

243 BSM members attended the 2018 BSM General Assembly held on October 19th at the Palace of Academies, Brussels.

The General Assembly, chaired by Guy Cornelis (UNamur), President of the Society approved unanimously, by hand-raising:

- The mission and strategy determined by the Board of Governors.
- The financial transactions of the year, presented by the treasurer, Xavier Saelens (U Gent),
- The transformation of BSM from a “*feitelijke vereniging/association de fait*” into a “*Vereniging zonder winstoogmerk (VZW)/Association sans but lucratif (ASBL)*”,
- The new bylaws fulfilling the Belgian legal requirements for such associations. These bylaws had been sent in advance with the agenda of the Assembly to all the BSM members.
- The election of Alfons Billiau (em KU Leuven) as the first “honorary member” of the Society,
- The election of five new members for the Board of Governors, namely:
 - Frank Delvigne (U Liège; Gembloux Agro Biotech)
 - Pascal Hols (UC Louvain; Louvain Institute of Biomolecular Science and Technology)
 - Jan Michiels (VIB - KU Leuven Center for Microbiology)
 - Sébastien Rigali (U Liège; Centre d’Ingénierie des protéines)
 - Françoise Van Bambeke (UC Louvain; Louvain Drug Research Institute)

The mandate of these new Board members will start the 1st of January 2019.

Isabelle George (UL Bruxelles), Secretary of BSM

