



October 2017

Dear IABS Members,

The IABS has had a busy and productive year and I am pleased to report to you some of our latest events and activities. As President, one of my objectives has been to increase outreach and expand the visibility of IABS among other organizations that have missions similar to, or aligned with IABS. Please see the appendix to this letter for more information. I believe we have been very successful in our outreach efforts. If you would like more information about any of the events, feel free to contact the primary attendee for more details.

I would also encourage you to visit the IABS website: [www.iabs.org](http://www.iabs.org). We have added some features related to upcoming meetings and committee activities, and recently introduced a new page designed to share organizational information about key events or activities. If you attend an event and would like to post IABS-related news, send your contribution to Abigail Charlet, IABS Scientific Secretariat Manager.

Finally, the 189<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IABS Board of Directors is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> and although we already have a full agenda we are always interested in adding topics from members. If there is anything of concern that you would like addressed at the meeting, please send the topic and any related background material to Daniel Gaudry, IABS Secretary.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Best regards,

Joris Vandeputte, DVM  
President



## **Appendix: IABS 2017 Activities**

IABS President Joris Vandeputte participated at the CEPI meeting in Paris on February 21. Read more at: <http://cepi.net>

IABS Chair of the Human Vaccine Committee Pieter Neels, participated on the CEPI Ebola vaccines meeting in Washington on March 22<sup>nd</sup> Washington, D.C.

IABS president Joris Vandeputte represented IABS at Biovision April 4-6, 2017. Read more at: <http://www.biovision.org>

IABS President and the Chairs of the Human and Veterinary Vaccine Committees, Joris Vandeputte, Pieter Neels and Carmen Jungbäck met representatives of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Geneva on April 25. <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/>

IABS Communication Committee Chair Rick Hill presented information on IABS at the 2017 US Veterinary Biologics Training Program <http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/IICAB>

IABS President and Treasurer Joris Vandeputte and Tony Lubinecki represented IABS at the Biotherapeutics and Biosimilars meeting in Geneva. This meeting was organized by the WHO. <http://www.who.int/en>

IABS President Joris Vandeputte gave a lecture of platform technology for the ADVAC course in Annecy on May 10. <http://www.advac.org>

IABS President Joris Vandeputte represented IABS at the General Assembly of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) from May 21 to May 25. [www.oie.int](http://www.oie.int)

IABS President and the chair of the Human Vaccine Committee Joris Vandeputte and Pieter Neels were invited to the EU Commission meeting on Universal flu vaccine research from June 12 to June 14 in Brussels. Joris Vandeputte was part of the panel on “Scientific questions to solve” on June 14.

IABS President Joris Vandeputte represented IABS at the Science and Business workshop on the 9<sup>th</sup> research framework, Brussels June 27.



**Upcoming IABS Conferences:**

**2017**

**Next Generation Sequencing**

October 26-27, 2017 – USP Headquarters, Rockville, Maryland

**4th Statistical and Data Management Approaches for Biotechnology Drug Development**

October 30 – November 1, 2017 – USP Headquarters, Rockville, Maryland

**Latest technologies for characterization and control of biotech products**

November 6-8, 2017 - NIST – Gaithersburg, Maryland

**2018**

**Narcolepsy and pandemic influenza vaccination: what we know and what we need to know  
before the next pandemic**

March 26-27, 2018 – Brussels, Belgium

**4th Cell Therapy Manufacturing & Testing**

June 5-7, 2018 – Los Angeles, California

In partnership with the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)

**5th Statistical and Data Management Approaches for Biotechnology Drug Development**

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**Recent conferences**

Autogenous Vaccines and Their Role in Animal Health Strategy

September 25-26, 2017, Het Pand, University of Ghent

Co-organized by IABS-EU and University of Ghent / PROVAXS

2nd Human Challenge Trials in Vaccine Development

September 28-30, 2017 – Rockville, Maryland