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Members of the board of the Belgian Society of Nuclear Medicine

Motivation letter BelNuc Board 2022

Dear members of the board of the BelNuc,

I have interest in taking up the position as regular board member "radiopharmacist" for the BelNuc.

As a radiopharmacist, I have more than 15 years of experience both in research and routine production of radiopharmaceuticals and worked for both the UZLeuven and the UZA. Momentarily, I'm head of radiopharmacy at the UZA, where I coordinate the daily production of the PET radiopharmaceuticals. Furthermore, I also make sure that the UZA and other third parties can do both basic and (pre)clinical research in the facility, taking into account the strict rules that apply regarding GMP.

More than three years ago, the Belgian Association of Radiopharmaceutical Research (BARR) was born, of which I'm a board member since the beginning. The purpose of the BARR is to have a nationwide platform to discuss issues (research, legal) that concern radiopharmacies and radiopharmaceutical laboratories and speak as a single voice to the FANC and FAHMP. Another purpose is to work more closely together over the different centers by for instance sharing tracers for research or clinical use. Due to several reasons, these goals were not accomplished. It is my ambition in the next years to reanimate the BARR, which is already being accomplished as I took the lead to organize meetings with the BARR board members at a more regular interval, which will keep all centers actively involved and up to date with the latest developments.

Being both in the board of the BelNuc and the BARR allows for radiopharmaceutical issues (f.i. new demands of the FAHMP concerning the production of tracers) that are discussed in the BelNuc board to be discussed at a radiopharmacist level in the BARR. And vice versa. This allows for a better interaction between the nuclear medicine departments and the radiopharmacists.

There is also a need to organize meetings for radiopharmacists/radiochemists (and other interested parties) outside of the BelNuc Symposium. A symposium organized by the BARR could remedy this need and a radiopharmacist board member could help to accomplish this goal.

My application is supported by my colleagues of the BARR (Prof. Dr. Em. Alfons Verbruggen, Prof. Dr. Guy Bormans, Prof. Dr. Filip Devos, Prof. Dr. Vicky Caveliers, Prof. Dr. Zena Wimana, Dr. Simon Lacroix) as they put me forward during the last BARR meeting as candidate board member for the BelNuc and successor of Prof. Dr. Filip Devos.

For these reasons, I'm convinced that I'm the right candidate for the position of regular board member radiopharmacist for the next 3 years.

Thank you for taking my application in consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Dominique Vanderghinste