

Minutes of the general assembly of GRIBOI 2007

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Pierre Hardouin (PH) presented the general assembly of GRIBOI. Before starting the general assembly, he mentioned that all the participants of GRIBOI 2007 automatically became members of GRIBOI association.

Agenda

- GRIBOI 2007
- GRIBOI 2008
- GRIBOI 2009
- Election of the committee
- Scientific committee
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GRIBOI 2007

PH thanked Jim Triffitt (JT) for the organization of the meeting. JT took profit of the occasion to thank Rob Flavin and the Royal Microscopy Society for the great job done to organize GRIBOI 2007.

In total, 104 participants were pre-registered. Moreover, 33 talks (10 invited talks) and 68 abstracts (at least 10 were missing) were presented.

GRIBOI 2008

The meeting was presented the day after by Gamal Baroud. As a result, no details were given about GRIBOI 2008 during the assembly, but expectations are high.

GRIBOI 2009

Only one city was candidate for the organization of GRIBOI 2009: Fort-de-France. PH presented some details about the potential organizers: J-L. Rouvillain and H. Deramond. The meeting would be combined with the “Journées orthopédiques de Fort-de-France”, which is an orthopaedic congress taking place every year in Fort-de-France (Martinique; in the Caraihs)

Election of the committee

Jacques Lemaître and Pierre Hardouin retired from the presidency and secretary, respectively. Patrick Sharrock and Marc Bohner were nominated and elected as president and secretary. Jim Triffitt was elected as vice-president for Europe (to replace P. Sharrock). Gamal Baroud and Jim Triffitt as organizer of GRIBOI 2008 and GRIBOI 2007 became the new treasurer and vice treasurer, respectively (as replacement of J. Triffitt and M. Bohner).

The new board is:

President:	P. Sharrock (Toulouse, France)
Vice president (Europe):	J. Triffitt (Oxford, GB)
Vice president (Asia):	K. Dai (Shanghai, China)
Vice president (America):	S. Belkoff (Baltimore, USA)
Secretary:	M. Bohner (Bettlach, Switzerland)
Treasurer:	G. Baroud (Sherbrooke, Canada)
Vice-treasurer:	J. Triffitt (Oxford, GB)

Scientific committee

Members of the scientific committee who do not come to the meeting 3 times in a row are automatically removed. One member (G. Leroy) asked to be removed from the list due to retirement. As a result, G. Leroy, D. Mainard and J-L Lacout were removed from the list. PH proposed to elect 2 to 3 new members. P. Sharrock suggested to include more women. H. Reddi mentioned that it is a must to have 50% female membership. Three new members were suggested and nominated: Malin Nilsson (BoneSupport AB, Lund, Sweden), Michael Liebschner (Rice University, Houston, USA) and Ruth Wilcox (Leeds University, Leeds, GB). The new scientific committee is:

D. Bernache-Assolant (St-Etienne, France)
 E. Bres (Lille, France)
 J. Chang (Shanghai, China)
 C. Combes (Toulouse, France)
 H. Deramond (Martinique, France)
 P. Hardouin (Berck, France)
 P. Heini (Bern, Switzerland)
 AP. Legrand (Paris, France)
 J. Lemaître (Lausanne, Switzerland)
 M. Liebschner (Houston, USA)
 JX Lu (Berck, France and Shanghai, China)
 M. Nilsson (Lund, Sweden)
 D. Poitout (Marseille, France)
 C. Schwartz (Colmar, France)
 R. Wilcox (Leeds, UK) [effective if present at the Montréal meeting]

Varia

P. Sharrock proposed to publish a proceedings book for each GRIBOI meeting. A. Boyde proposed to publish online (e.g. Eur Cells Mater - <http://www.ecmjournal.org/> - the GRIBOI 2006 proceedings were already published in ECM: <http://www.ecmjournal.org/journal/supplements/vol011supp01/GRBOI-1.htm> , BoneKey - <http://www.bonekey-ibms.org/>). Another proposal (H. Reddi) was to provide a CD instead of an abstract book.

J. Triffitt and R. Flavin mentioned that the Royal Microscopy Society would be glad to help organizing future GRIBOI meetings to lower the meeting costs.

GRIBOI has finally its own website: www.griboi.org

Awards of GRIBOI 2007

The awards for the best poster presentation were given to E. Verron (Université de Nantes; 22. Calcium phosphate biomaterials for a local-delivery of bisphosphonate: chemical association vs in vitro activity) and C. Liu (University of Oxford and Loughborough; 28. Engineered collagen-hydroxyapatite scaffolds for bone tissue).

The awards for the best oral presentation were given to A. Quintin (EPF Lausanne; Fetal spine cells for intervertebral disc regeneration: preliminary characterization” and T. Brunner (ETH Zurich; Comparison of amorphous TCP nanoparticles to micron-sized α -TCP as starting materials for calcium phosphate cements”)