

Dear GFB members,

First of all, on behalf of the GFB council I would like to wish you the best for this starting year, health, happiness and great advances in your research.

In a world looking for solutions to preserve its viability, we are convinced that bioelectrochemistry can offer great opportunities. A prerequisite is to undertake exemplified fundamental research on bio objects and devices, the clue for any application advances. Since our last workshop organized in St Die-des-Vosges in September 2022, the GFB council was thinking on the way it could favor this approach. Hence, we have decided to couple our next workshop to a Winter School aiming at providing docs, post docs and researchers the main basis to enter the bioelectrochemistry domain. With the efforts of our professor dream team (Vincent Noël, Sophie Griveau and Frédéric Lemaitre), we are on the way to propose this event (see below). It should be held in January 2025, starting on 13<sup>th</sup> at noon and finishing on 17<sup>th</sup> at noon, near Grenoble in order to take profit of winter atmosphere while participating to this workshop.

Also following the congress in St Dié-des-Vosges, we decided to propose to the journal Bioelectrochemistry, a special issue dedicated to the research carried out by the members of the GFB. This proposal was received positively (<https://www.sciencedirect.com.insb.bib.cnrs.fr/journal/bioelectrochemistry>, VSI: GFB symposium). By browsing the articles published in this SI, you will notice the diversity of themes developed which is the richness of our French-speaking group.

In the meantime, we are preparing the GFB letter in which you will discover all the scientific news from our laboratories and members. We are waiting for your own contributions, marked scientific results, new comers in the lab, conference announcement, etc... We would like to continue to favor the youngest researchers in the community. We are offering some funding to participate to conferences, or for missions to sustain scientific collaborations. We also would like to receive some letters from current students that describe their activities in order to favor their insertion in the scientific world. They will be integrated in the upcoming letter. Should you have any other great idea for the bioelectrochemistry promotion, please contact us !

The GFB continues to publish online your internship offers or to advertise your different events. Do not hesitate to contact us and to visit our web site <https://www.bioelectrochimie.fr/le-conseil-du-gfb/>.

Kind regards,

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