



The **Belgian Acoustical Society (ABAV)** was founded in 1966, as a national non-profit society. The society gathers all interested persons from universities, research laboratories, consulting offices, industry, governmental organisations ... with activities in the field of acoustics in its broadest sense: physical acoustics, industrial noise control, building acoustics, environmental protection, electro-acoustics, noise protection, etc. A list of past and future activities can be found on the society's website: <http://www.abav.be>.

The ABAV Board is composed of twelve active members, i.e. Dick Botteldooren (president), Dominique Pleeck (vice-president), F. Verbandt (vice-president), Debby Wuyts (secretary-general), Peter Houtave (treasurer), Lieven De Geetere, Fabienne Duthoit, Bart Ingelaere, Jean Némerlin, Monika Rychtarikova, Jean-Jacques Embrechts, Jean-Pierre Clairbois. So far, the board also counts five honorary presidents: Georges Pleeck (†), Andre Cops, Pierre Chapelle, Daniel Soubrier and Gerrit Vermeir.

The society has at the moment 146 members (effective, associate, student and honorary) and 58 supporting members.

The ABAV Society has the following goals:

- to create a permanent working frame for information exchange between members emanating from any of the acoustical disciplines;
- to collect, to exchange and to disseminate information on all acoustics related topics of concern for the society;
- to create a forum for discussion and exchange about noise management, noise protection and noise control in the interest of creating an acceptable and sustainable acoustical environment;
- to contribute to the development and promotion of acoustics as a scientific discipline;
- to establish strong links with similar national and international associations.

Within the ABAV, the **Belgian Young Acousticians Network (B-YAN)** is a non-profit initiative, founded in 2013. Their primary goal is to establish a community for young researchers and young professionals in the field of Acoustics; to connect them and to provide support. Today, the network consists of approximately 25 members and is addressed to any young acoustician (under 40 years old) in Belgium, including engineers, consultants, students and researchers.

The Belgian Acoustical Society is a member of the **International Commission for Acoustics (ICA)** and the **International Institute for Noise Control Engineering (I-INCE)**. In 1993 the ABAV Society organised, in collaboration with the Royal Flemish Society of Engineers, the 22nd International Conference on Noise Control Engineering INTER-NOISE 93 ('People versus Noise') in Leuven (Belgium).

The Belgian Acoustical Society was one of the founding members of the **European Acoustical Association (EAA)** in 1993 and organised in 1996, the first EAA FORUM ACUSTICUM in Antwerp. The ABAV society also collaborated with the Société Française d'Acoustique (SFA) for the successful organisation of the 6th CFA (Congrès Français d'Acoustique) in 2002 at Lille, France. It will also organise the EURONOISE 2015 conference in Maastricht together with the Dutch Acoustical Society (NAG).

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