

## **Minutes of the 2014 GRIBOI General Assembly**

May 6, 2014. Nantes, France.

**Participants:** Oliver Gauthier, Bruno Bujoli, Jean-Michel Bouler, Jiang Chang, Joseph Lane, Christèle Combes, William Lu, Stephan Backer, Catherine Le Visage, Allan Brook, Joshua Hirsch, Björn Olbricht, Agata Lilia Skwarczynska, Hervé Deramond, Verena Schnitzler-Duval, Christèle Depas, Peter Munk, Nicola Dobelin, Marco Lopez, Pierre Weiss, Hervé Bozot, Pascal Janvier, Dimitrios Filippiadis, Patrick Sharrock, Jacques Lemaitre, Gamal Baroud, Maria Pau Ginebra, Marc Bohner, Pierre Leuret, Ivana Strazic, Iva Guberovic, Pierre Hardouin, Jim Triffitt and Scott Guelcher.

The Agenda of the general assembly (GA) at Nantes was presented as follows:

- Agenda of the general assembly (GA)
- Approval of the minutes of the 2013 GA
- Report of the president
- GRIBOI account / Treasurer's report
- GRIBOI 2015 (Toronto - K. Murphy / P. Munk)
- GRIBOI 2016 (Shenzhen – To vote)
- GRIBOI 2017 (Boston?)
- GRIBOI Board
- Scientific committee
- Varia

1.- The agenda was presented and validated by the participants. The participants were informed that there were attendance lists to fill out and register their presence.

2.- The minutes from GA from 2013 were distributed, previously to the start of the 2014 GA, among the participants. Participants were asked to approve or reject them. The 2013 minutes were approved.

3.- The GRIBOI president, i.e. Marc Bohner, presented his report for the 2013 – 2014 period. The items were:

- **Proceedings GRIBOI 2013/2014.** Due to administrative issues the 2013 proceedings were delayed from being published in European Cells & Materials. A comment was made about this and participants were indicated that the problem was being solved. Participants of the 2013 meeting were asked to submit again their 2013 abstract and to follow the guidelines. Participants were told that the proceedings of the 2014 meeting would also appear in the European Cells & Materials journal.
- **Visit in Shenzhen.** GRIBOI president, Marc Bohner, mentioned his visit to Shenzhen from June 2013. He explained how impressed he was from the city and from the potential organizers of GRIBOI 2016 meeting.
- **Meeting in Cairo.** The second edition of the “Mediterranean Interdisciplinary Research Conference on Bone Augmentation Procedures and Injectable Therapeutics” took place on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2104,. This was a one-day conference with a cadaveric workshop. Gamal Baroud was among the organizing committee. Bassem Georgy gave several presentations. There were around 160 participants. There were no costs related to this for the GRIBOI as the event’s funds were self-raised.
- **25 years of GRIBOI.** The origins of the GRIBOI were recalled, as well as the names of its founders. A copy of the first meeting (September 28, 1990) held by the GRIBOI was presented. Since GRIBOI has its origins in France and 2014 is the start of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of GRIBOI, it was a good occasion to start to celebrate this in France. Closing of this celebration will be done in Toronto in 2015.
- **GRIBOI 2014.** Organizers of the GRIBOI 2014 meeting were thanked for their efforts and the quality of the meeting.
- **Website and Network.** Some words were said about the GRIBOI website and the GRIBOI LinkedIn group. The board makes efforts to actualize their content.

4.- Christèle Combes, GRIBOI treasurer, presented GRIBOI’s accounting:

Balance 12/2012	2,215 €
Balance 12/2013	4,468 €
Balance 04/2014	4,471 €

The income comes from the payments made by the local organizers (20 US\$ or 20 € per participant). The objective of this money is to have a “buffer” in case of problems encountered by the organizers of the annual meetings and to pay extra expenses. For example, some money was used to organize the GRIBOI celebrations.

It was also indicated that, since the GRIBOI meeting 2014 was held in Nantes, France and that the GRIBOI account is based in France, this account was used by the organizers for managing the money of the meeting, i.e. receiving inscriptions and paying bills related to the GRIBOI2014 meeting. However, clear and strict control was taken on the account to avoid complications.

5.- Kieran Murphy presented GRIBOI 2015. GRIBOI 2015 will take place in Toronto, Canada. The specific dates are still to be confirmed but it will be around end of April - beginning of May. The organizers will be Kieran Murphy and Peter Munk. The meeting is intended to include new topics such as Cord injury, Cartilage, Disc, Soft tissues, Stem cells, Combined with biomaterials, Medical device innovation, Update in augmentation, Image guidance and robotics and Oncology related issues.

6.- Professor William Lu (Hong Kong / Shenzhen) presented the Shenzhen bid to hold the GRIBOI 2016 meeting. Prof Lu showed how dynamic the area around Shenzhen is in the field of biomaterials for osteoarticular applications. The advantages of Shenzhen and the environments around the city were presented as well as the weather around the intended meeting days. So far, the local organizing committee will be composed by William Lu, Dino Samartzis, and Haobo Pan. Prof. Jiang Chang (GRIBOI Vice president Asia) will support the local comitee on organizational aspects. The visa issue was addressed and the organizers can gladly provide a letter of support when requested. Participants were asked to approve or reject this candidature. Shenzhen was approved as the place for the GRIBOI 2016 meeting.

7.- Joshua Hirsch and Alan Brook presented Boston as a potential city for GRIBOI 2017. GRIBOI 2011 and GRIBOI 2013 already took place in Boston, which would help for the organization of a meeting in 2017. The objective for 2017 would be to provide an excellent meeting as well as an excellent organization. The candidacy of Boston for the GRIBOI 2017 meeting was approved.

8.- The 2014-2015 GRIBOI organization, i.e. GRIBOI committee and scientific committee, was presented. Jim Triffitt, the vice-president (VP) in Europe ended his remarkable service on this function and Jean-Michel Bouler was presented as a new VP Europe candidate. The participants approved his candidacy. For the VP in North America, Stephen Belkoff ended his functions. This position is still vacant and a suitable person is to be found considering the role of this area on the GRIBOI meetings organization. So, the committee is:

President :	Marc Bohner
Vice-President (Europe) :	Jean-Michel Bouler
Vice-President (Asia) :	Jiang Chang
Vice-President (America) :	vacant
Vice-President (Annual Meetings) :	Gamal Baroud
Secretary :	Marco Lopez-Heredia
Treasurer :	Christele Combes
Webmaster :	Patrick Sharrock


On the scientific committee side, members of the scientific committee are automatically excluded if they do not show up during three years. As such, Fergus McKiernan and Tariq Sohail were removed from the list. Jean-Michel Bouler was also removed from the scientific committee since he is now acting as VP Europe. Scott Guelcher, William Lu, Alan Brooke and Dimitrios Filippiadis were presented as candidates to integrate the scientific committee. The GRIBOI members approved their candidacy.

9.- In the **Varia** section there were no points to discuss. Hence, the GA was closed.

Marc Bohner, GRIBOI president

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Macro Lopez-Heredia, GRIBOI secretary

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