



Dear GFB Members,

First of all, on behalf of the GFB Council, I wish you all the best for this new year—health, happiness, and great progress in your research.

This year begins with a bang for GFB with the launch of this first edition in a format combining a winter school with our symposium. Many of you have registered, and we are confident you will return full of great ideas for your research, new colleagues... and perhaps a few bruises from unexpected slips in the snow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this event possible. The GFB council, which brought the concept to life. The “Dream Team” of professors—Vincent Noël, Sophie Griveau, and Frédéric Lemaitre—who designed a fantastic program of courses and workshops. The speakers at the winter school, who graciously agreed to share their knowledge with a diverse scientific community. The symposium keynote speakers, who will help cover the main themes of GFB.

A special thanks goes to Julien Vieillard and Fabien Giroud for the time they dedicated to organizing this congress—something we know is no small feat for associate professors! Julien, our treasurer, ensured seamless coordination between the holiday center, our administrations, and us, making sure finances weren't a barrier to hosting the event. Fabien, our secretary and local organizer, thought of everything, from bookings and shuttles to the program and even your drink tickets!

Following this congress, a special issue dedicated to the research conducted by GFB members will be published in the journal *Bioelectrochemistry* (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/insb.bib.cnrs.fr/journal/bioelectrochemistry/special-issues>, VSI: GFB Symposium 2025). Submissions open on January 20, 2025, with a deadline at the end of May 2025. Original articles, reviews on topics related to bioelectrochemistry, as well as reviews linked to the winter school tutorials, are welcome. Even articles stemming from student work during the winter school could be considered. You can already submit a provisional title by writing to the guest editors: Frédéric Barrière ([frederic.barriere@univ-rennes.fr](mailto:frederic.barriere@univ-rennes.fr)) and Elisabeth Lojou ([lojou@imm.cnrs.fr](mailto:lojou@imm.cnrs.fr)).

The GFB Administrative Council will be renewed this year. Do not hesitate to apply; GFB needs fresh perspectives for new ideas and faithful representation of its themes! We will inform you about the General Assembly, which will take place during the first quarter of 2025 and include the election of the new Council and GFB Executive Board.

GFB also publishes your internship offers and various events online. Feel free to contact us (<https://www.bioelectrochimie.fr/le-conseil-du-gfb/>) and visit our website.

Warm regards,

Elisabeth