

GRIBOI 2009: Minutes of the general assembly

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Minutes

1. The agenda was approved
2. The minutes of the GA 2008 were distributed and approved
3. Jean-Louis Rouvillain and Hervé Deramond, the organizers of GRIBOI 2009, were thanked for their excellent work
4. Several discussions between GRIBOI members prior to the general assembly had revealed that several members would favour a 2-year rhythm for the organization of GRIBOI meeting. GRIBOI secretary, Marc Bohner, proposed to discuss this issue at the next meeting in 2010. Several potential candidates for the organization of GRIBOI 2010 were listed:

Chongqing, Shanghai (K. Dai, not here)
Boston/North America (G. Baroud)
Nantes (P. Weiss – not here)
Turin (G. Anselmetti, A. Manca)
Toulouse (P. Sharrock, France)

Gamal Baroud mentioned that he would favour a meeting in Europe rather than in America, and would prefer to organize at a later time point than 2010. Jean-Michel Bouler (Nantes) talked in the absence of Pierre Weiss. He also favoured a later time-point for the organization. Patrick Sharrock (Toulouse) presented Toulouse. Toulouse was already a location for GRIBOI meeting in 1999. Giancarlo Anselmetti (Turin) briefly presented Turin and said that he would be happy to organize the meeting, but would need support for the engineering side of the conference. A discussion was started with the pros and contras of the various locations. For example, several members favoured a meeting in Europe, in particular Italy since the GRIBOI has never been there. Finally, Turin was accepted as location for GRIBOI 2010. Drs Anselmetti and Manca will be the organizers.

The discussion about GRIBOI 2011 (or 2012) was adjourned to the general assembly of 2010.

5. Patrick Sharrock expressed the desire to resign as president. Hervé Deramond was proposed to replace him but Hervé refused. Patrick Sharrock asked for candidates but only Marc Bohner proposed himself mentioning that his potential election as president would require the search for a new secretary. Since Gamal Baroud proposed himself as secretary, an election was made. Marc Bohner was elected as new president and Gamal Baroud was elected as new secretary. Marc Bohner thanked Patrick Sharrock for his work as president.

In the past, the treasurer used to be the organizer of the coming congress, whereas the vice-treasurer used to be the organizer of the past GRIBOI congress. The newly elected president proposed to appoint a treasurer for a period of at least 3 years. However, since no one applied for this position, the members agreed to delegate the choice of the treasurer to the president and secretary.

6. Anyone can apply to become a member of the scientific committee. However, committee members are automatically removed when they do not participate at GRIBOI congress for 3 consecutive years. Paul Heini (Switzerland) was in this situation. Four new members were proposed and elected:

Fergus McKiernan (Marshfield, USA)
Gianluca Maestretti (Fribourg, Switzerland)
Stephan Becker (Vienna, Austria)
Nicholas Dunne (Belfast, UK)

Marc Bohner mentioned that his goal as new president would be to professionalize the structure of the GRIBOI. One important goal would be to have a webpage (process initiated by Patrick Sharrock last year) and yearly sponsors. This would provide more financial security to congress organizers (so far, they are fully on their own financially). As a result, Marc Bohner proposed to appoint a webmaster. Patrick Sharrock was unanimously elected.

The new board is:

President:	M Bohner (Bettlach, Switzerland)
Vice president (Europe):	J. Triffitt (Oxford, GB)
Vice president (Asia):	K. Dai (Shanghai, China)
Vice president (America):	S. Belkoff (Baltimore, USA)
Secretary:	G. Baroud (Sherbrooke, Canada)
Treasurer:	To be looked for
Webmaster:	P. Sharrock (Castres, France)
Local organizer:	G. Anselmetti (Turin, Italy)

The new scientific committee is:

S. Becker (Vienna, Austria)
E. Bres (Lille, France)
C. Combes (Toulouse, France)
H. Deramond (Martinique, France)
N. Dunne (Belfast, UK)
P. Hardouin (Berck, France)
J. Lemaître (Lausanne, Switzerland)
M. Liebschner (Houston, USA)
G. Maestretti (Fribourg, Switzerland)
F. McKiernan (Marschfield, USA)
M. Nilsson (Lund, Sweden)
P. Weiss (Nantes, France)
R. Wilcox (Leeds, UK)

7. Marc Bohner proposed to change the name of the society to make it more appealing to the international audience. This proposal was rejected for two main reasons: (i) it might cause legal problems and (ii) GRIBOI is an established name and gives a “European touch” that is most welcome.

8. Varia: The president and secretary of Griboi will be assisting Dr. Anselmetti in the organization of Griboi 2010.

Gamal Baroud and Marc Bohner

Attendees of the 2009 general assembly of GRIBOI

S. Belkoff
J. Mathis
I. Khairoun
JM Bouler
JM Persenaire
A. Ahmari
M. Bashoor Zadeh
M. Habib
B. Bujoli
R. Wenz
V. Krüger
S. Jönsson
A. Legrand
JL Rouvillain
H. Deramond
M. Nilsson
R. Connolly
R. O'Hara
A. Gangi
G. Baroud
P. Sharrock
S. Becker
N. Dunne
A. Kobelt
F. McKeirnan
G. Maestretti
N. Sahraoui
G. Anselmetti
A. Manca
M. Bohner