

## Changes in Editorial board Rhinology, Prof. Valerie Lund demits office as Editor in Chief of Rhinology

At the Editorial Board Meeting of Rhinology Valerie Lund indicated that she has decided to demit office as Editor in Chief of Rhinology. She became a member of the editorial board in 1993, a co-editor with Prof. Bert Huizing in 1999 and Editor in Chief in 2004. She leaves with our grateful thanks for her 20 years (!) of continuous effort to make Rhinology the highly cited modern Journal it has become. The editorial board asked her to become Honorary Editor together with Bert Huizing, which she gladly accepted. Valerie promised to be available to help whenever needed.

With her demitting, I asked Prof. Peter Hellings and dr. Christos Georgalas to be associate editors of Rhinology. Together we will do our utmost best to further improve the Journal, attract high impact papers and further increase the impact factor.

Rhinology has a large group of excellent reviewers and the top reviewers of Rhinology in the last 2 years were Nick Jones, Philippe Eloy and Mark Jorissen. We thank them for their excellent contribution. From 2015 onward, the editorial board of Rhinology will consist of the top reviewers of the journal combined with some reviewers with very specific unique expertise.

The journal has a very steady number of 4 issues per year and

a stable 96 pages per issue. The acceptance rate is around 15-20%. An accepted paper is scheduled to be online within 6 weeks after acceptance, in print takes usually longer because we have an issue every 3 months. The new impact factor for 2013 has just been released and we are very happy it has risen to 2.779.

All the issues from 1996 until now can be found online. We are very happy that at this moment also all the older issues from 1964-1995 are scanned and we expect the full journal with all issues to be online at the end of this summer.

This year Rhinology is available in print, online on the website and recently a Rhinology App for iPhone/Android and tablets has been developed and launched. This will give you optimal access to the Journal whenever and wherever you like.

Rhinology Journal wants to be an active and well cited Journal. Whenever you want to discuss what you read in the Journal, please send us letters. We are very keen to publish them together with the response of the authors.

Please send in your best work to Rhinology and we will do everything we can to make it a joy to read and a valuable resource.

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## ERS/ISIAN 2014, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam

From June 22 to 26th, 2014 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the European Rhinologic Society with the 25th Congress of the European Rhinologic Society and the 32nd International Symposium of Infection and Allergy of the Nose. The congress was held in the Beurs van Berlage, an historic building, which was the former Stock Exchange of the Netherlands. Now, the Beurs van Berlage is one of the defining monuments of the Dutch capital and is a unique and inspiring congress venue in the heart of Amsterdam.

The European Rhinologic Society (ERS) commemorated 50 years of expertise and experience among specialists in rhinology, skull base surgery, allergology and facial plastic surgery. It

was no accident that the 25th Congress of the European Rhinologic Society was held in Amsterdam, the beautiful and historic capital of the Netherlands. After all, the inaugural meeting of the society was organised in the Netherlands by Professor Van Dishoeck in 1963 and the 25th anniversary was celebrated in Amsterdam with Professor Bert Huizing as President. We were very fortunate that Professor Huizing was willing to give an historical overview of our Society during the opening ceremony. At the opening ceremony honorary memberships of the ERS were awarded to Prof. David Kennedy and Prof. Carel Verwoerd for their outstanding contributions to rhinology.

At each ERS meeting, two prizes, one in basic and one in

clinical research are awarded to young researchers. On this occasion from a strong field of submissions, Laura Van Gerven (Leuven, Belgium) received the basic research prize for her paper: ‘Capsaicin treatment reduces nasal hyper-reactivity and transient receptor potential cation channel subfamily V, receptor 1 (TRPV1) over-expression in patients with idiopathic rhinitis’ and Lien Calus (Gent, Belgium) was awarded the clinical prize for her paper: ‘Twelve year follow-up study after endoscopic sinus surgery in patients with chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis’. Each received a certificate and the sum of €1500.

We are very pleased that the ERS has grown enormously over the last decade. From around 600 members in 2000, we now exceed 2000 members. A significant part of this growth can be attributed to the large number of young rhinologists who have joined our society in the last years and we hope they will continue with their active participation in the society. In addition, eleven national rhinological societies have taken a blockmembership with ERS which provides all their members with the benefits of ERS membership such as reduced registration charges for any affiliated meeting or course, the possibility to apply for a range of prizes and fellowships as well as electronic access to ‘Rhinology’ - and all this at a significant reduced subscription.

The ERS2014 congress was extremely well attended with over 1600 participants and we were very happy to be able to provide more than 60 travel grants for young members to facilitate them to participate in the meeting.

The theme of the ERS2014 was “The nose as an interface”. An interface is a place where systems, subjects, and organizations, meet and interact. Thus interaction was the main theme of this congress. We had interactive sessions on the skull base, orbit, immunology, allergy, pulmonology and many more, together with joint sessions with other societies such as the EAACI and the ARS.

We tried to organize the congress with optimal digital options including a smart phone app to find your way around the meeting, e-posters to enjoy, discussions, instructional sessions, symposia, round tables and workshops as well as ‘meet the experts’ sessions. We tried to create a congress where everybody was an active participant and contributed to the discussions. During the congress the new website of the ERS was launched: [www.europeanrhinologicsociety.org](http://www.europeanrhinologicsociety.org) with lots of new information and the fantastic new option of viewing educational videos. Also during the congress, daily videos were made by our colleague and film-maker, Jochen Bretschneider providing excellent impressions of the congress. These videos, as well as the opening keynote lectures and more than 800 beautiful photo’s made by Monique Kooijmans can also be found on the ERS website. Take a look: [www.europeanrhinologicsociety.org](http://www.europeanrhinologicsociety.org).

From the opening ceremony that ended with a living replica of the Night Watch of Rembrandt (see figure) until the last day of the congress, the meeting halls were full and the discussions lively due to the participation of over 1600 people from 99 different countries.



“The Nightwatch” live in Amsterdam.

During the meeting 6 delegates of the ERS Advisory Board demitted office and have been replaced as shown below. We thank all those outgoing for their support of the society and would encourage all the new incumbents to promote rhinology and ERS within their respective countries. In the coming years together we will work hard to make the European Rhinologic Society busy and lively - not only via the ERS website and through our journal, ‘Rhinology’ but also most certainly in two years in Stockholm. Put it in your diary: July 3 – 7 2016 Stockholm. Be there!

Wytse Fokkens, President ERS  
Valerie Lund, General Secretary ERS

Country	New Advisor	Old Advisor
Belgium	Philippe Rombaux	Mark Jorissen
Croatia	Boris Grdinic	Tomislav Baudouin
Finland	Juha Seppä	Marcus Rautianen
France	Andre Coste	Elie Serrano
Germany	Achim Beule	Werner Hosemann
Sweden	Cecilia Ahlström-Emanuelsson	Pärs Stjerne
Switzerland	Basile Landis	Silvain Lacroix

Changes of delegates in the ERS Advisory Board