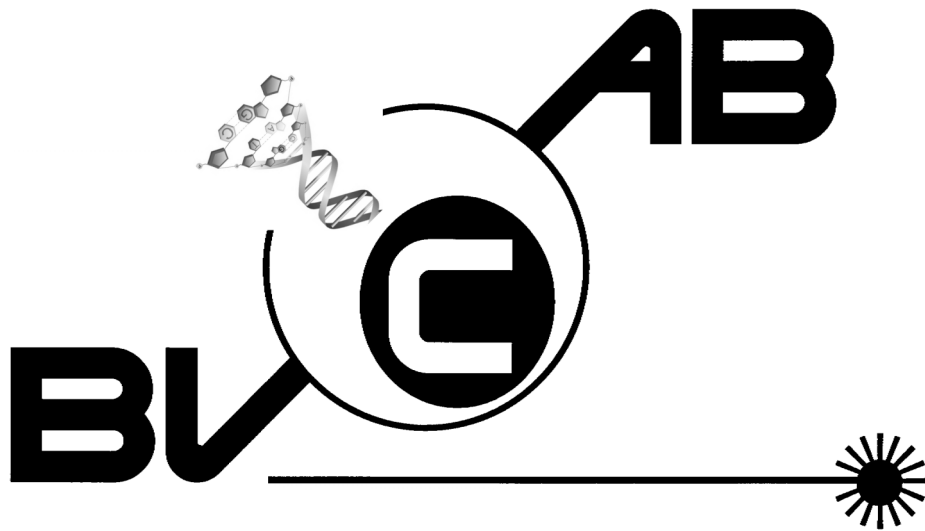


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1. Editorial

Dear members, friends and colleagues,

Many of you attended our last national meeting in Bruges last October organized together with the Association Francaise de Cytometrie. Looking backwards it was quiet a success thanks to a lot of good speakers, the nice location, the beautiful weather and the help of many of you. The help of Alpha Visa Congres in the 3 days meeting was also appreciated.

Beginning of March this year, Bernard Chatelain, organized again a flow cytometry meeting in the UCL at Mont-Godinne which was highly appreciated especially by the clinical cases presented during the afternoon session. More than 90 people participated. Congratulations Bernard!

The BVAC/ABCA extended her activities to molecular hematology and keeping in line with previous years the society again organizes a Molecular Meeting Friday, 1st of June in Hasselt. Our host is Prof. Jean-Luc Rummens from the Virga Jesse Ziekenhuis. Find the registration document in this newsletter and also on our website. Since the meeting is coming soon fax us your registration ASAP to us and eventually pay on site.

Further more, the society is busy to organize the annual meeting (this year without partner) to be held in Mons in October. The general focus of the meeting will be "Rare event analysis" with topics such as leukemia, stem cells, cardiology,.. that will interest many of you (see the preliminary program further).

I hope that many of you appreciate the efforts of the BVAC/ABCA in organizing meetings in flow cytometry and molecular hematology. We hope to see many of you during our coming events!!

On behalf of all board members,

Christian Demanet, President



CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Period: 2008-2009

During the next General Assembly on October 26th, 2007
in Mons a new board
for the BVAC/ABCA will be elected.

If you wish to become a member of the board, please
send your application mentioning your willingness to
become a board member to our president Christian
Demanet at the latest on June 30, 2007. Please attach a
small curriculum vitae (max. 1 page) to be included with
the voting forms.

Only BVAC/ABCA society members are eligible for the
new board!

The major focus of the society is flow cytometry,
molecular hematology and imaging.

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4. Forthcoming events



**BELGISCHE VERENIGING VOOR ANALYTISCHE CYTOLOGIE (BVAC)
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ASSOCIATION BELGE DE CYTOLOGIE ANALYTIQUE (ABCA) ASBL**

Friday 1 june 2007

Molecular hematology meeting: FISH in chronic B-cell malignancies

Virga Jesse Ziekenhuis, Stadsomvaart 11
3500 Hasselt, Belgium

Program

09:30 Welcome

10:00 Flow-sorting with FACS Aria (Karen Hensen - Hasselt)

10:30 CGH in multiple myeloma (Sabine Franke - Hasselt)

11:00 Combination of FACS-sorting and FISH:

an integrated methodology for routine diagnostics in B-cell and
plasma cell malignancies. (Brigitte Maes - Hasselt)

11:45 FISH in CLL (Nadine Van Roy - UGent)

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Metaphase FISH (Iwona Wlodarska - KULeuven)

14:15 Interphase FISH on magnetically separated myeloma cells (Lucienne
Michaux - KULeuven)

15:00 Developing guidelines for the diagnosis of chronic lymphoproliferative
disorders (round table)

16:00 Adjourn

Accreditation has been applied for.

Registration fees:

Members of the BVAC/ABCA: € 15

Non members: € 30 or € 65 including membership for 2007

Students: free



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Molecular meeting Hasselt, registration document

(pre-registration deadline: may 25, 2007)

Please write clearly and completely!

Last name:

First name:

Institution:

Address:

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City + code:

Country:.....

E-mail:

No RIZIV/INAMI (if applicable):

BVAC/ABCA Member: € 15.00

Non-member: € 30.00 (€ 65.00 including membership)

Student € 0.00

Please send this document to our secretary by:

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Regular mail: Dr. C. Demanet

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Laarbeeklaan 101,

1090 Brussel (Belgium)

Payment to the BVAC/ABCA on the account no:

001-2653141-73 (BIC: GEBABEBB, IBAN: BE27 0012 6531 4173)

Mention your **NAME + Meeting Hasselt** on the money transfer!

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RARE EVENT ANALYSIS

Preliminary program

Mons October 26th, 2007

- Pitfalls in rare event analysis (L. Terstappen's lab, The Netherlands).
- Endothelial progenitor cells (F. Timmermans, Belgium)
- Minimal residual disease by flow cytometry (G. J. Schuurhuis, The Netherlands)
- Detection of basophils/mast cells in allergy (O. Lees, France)
- Clinical relevance of MRD studies by flow cytometry and molecular biology in acute leukaemia (N. Straetmans, Belgium)*
- Circulating tumor cells*
- Stem cells: A clinical viewpoint (A. Gothot, Belgium)

And.....

- Poster session
- Oral presentations: 4 posters will be selected for oral presentations**

* awaiting final confirmation.

** 4 posters will be selected beforehand for oral presentation (3 awards of 200 euro, one super award of 500 euro.) By electronic voting the public will be able to choose the winner of the super award!).



Membership Renewal

Dear friends and colleagues,

Find on the next page a BVAC/ABCA membership 2007 renewal document. Please write clearly and complete all parts of the document. Extra copies can be downloaded from our website **www.cytometry.be**.

May we remind you that the Society extended its activities to the area of molecular biology. Please inform your colleagues in your institutes working in this field.

Membership for students is free but they must register by sending the renewal document (+copy of their student card).

Membership subscription closes on **June 30, 2007**.

We hope that we can count on your continuing support!

Christian Demanet

Dirk Van Bockstaele

President BVAC/ABCA

Treasurer



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MEMBERSHIP 2007 RENEWAL DOCUMENT

(inscription deadline: June 30, 2007)

Please write clearly and complete!

Last name:

First name:

E-mail address (required):

Institution:

Department:

Mailing address:

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City + code: Country:

Telephone No: Fax No:

No RIZIV/INAMI (if applicable):

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|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full membership | € 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In training, technician | € 25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | € 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delete me from your mailing list | |

Protection of privacy

Do you allow the BVAC/ABCA to:

- Send you announcements for scientific activities:
 Yes No
- Insert your coordinates on our website:
 Yes No

Please send this document to our secretariat by:

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Regular mail: Dr. C. Demanet
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Mention your NAME + 2007 on the money transfer!

6. Job offer

Our flow cytometry and cell analysis lab is seeking for lab technicians that already have some experience in working in such an environment or are impressed by the team spirit and team work attitude that is prevalent in such environments and are eager to learn the tricks of the trade (high level cell prep and culture techniques for a multitude of client specific assays, running acquisitions on a variety of flow cytometric platforms, high level off line analysis of listmode data etc...) within a motivating setting of clinical trials services.

If you're interested, please contact me (preferably by e-mail) for further information.

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