
BelTox General Assembly 2019

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Activities 2018

- **Courses and Workshops:**

- No courses or workshops were organized in 2018 because priority was given to the organization of EUROTOX 2018 in Brussels and the preparations for the UCLouvain-BelTox course in toxicology starting with modules 1 (principles of toxicology), 2 (clinical and forensic toxicology) and 3 (regulatory toxicology) in 2019. Members of the BelTox steering committee contributed to the courses organized within the context of EUROTOX2018.

- **EUROTOX 2018:**

- **2-5 September, 2018:** With more than 1500 participants from 61 nations, 67 exhibitors and nearly 750 abstracts, the meeting was an absolute success. Several years of preparation by a dedicated and motivated BelTox team resulted in an optimal outcome. The congress theme “Toxicology out of the box” reflected our willingness and enthusiasm to offer an innovative, forward-looking and imaginative scientific programme. The programme certainly kept its promises and BelTox can be proud of the scientific quality of the EUROTOX 2018 meeting. It offered attractive lectures with well-balanced input from academia, industry and regulators. The feedback received from many participants was unanimously positive and the selection of the key note presentations was highly appreciated.

Activities 2019 (1)

- **Courses and Workshops:**

- **18-22 February, 2019:** UCLouvain-BelTox course of toxicology, Module 1 (principles of toxicology). 2019 is the first year of the university certificate in toxicology, a new training programme organized jointly by the UCLouvain and BelTox. Module 1 should be regarded as a first overview of toxicology and risk assessment to prepare the participants for more specialized modules. The training programme consisted of a theoretical part of 3.5 days covering essential subdisciplines of toxicological sciences and a practical part of 1.5 days. The course was attended by 18 participants from industry, consultation, authorities and academia. The feedback was very positive. Especially the practical exercises with one pharmaceutical and one industrial chemical were very much appreciated.
- **19 March, 2019:** Introductory course in toxicology, ecotoxicology and risk assessment for the Association of the Chemical Industry in Belgium (Essenscia), within the context of their product stewardship training courses. The programme consisted of presentations on general toxicology, *in vivo* and *in vitro* toxicology, *in silico* toxicology, ecotoxicology, exposure assessment, health and environmental risk assessment as well as regulatory toxicology with specific attention to REACH and CPL. The meeting was attended by 25 participants.

Activities 2019 (2)

- **Annual Meeting 2019:**

- **21-22 November, 2019:** This year BelTox will resume the organization of its annual scientific meeting. The theme for 2019 will be “Tools for 3Rs testing“. This meeting will be jointly organized by BelTox, the IC3R platform of the VUB and INVITROM. It will take place at the Life Sciences campus of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Laarbeeklaan 103, 1090 Brussels, Belgium. As usual, time will be made available for the young scientist contest where PhD students are invited to present their work and compete for the best presentations and posters.

Activities 2019 (3)

- **Annual Meeting 2019:**

Congress program:

- 9h30-9h45: Welcome (Dean Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy VUB/BelTox/IC3Rs/INVITROM).
- 9h45-10h15: Regulatory risk assessment today and tomorrow: the role of non-animal testing (Vera Rogiers, IC3Rs/VUB-Belgium).
- 10h15-11h00: *In silico* approaches in risk assessment: application of read-across and QSARs in a tiered testing strategy (Andrew Worth, JRC-Italy).
- 11h00-11h30: coffee break (Building A).
- 11h30-12h15: Status of *in vitro* methods in risk assessment (Anne Kienhuis, RIVM-The Netherlands).
- 12h15-13h00: Use of 3D models and organ-on-a-chip for pharmaceutical testing (Stefan Przyborski, Durham University-United Kingdom).
- 13h00-14h45: lunch and poster viewing (Basic Fit).
- 14h45-15h30: Use of alternative approaches in ecotoxicology (Dries Knapen, BelTox/UA-Belgium).
- 15h30-16h30: Young scientist presentations (4).
- 16h30-17h15: Use of artificial intelligence in toxicology and risk assessment (Timothy Allen, Cambridge University-United Kingdom).
- 17h15-17h30: proclamation of the winner of the young scientist presentation contest and adjourn (BelTox/IC3Rs/INVITROM).

Workshop program:

- Leo van Grunsven (VUB-Belgium): scene setting: how to make a good experimental design according to the 3R principles.
- Kurt Barbé (VUB-Belgium): Importance of suitable statistics to build up a good experimental design.
- Adrian Smith (NORCOPA-Norway): Resources for 3Rs information.
- Birgit Mertens (Sciensano-Belgium): RE-place project.

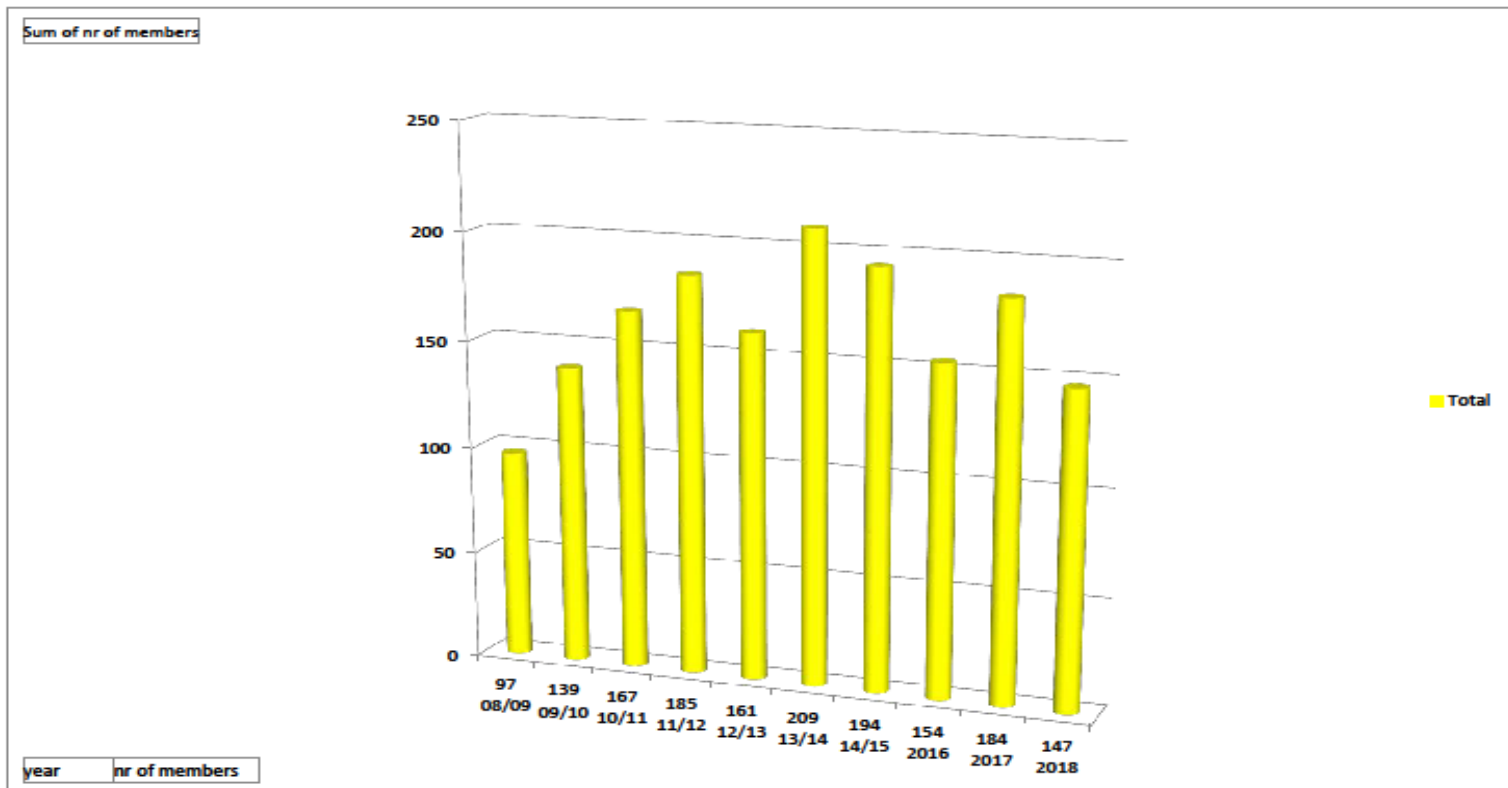
Financial Balance 2018

In	€	Out	€
Sponsorship + bank interests + website	2,550.00	Administration + bank charges	10,753.15
Membership	6,500.00	Website	2,134.28
AM 2017	100.00	AM 2017	3,688.00
Courses		Courses	324.00
EUROTOX 2018	30,645.59	EUROTOX 2018	1,450.00
ERT	1,120.00	ERT	1,035.83
Total	40,915.59	Total	19,385.26

Budget 2019

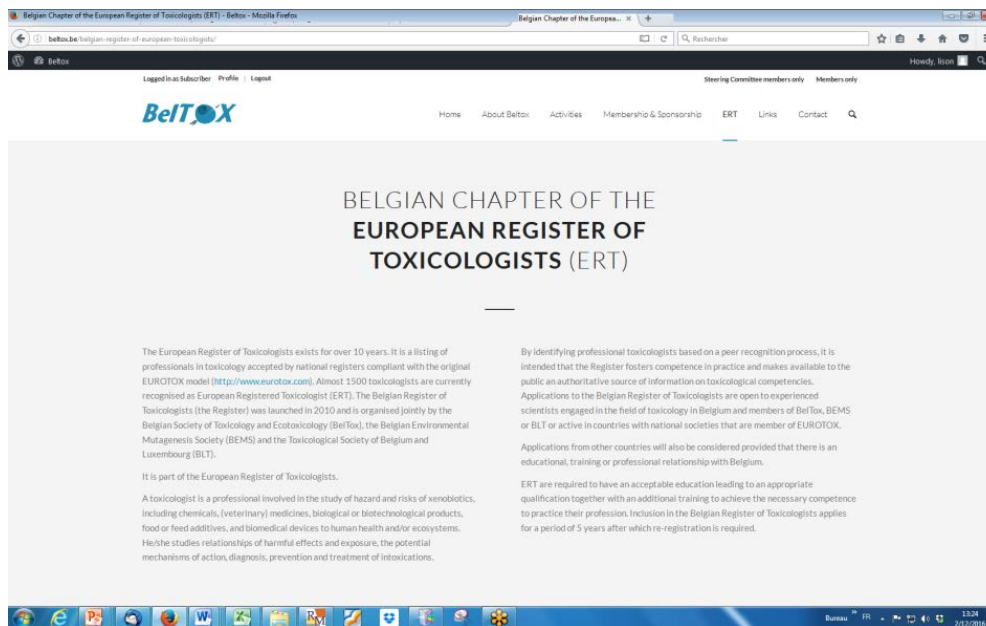
In	€	Out	€
Sponsorship + bank interests + website	3,000.00	Administration + bank charges	12,150.00
Membership	6,000.00	EUROTOX membership	432.00
AM 2017	500.00	Course UCL-BelTox	1500.00
Courses	3,500.00	Website	4,232.00
EUROTOX 2018	30,444.16	EUROTOX 2018	20,500.00
ERT	1,400.00	ERT	1,250.00
Total	44,844.16	Total	40,064.00

Membership until end 2018



ERT 2018

- Currently 67 ERT in the Belgian chapter
- Board meeting of June 2018:
 - 2 new applications approved
 - 6 applications for renewal approved
- Next board meeting: June 2019
- Visit www.beltox.be



The screenshot shows the website for the Belgian Chapter of the European Register of Toxicologists (ERT). The page features the BelTox logo at the top left and a navigation menu with links for Home, About Beltox, Activities, Membership & Sponsorship, ERT, Links, and Contact. The main heading reads "BELGIAN CHAPTER OF THE EUROPEAN REGISTER OF TOXICOLOGISTS (ERT)". Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column describes the history and organization of the Register, mentioning its launch in 2010 and its joint organization by the Belgian Society of Toxicology and Ecotoxicology (BelTox), the Belgian Environmental Mutagenesis Society (BEMS), and the Toxicological Society of Belgium and Luxembourg (BLT). The right column discusses the registration process, including the requirements for professional recognition and the need for an acceptable education and additional training. The website is displayed in a browser window with the address bar showing "beltox.be" and the date "2/12/2018" in the bottom right corner.

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BELGIAN CHAPTER OF THE EUROPEAN REGISTER OF TOXICOLOGISTS (ERT)

The European Register of Toxicologists exists for over 10 years. It is a listing of professionals in toxicology accepted by national registers compliant with the original EUROTOX model (<http://www.eurotox.com>). Almost 1500 toxicologists are currently recognised as European Registered Toxicologist (ERT). The Belgian Register of Toxicologists (the Register) was launched in 2010 and is organised jointly by the Belgian Society of Toxicology and Ecotoxicology (BelTox), the Belgian Environmental Mutagenesis Society (BEMS) and the Toxicological Society of Belgium and Luxembourg (BLT).

It is part of the European Register of Toxicologists.

A toxicologist is a professional involved in the study of hazard and risks of xenobiotics, including chemicals, (veterinary) medicines, biological or biotechnological products, food or feed additives, and biomedical devices to human health and/or ecosystems. He/she studies relationships of harmful effects and exposure, the potential mechanisms of action, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of intoxications.

By identifying professional toxicologists based on a peer recognition process, it is intended that the Register fosters competence in practice and makes available to the public an authoritative source of information on toxicological competencies. Applications to the Belgian Register of Toxicologists are open to experienced scientists engaged in the field of toxicology in Belgium and members of BelTox, BEMS or BLT or active in countries with national societies that are member of EUROTOX.

Applications from other countries will also be considered provided that there is an educational, training or professional relationship with Belgium.

ERT are required to have an acceptable education leading to an appropriate qualification together with an additional training to achieve the necessary competence to practice their profession. Inclusion in the Belgian Register of Toxicologists applies for a period of 5 years after which re-registration is required.

Why become a Member of BelTox?

- Reduced rates for participation in all BelTox, EUROTOX and SETAC events (annual meeting, workshops, courses)
- Online access to abstracts and presentations of attended BelTox events
- Become a member of the Steering Committee and help to determine the course of the Society
- Automatic membership of the European Society of Toxicology (EUROTOX)
- Free subscription to the BelTox newsletter with information on upcoming events in the world of toxicology and vacancies for toxicologists
- Get acquainted with other fields in toxicology than the one you are active in
- Help in the development of young scientists
- Seek advice from peers on toxicology questions via the contact page or during BelTox events
- Networking opportunities