

Tulane dean elected to Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium

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[Dr. Pierre Buekens](#), dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, has been elected as a Corresponding Member of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium.

The Royal Academy was created in Belgium in 1841. Members are drawn from a broad range of fields in both human and animal medicine, with 100 permanent and ordinary members and up to 100 “foreign” or corresponding members.

More than 50 Nobel Prize laureates have been members of the Royal Academy in the course of its history.

The academy serves as a work center for reflection and the exchange of ideas, as well as a think tank for matters relating to medical science and as an advisory body for governmental institutions.

“I am deeply honored to be elected to the Royal Academy,” said Dr. Buekens. “It serves a prominent role in Belgian health affairs and encourages careful thought on many issues that impact the health of people everywhere. I look forward to working with the membership.”

Buekens is a native of Belgium. He is on a yearlong sabbatical from Tulane, during which he is working with colleagues from around the world on research projects focused on neglected tropical diseases and pregnancy. His work has included collaborations at the Free University of Brussels where he and colleagues are studying congenital Chagas disease.