

Preface

Generally most readers do not pay much attention to prefaces of scientific books but this is not your case, Dear Reader, and we wonder who you are and what you are looking for. Presumably you could be one of the next organizers of Bioceramics conference looking for inspiration to write a preface, or one of the authors, or simply a curious person. Before writing this preface we took a look at those of previous issues of the Bioceramics series, to remain in the tracks, but also to try to find some rationality in the given information.

The first lines always give details on the meeting, in the present case Bioceramics 29 was held in Toulouse (France) from the 25th of October to the 27th, 2017. This volume however does not faithfully reflect the meeting as only a minority of presentations were proposed as short papers (about 50 for more than 180 presentations). This might be frustrating for those who did not attend Bioceramics 29, because they might not find the communication they heard about and they are interested in, but it is also frustrating for those who attended the meeting and would have liked a referenced document to rely on. Thus our most grateful thanks are for those who made the effort to provide a paper regarding their contribution at Bioceramics 29. Important information for their communication duty is that their papers were evaluated by peer-review with the help of the reviewing committee (see the appended list), and we warmly thank the members of this committee.

Then the content of prefaces diverges depending on what is supposed to be expected by the reader, and often the mood or the interest of the writer. Some preface writers give numbers regarding the meeting, here they are: Bioceramics 29 has gathered about 200 participants from 39 countries, we had 6 plenary lectures, including highlights on topics like “bioinert” ceramics, 24 keynote lectures, 84 regular oral communications and about 100 poster presentations on different types of bioceramics and fields of application. The authors of communications belonged mainly to university research groups, to private companies (23), to hospitals (21) and to dental schools (11). We received sponsorship and support from different French and international scientific organizations, local authorities, (Toulouse city council, Occitanie Region council), as well as industrial companies: 3Dceram (France), Fluidinova (Portugal), SBM (France). These indications might be useful for the next organizers as sponsors often ask questions regarding previous meetings. We express our gratitude to these organisms, companies and individuals for their involvement and help in the preparation of Bioceramics 29.

Sometimes an analysis of the program is proposed, this is, however, a difficult journalistic exercise we will avoid, besides the organizers are not necessarily the best persons to do that. Anyone can have his own view and judgement. We simply hope that the scientific program has favored discussions and exchanges. One of our objectives was to give more time to “bioinert” ceramics which constitute an important domain of bioceramics not always addressed; another one was to allow the expression of different points of view and approaches.

We have tried to satisfy more or less the expectations of authors and future Bioceramics organizers in this preface. For curious persons we might add that it is the third time that Bioceramics takes place in France, the first edition was organized by Laurent Sedel in Paris in 1997, the second one in Nantes by Guy Daculsi in 2007, and this third one in Toulouse in 2017. It seems that there is a periodicity of 10 years... An attentive analysis of Nostradamus writings should most probably confirm the prediction of this extraordinary concordance!

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