

A proposal for the position of BAPS with regard to Compsy

Compsy (<https://www.compsy.be/>) is a governmental organization that keeps a list of persons who use the title of psychologist in Belgium. It is also responsible for the deontology and disciplinary rule for psychologists.

BAPS recognizes that for the field of psychology as a whole, it is important to have an efficient and effective organization that protects the title of psychologist and that can be called upon for issues of deontology and disciplinary rule.

Currently (2020-2024), three of the effective members (Guy Bosmans, Caroline Braet, Mandy Rossignol) and four of the substitute members of the general assembly of Compsy (Lien Goossens, Steve Majerus, Dinska Vangucht, Emmanuelle Zech) have been nominated by BAPS via the Belgian Federation of Psychologist of which BAPS is a member organization. Lien Goossens is currently also a member of the bureau of Compsy. Within Compsy, the BAPS representatives will support Compsy in achieving its missions. In doing so, they focus on the following principles.

1. Good governance

BAPS strives for **maximal transparency** regarding the decision making process within Compsy, as well as the financial dealings of Compsy. This implies an **open, objective, and accurate communication** of Compsy with the members of its plenary meeting and the professional organizations that they represent, but also with the colleagues who are registered at Compsy, as well as the general public. **Financial means should be used efficiently**. The overhead needs to be reduced where possible so that the members receive good value for their membership fee. We hope to contribute to an **efficient decision making process** that serves the realization of the mission of Compsy.

2. Serving the interest of all subdisciplines in psychology

As an organization that promotes all areas of psychological science in Belgium, it is important for BAPS that **Compsy takes into account the impact of its activities on all subdisciplines in psychology**. We realize that professional clinical psychologists have specific interests regarding the functioning of Compsy because for them it is vital to be able to carry the title of (clinical) psychologist, as well as to have an organization that deals with deontology and disciplinary rule. BAPS will take a constructive position in trying to serve the interests of clinical psychologists in Compsy. However, BAPS will also help serve the interest of other psychologists. Hence, it is important for BAPS that **decisions that are taken in the interest of one group of psychologists are not detrimental for another group of psychologists**. In all debates, BAPS will support positions that, in the long run, strengthens psychology as a whole.

BAPS is committed to inform its members about the important role that Compsy has for psychology in Belgium. It will also inform members about important debates within Compsy. To help achieve this, BAPS representatives in Compsy will meet with the BAPS Executive Committee when important

issues arrive, Compsy will be a standing issue on the agenda of the BAPS Executive Committee, and items about Compsy will be included in the newsletter.

The BAPS Executive Committee

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