 'on the web' or on one of our future events. If you have suggestions or criticisms that may help to improve the activities of the BVC/ABC, please do not hesitate to communicate them to us!

Jan Philippé

Do you want to become a BVC/ABC member ?

Register on our website:
www.cytometry.be

Annual Symposium of the BVC/ABC

Friday 15 November 2002 @ Les Moulins de la Meuse, Namur

Preliminary program:

09.30 Registration

Plenary session I

10.00 Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer: FRET (Janos Szollosi, Hungary)

10.40 Microarrays (José Remacle, Namur)

Oral presentations I

11.20 Three presentations, selected from the best abstracts submitted.

12.05 Lunch & poster walking

Oral presentations II

14.15 Three presentations, selected from the best abstracts submitted.

15.00 Flow cytometry QC (Marjan Van Blerk)

15.20 Coffee break & poster viewing

Plenary session II

15.50 Bead immunoassay (Ghislain Opdenakker, Leuven)

16.30 Stem cell plasticity (André Gothot, Liège)

17.10 Adjourn

For more information, please contact Bernard Chatelain

(BernardChatelain@compuserve.com)

Location:

Les Moulins de la Meuse

Rue du Moulin de la Meuse 4

Namur.

Access:

Coming from Brussels: E411, exit 14 Namur-Bouge, N90, follow Namur and then Beez

Coming from Arlon, E411, exit 15 Jambes-Andenne-Loyers, follow Jambes and then Beez

Call for abstracts:

Anybody wishing to make a presentation is cordially invited to email an abstract to Bernard Chatelain (BernardChatelain@compuserve.com) or Bernard Husson (Bernard.Husson@swing.be).

It should consist of:

Title

Names and affiliation of the authors

Abstract of the presentation of no more than 500 words

Preferred format (Oral or poster presentation)

Email address of the presenting author

Preferentially, abstracts should be sent in the body of the email message, but attached RTF, TXT or MS Word files are also acceptable.

To register:

1. Transfer €50 (or €25 for students and members of the BVC/ABC) to the account of the society: 001-2653141-73 and clearly mention the name(s) of the participant(s) and "BVC/ABC Symposium 2002"

2. Send this form or email with the same information to Christian Demanet, AZ VUB, Laboratorium Hematologie - Immunologie, Laarbeeklaan 101, 1090 Brussel.

eMail: lhemgsb@az.vub.ac.be

First name:

Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Is participating to the annual BVC/ABC Symposium, 15 November 2002



Last call for BVC/ABC membership 2002.

BVC/ABC membership appliance will close at the end of July 2002.

If you want to benefit from the membership of our association (reductions to the annual symposium and workshops, newsletters, mailing list,.....) fill in your coordinates and fax this page to our secretary: 02 477 50 63

Transfer the membership fee of €25 (€12.50 for students – add proof of status) to the society bank account : 001-2653141-73 and clearly mention your name and "membership 2002".

Deadline July 31

First name:

Name:

Title:

Affiliation:

Department:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Student member: yes/no