



# EuroPharmaFaculties News

## The Journal of the European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy

[www.eafponline.eu](http://www.eafponline.eu)

January-February 2014

### **President**

Prof. Dr. Bart ROMBAUT  
Brussels, BE

### **Vice President**

Prof. Dr. Giuseppe  
RONDISVALLE  
Catania, IT

### **General Secretary**

Prof. Dr. Lilian  
AZZOPARDI  
Malta, MT

### **Treasurer**

Prof. Dr. Andries  
KOSTER, Utrecht, NL

### **Executive committee**

Prof. Dr. Christian  
CAVE, Paris, FR

Prof. Dr. Jouni  
HIRVONEN  
Helsinki, FI

Prof. Dr hab. Renata  
JACHOWICZ  
Cracow, PL

Prof. Dr. Daisy  
VOLMER, Tartu, EE

Prof. Dr. Luis RECALDE  
Granada, ES

Prof. Dr. Dimitrios  
REKKAS, Athens, GR

Prof Dr Keith WILSON  
Aston, GB

**Prof. Dr. Bart Rombaut,  
President of EAFP  
has passed away.**



## **Passing Away of EAFP President, Professor Bart Rombaut**

Bart Rombaut, President of the European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy (EAFP) has passed away suddenly. Professor Rombaut has been active within EAFP since the foundation years of the Association. He served as Treasurer. In 2009 he was elected President and re-elected in 2012.

Bart Rombaut had a vision for the development of pharmacy education to prepare students both for the professional and scientific activities that are contemporary as well as for upcoming new demands and technologies. He was a driver for EAFP to take up a leadership role in the developments in pharmacy education and the profession at an international level. Bart Rombaut was successful to lead applications for EU-Funded Projects for EAFP and was instrumental in the projects namely PHARMINE, PHAR-QA and PHAR-IN. These projects are contributing to the development of pharmacy curricula in Europe and beyond.

Bart Rombaut was Professor and Head of school of pharmacy at the Vrije University in Brussels (VUB). He was a true colleague and friend who will be sorely missed by his wife and son, EAFP members, colleagues at the VUB and the international pharmacy community.

The funeral will be held on 1 February 2014 in Belgium.

*EAFP Executive Committee*

*23 January 2014*

*EAFP Secretarial Office*

*Lilian AZZOPARDI*

*Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, University of Malta, Msida, MALTA*

*Tel (+356) 21 344971*

*lilian.m.azzopardi@um.edu.mt, amanda.calleja@um.edu.mt*

*EU Transparency Register ID Number 23748726738-26*

## **Hommage of Prof. Dr. Yvette Michotte during the farewell ceremony in the honor of Pr. Dr. Bart Rombaut – on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2014 - Vilvoorde**

Family, friends and colleagues of Bart,

I speak to you in the name of the Rector of the “Vrije Universiteit Brussel” Prof. Paul De Knop, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy Prof. Alain Dupont and on behalf of all my fellow professors, assistants, researchers, administrative and technical staff of our Pharmaceutical Institute.

Bart, the Pharmaceutical Institute was your favourite, your apple of the eye. The last 10 years you were there the father, the face and the inspirer of. Already since 2005, you were president of the Pharmaceutical Institute and the Chairman of the Educational Board of Pharmacy.

Since 2004, you were also the vice dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy and mainly responsible for student and education related matters.

Although your academic career at our university began as a research fellow of the Fund for Scientific Research, the focus on your academic career shifted slowly to teaching and research on educational innovation, implementation of new curricula primarily for the benefit of the programs within the pharmacy. The other programs of the Faculty could also count on your expertise. Your interest in education and educational support was again evident when you took charge of the Student Guidance Centre of the medical campus and together with the staff, who you often called " my girls " , you have made it a success .

For students in Pharmacy you were clearly the contact among the professors. You also represented our school of pharmacy in interuniversity consultation. Our alumni from the past 10 years will remember you as the director of the graduation ceremony and as the professor who spoke to the graduates and their parents and led everything run smoothly. Everyone noticed that you enjoyed these moments and that you were proud of your graduates.

On information fairs you were always ready to provide information on the study of pharmacy for future students and their parents and you always managed to enthusiasm the visitors.

You told us that you were a pharmacist in heart and soul and that you were very proud to be a pharmacist. You may have transferred that enthusiasm to your son Matthias who is now a student in the 2nd year Bachelor of Pharmacy.

At national and international level, you had many contacts with professional associations and other universities. You were president of the European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy and a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Academy of Spain.

Together with international colleagues you defended the profession of community pharmacist and the role of the community pharmacist as an essential link in primary health care in Europe. You constantly campaigned for better education and appreciation of the community pharmacist. Proof of this is that you were the coordinator of several European LLP - Erasmus Projects, among others the Pharmine project on Pharmacy Education in Europe .

Within our educational board your constant concern for an excellent and innovative pharmacy education was obvious. You were also the coordinator of innovation projects within our educational programs.

Only two weeks ago, you came to see me about a new initiative that you wanted to take, namely the creation of a new bachelor program in health care. You had expressed this idea many years ago, but now it was time to materialize this concept.

You also maintained good relations with the Erasmus University College Brussels and more specifically with their departments on the medical campus of our university. You were in favour of a collaboration between the two institutions and you committed yourself to this collaboration.

Like I said, you started your career as a research fellow of the Fund for Scientific Research in 1981 after earning your degree in pharmacy at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. You performed your doctoral research under the supervision of Prof. Emeritus Albert Boeye and you obtained your doctoral degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1986 with a thesis entitled "Antigenicity and morphogenesis of poliovirus". In your further academic career virology remained your favourite research area and you remained intrigued by the poliovirus. You have made major scientific contributions to the unraveling of the structure of the poliovirus and the development of vaccines and antiviral substances. Evidence of this are your numerous publications in this field and recognition as an expert for the World Health Organization. You were also a member of numerous scientific societies for virology.

In 1991 you became a lecturer and in 2010 you became full professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. You were the chairman of the Department of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and Molecular Biology .

Since 2004, you were vice Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy. Since 2005 you were the President of the Pharmaceutical Institute. Since 2006 you were also coordinator of the inter-university Master in Hospital Pharmacy and between 2006 and 2010 you were visiting professor at the University of Nijmegen .

Bart, your colleagues and students remain orphaned and will miss you. But your commitment to the Faculty, the Pharmaceutical Institute, the students, the pharmacy education and the profession will be guarded and cherished and be continued. This would certainly have been your wish.

We wish Matthias, Pascale, your family and your loved ones a lot of strength and courage in this very difficult time. Deep in our hearts we will keep the memory of you and of all the beautiful moments together.

As Gabriel Garcia Marquez said "Life is not what happened but what one remembers and how one remembers it."

*February 1, 2014*

*Prof. Dr. Yvette Michotte*

*Head of Department "Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Drug Analysis and Drug Information,  
" Pharmaceutical Institute"*

*Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy*

*Vice Rector for Education Policy*

*Vrije Universiteit Brussel*

## Condolences messages of colleagues and friends

The death of Bart leaves us all speechless. I think of Bart's wife Pascale, whom I know for many years since we more or less grew up together, his son Matthias, of which he was so proud. It certainly is an enormous loss for EAFP. Please accept my sincere condolences to you and all the members of the executive committee. I wish you a lot of courage and strength in this very difficult period.

*Ruddy Verbinen, PhD (former collaborator of Bart Rombaut), Head of Unit - General Coordinator, Universitaire Associatie Brussel (UAB)*

Please find a couple of pictures taken the last time I saw Bart.

This was when Andries Koster and I visited Bart's village in order to complete the transfer of responsibility for the EAFP treasury. I think the pictures show Bart in his prime, fully occupied with work on behalf of pharmacy, and also in his home which he treasured. I hope the pictures will give some comfort.

*Karen Ulshagen, previous treasurer of EAFP*







Utrecht, 2012



We are still astonished. It is a moment of painful sadness. Bart was a good friend a good professor and an example as a man. As Vice-President interpreting the feeling of all ExCo, please give our condolences to the family and to the friends and colleagues in the faculty.

*Giuseppe Ronsisvalle, EAFP Vice-President, Italy*

Bart's passing away has been a terrible news, first of all the loss of a genuine friend and colleague. He transmitted his enthusiasm and passion for pharmacy education and professional developments on a European and international setting. He actively worked to give visibility to EAFP. It was indeed enriching to work with him within EAFP.

*Lilian M. Azzopardi, EAFP General Secretary, Malta*

Bad news travels quickly: Last Thursday within 1 hour the sad message of Bart's passing away reached me through several channels. The last time I spoke to Bart was in December and since then we have had some e-mail contacts, as always planning some aspects of EAFP and other European projects. My first contact with Bart dates from the year 2000, when we both were enthusiastically involved in curriculum changes in the Pharmacy departments in Brussels and Utrecht.

My deepest sympathies are now for Bart's wife and his further family. I hope they will be able to find consolation in good memories and the knowledge that Bart was appreciated very much by his colleagues. He was always doing his very best for improving the world as he saw it.

*Andries Koster, EAFP Treasurer, The Netherlands*

All my condolences to the family and to the friends and colleagues. This is a great loss for the pharmaceutical community.

*Christian Cavé, EAFP Executive Committee member, France*

I am deeply grieved to learn of Bart death. This is a shock for me and it is difficult to believe. My colleagues join me in sending our deepest sympathy.

*Renata Jachowitz, EAFP Executive Committee member, Poland*

A silent moment is spent here in Helsinki for Bart and for his family and co-workers. Bart was always an exemplary role model and advocate for pharmaceutical sciences and education.

With the greatest condolences and the warmest memories,

*Jouni Hirvonen, EAFP Executive Committee member, Helsinki*

Terrible news. Please send to Bart family sympathies.

*Luis Recalde Manrique, EAFP Executive Committee member, Spain*

I knew Bart for many years. Bart was a very good friend and colleague.

I am feeling very sad about his loss. Our deepest sympathies and condolences. He will always be alive in our memories.

*Dimitrios M.Rekkas, EAFP Executive Committee member, Greece*

In memory of Bart, colleagues at the University of Tartu would like to express their deep respect towards him as a great man, colleague, teacher, initiator and manager. Estonian colleagues send their deepest condolence to Bart's family, friends and colleagues.

*Daisy Volmer, EAFP Executive Committee member, Estonia*

This is indeed terrible news and so unexpected. My deepest condolences to Bart's family and colleagues.

*Keith Wilson, EAFP Executive Committee member, United Kingdom*

I am very sorry for the bad news about our President Prof.Bart Rombaut. You and me,during years, worked hard with him. It was an honour and pleasure.

*Benito del Castillo, Past President EAFP, Spain*

I consider Bart's death a great loss for the EAFP, where, as President, he applied with generous passion all his energies to develop a modern and innovative pharmacy education and profession throughout Europe. All of us who worked with him in the EAFP Executive Board will miss a lot him, his sincere friendship and his precious suggestions.

*Carlo Rossi, Past Vice-President EAFP, Italy*

I have just received the shocking news. You probably are already aware of the tremendous loss we are having. I would like to share with you the sadness that you feel as well. I have no words to express it. And please accept my condolences for this passing away of such a good friend and colleague.

*José Augusto Guimarães Morais, Immediate Past General Secretary, EAFP, Portugal*

I can't believe it. We will always remember Bart.

*Panos Macheras, Past EAFP Executive Committee member, Greece*

This is indeed very sad news. My sincerest condolences to everyone who was close to Bart.

*Karen Marie Ulshagen, Immediate Past Treasurer EAFP Executive Committee member, Norway*

Sincere condolences to his family and to the EXco members.

*Prof Pierre Bourlioux, Past Executive Committee member*

I am truly sorry to hear that very sad news. This is hard to believe. I will always remember him as a good colleague, hard working scientist and a good friend. It is a terrible loss for his family, friends and EAFP.

*Sibel Suzen, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ankara, Turkey*



Please, accept my sincere condolences to all his friends and family.

*Saša Baumgartner, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

It was terrible news that Bart passed away. This is irreplaceable lost for EAFP and our profession, not to mention that we will miss him as a man, as a co-worker, as a friend.

*Borut Bozic, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

Professor Rombaut was a solid supporter of FIP and the initiation of the AIM section. He contributed greatly to our group and will be greatly missed.

*K. Wayne Hindmarsh, Chair, AIMS, International Pharmaceutical Federation*

Executive Director Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs

Dean Emeritus, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto

The whole FIP team would like to express its most sincere condolences to Bart's family, his colleagues at EAFP and his work colleagues. We will circulate this information among FIP  
*Luc Besançon, General secretary and CEO, International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)*

He was very active with all of our education initiatives and projects, he will be missed.  
My condolences to the group and the family.

*Andreia Fradinho Bruno, FIP AIMS*

I am sorry to hear about Bart Rombaut's passing. He made a major contribution to EAFP and pharmacy in Europe through the numerous projects he conducted. He had ability to work through the many challenges that come with projects spanning multiple jurisdictions. He will be missed by his family and his professional colleagues.

*Harold Lopatka, Executive Director at Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada*

I was very sad to hear of Bart's passing. He was indeed a leader in pharmacy education in Europe and beyond. His expertise and contributions will be missed. He was a good friend.

*Mike Rouse*

Assistant Executive Director, Professional Affairs and Director, International Services  
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)

I am shocked and saddened as must be the case across Europe and beyond!

*Lucinda Maine, EVP & CEO American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy*

This is indeed sudden and sad news. Although I had not known Bart for very long, he made a lasting impression on me with his intellect, vision and personal touch. As with others, I will miss him and his contributions to our collective efforts on behalf of pharmacy.

*Ralph J. Altieri, President, Academic Section FIP*

Dean and Professor, University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and  
Pharmaceutical Sciences

I was so saddened to get the news of Bart's passing. Please extend my condolences to his family. It was my great pleasure to have worked with him over the years.

*Henri Manasse, Immediate-Past Executive Director, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists*

We deeply mourn the sad demise of Professor Bart Rombaut. Kindly convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on behalf of Indian Pharmaceutical Association -Education Division and also on behalf of FIP-AIM Dean's forum.

*Divakar Goli*



European Society of Clinical Pharmacy

Voorstraat 13, NL-9285 NM Buitenpost, Netherlands

**International Office**

Tel: +31 645 915831 – Fax: +31 511 543660

Email : [info@escpweb.org](mailto:info@escpweb.org) - internet: [www.escpweb.org](http://www.escpweb.org)

Leuven, 26th January 2014

To the European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy  
To the Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
To the Family of Professor Bart Rombaut

Dear,

On behalf of the Members, the International Office and the General Committee of the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy, I would like to express our sincere condolences to the family and the colleagues of Professor Bart Rombaut at the EAFP and VUB.

Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about the sudden and unexpected passing away of Professor Bart Rombaut. He will be missed by many of us.

Our thoughts are with his family and his colleagues.

With sincere sympathy,

Siska Desplenter  
ESCP President



Bringing  
Pharmacy  
Knowledge  
and Students  
together

EUROPEAN PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

24.1.2014

EPSA wishes to express deepest condolences on the passing away of Professor Bart Rombaut

Professor Rombaut was not only a longterm collaborator and member of the EPSA Board of Trustees, but also well known for his student-friendly approach and passion for developing pharmacy education towards a more dynamic and contemporary direction.

He will be sorely missed.

On behalf of EPSA,

Tiia Metiäinen,  
EPSA President