



16th Biometal

25-30 August, 2024

FOREST HOTEL • KRAKÓW, POLAND



16th International Symposium on Biodegradable Metals

also known as

Biometal 2024

Vade-Mecum

**IMPORTANT CONTACTS TO NOTE OR SAVE IN YOUR PHONE
BEFORE DEPARTURE**

Hotel (for communicating travel delays, answer in English) **+48 731 642 416**

Diego – all others inquires - Phone: +1 418 717 0828
(what's up, messenger, kakao talk, wechat, and more 🗨)

Forward

This document includes a Vade-Mecum and the program (as of Aug 20, 2024) of the 16th Biometal. We are ready and happy to welcome you again at the Biometal2024, the 16th edition of our famous international symposium leading the global innovation on biodegradable metals. Please read these few pages, we addressed some details for you to know before attending the conference. This was especially conceived for onsite attendees.



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The spirit of the conference

Biometal is a proven conference, annually held since 2009. The symposium is designed to emphasize its academic-conference-style with **an openly-discursive format continuously all-along the conference**, rather than a lecture and question–answer format. Therefore, attendance of the full event, onsite staying, and full-time presence are what is required for a rewarding full-immersive experience. more than 80% of our attendees are returning every year. This style will be completed by the traditional discussions and the unconventional daily free-time sessions. Consider the Biometal symposium as an Advanced Study Institute, where exchanges and discussions are privileged and stimulated by all the attendees staying in the same hotel, sharing the same dining rooms and social spaces/moments. It is a 4 days & 5night inclusive conference where attendees become trusted colleagues. The spirit of this conference includes knowledge deepening in the field of bioresorbable metals for translating ideas into clinics. It is a shared environment between early career and established scientists, industrial and academic researchers, in a stimulating context.

Behind the presentations, this symposium aims to discuss open questions on the session topics, new approaches, background knowledge, and personal views among the participants. Furthermore, discussions at the poster session will focus on specific topics and will encourage the participants to raise critical questions or help each other advancing the field of biodegradable metals.

In 2024 the conference will be exclusively onsite. The historical and pleasant environment of Hotel Forest in Krakow will complete the experience we intend to offer to the attendees. The location was especially selected for bringing the attendees in a new region to explore, know and be inspired from the historical flavor, the culture, the weather, the lifestyle, and the surroundings.

For all, we hope this will be an enriching experience, as it was for us the time and the energies we dedicated to plan and prepare it!

Have a safe travel, and we will be happy to meet you again soon in Krakow!

Magda, Diego, Frank, Mark and Yufeng

We wish each one and everyone a very enriching, fruitful and pleasant event!



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Venue

The 16th Biometal 2024 venue is the:

Forest Hotel

Address: Jodłowa st. 13, 30-251 Kraków, Poland

[Hotel Phone \(for communicating travel delays, answer in English\) +48 731 642 416](tel:+48731642416)

Plan to arrive Wednesday Aug 25, the registration includes 5 nights the hotel from that night.

The conference dress code is **casual sport**. Feel comfortable to dress as you prefer, and what make you receptive, and open for scientific discussion, sharing and discussing your point of view in (and out) the field, meet old, and make new, friends!

Travel info

Forest Hotel is 12 km from International Balice Airport in Krakow. When landed, a taxi will bring you to the hotel for around 15 Euro, and in 15 minutes approximately. This is the easiest way. As its name say, Forest Hotel is in the middle of the Forest.

Currency

The official currency in Poland is the zloty. At today change, consider 1 zł = 0,23 Euro = 0,26 US\$.

ATM Bank machine will allow you to access cash money, as well as you can easily pay by credit card in most of the places. You can also change money in the well-advertised shop in town, it is safe but rate may depends from place to place.



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Traveling

Traveling might not be easy. Depending on where you are flying, you might (or might not) face delays, cancellations, luggage loss, and other inconvenient and unpleasant situations. Be armed of patience, smile, and think to the charming, instructive and rewarding time that is expecting you in Krakow. For any urgency, and emergency, please feel free to contact Diego at + 1 418 717 0828, this number is equipped with what's up, kakao talk, we chat, messenger, viber, and all the data-based apps you can imagine. We will be happy to assist within the limits of our capabilities.

Allergies, Intolerances, and Preferences

Biometal shares values and aim to recreate an environment that care and consider a valued equity, diversity and inclusive immersion for all attendees. We respect your allergies, intolerances and will do our best to satisfy your preferences. We already asked each one of the registered participants to let us know his-her situation. Might you feel the need to remind, or just to let us know, please contact Pierre onsite . Although we guarantee we will do our best, we also recognize that it is your responsibility to vigilate so to guarantee a safe and healthy environment for yourself, and your beloved attending with you.

Instructions for Presenters

Speakers are responsible for the content of their presentations. Four types of presentations are offered during the 16th Biometal 2024:

Keynote (K)

On invitation only, 40 minutes including 5 minutes (minimum, 8 maximum) discussions. Keynote speakers are allowed to connect their own computer to the audiovisual equipment.

Oral (O)

20 minutes presentations including 2-4 minutes discussion. **Please keep the time.** For the benefits of all, we strongly suggest limiting your presentation to 12 minutes. Oral presenters **MUST** upload their files and check the compatibility of the presentation with the audiovisual equipment in advance and no later than the coffee break prior to the presentation session. Please contact the AV responsible volunteers the day before your presentation.



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Short oral presentation (SOP)

SOP are presentations that include 2 parts: 1) 5 minutes fire presentation (a short discussion for burning questions on a cluster of 3 to 4 short oral presentations will be held at the end of the presentation, see the program); **AND 2) Poster displayed all the conference length.** The presenter will be asked to remain in front of his/her poster during one of the poster sessions which will be held on Tuesday from 21h00. During the first 90 minutes, posters with an odd number will be presented, while in the second 90 minutes with an unpair number will be presented. All papers presented as SOP also need to be presented as Poster for allowing discussion and foster exchanges. Short-Oral presenters **MUST** upload their files and check the compatibility of the presentation with the audiovisual equipment in advance, and no later than the coffee break prior to the presentation session. We suggest SOP presenters to limit their slides to 5, and include title, context/approach, goal(s) of the work, and the main original result(s).

Poster (P)

Poster Size: A0

Posters are expected to generate discussion between participants during all 16th Biometal 2024. **All registered participants are offered to bring a poster to enhance the chance and the potential to show and discuss their work in the field even out of the allowed poster hours.** If you intend to bring a poster that was not registered at the conference, please bring it, and contact Diego on arrival.

Posters will be displayed and available for generating a basis for discussion and exchange during coffee breaks, afternoon breaks, and nights. Posters will be accessible from morning to late at night. Tables and chairs will be available to attendees to seat, share and discuss further. Please prepare your poster to stimulate questions, exchanges, provide ideas breakthroughs in the field. We strongly suggest presenters to include or bring a photo of themselves to be put up next to the poster so to facilitate interactions between participants. Tools for fixation will be provided onsite.



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Program at a Glance, as of 20 Aug 2024.

Times and activities will follow the online program.

Arrival Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Departure Day
Aug 25, Sunday	Aug 26, Mon	Aug 27, Tue	Aug 28, Wed	Aug 29, Thurs	Aug 30, Fri
<i>Arrival</i>	Conference	Conference	Conference	Conference	<i>Departure</i>
	07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast	07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast	07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast	07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast	08:00 - 09:30 Breakfast
<i>Arrival</i>	08:30 - 12:30 Session on Metals	08:30 - 12:30 Session on Corrosion	08:30 - 12:30 Session on In vitro	08:30 - 12:30 Session on In Vivo	<i>Departure</i>
	12:30 - 16:30 Lunch & free time	12:30 - 16:30 Lunch & Free Time	12:30 Lunch	12:30 - 16:30 Lunch & Free Time	
16:00 - 19:00 <i>Registration</i>	16:30 - 19:15 Session on Metals	16:30 - 19:15 Session on Corrosion & In vitro	13:30 – 19:00 Networking and team building activities – sightseeing	16:30 - 19:15 Session In vivo and sum up of the conference	



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18:00 – 20:00	19h30-21h00	19:30 - 21h00	20h00 Dinner & Polish Night in Krakow	20h00 <i>Conference</i>	
Welcome cocktail/dinner	Dinner <i>Get-Together Lounge</i>	Dinner		<i>Farewell Party</i>	
		21h00-Midnight Poster Night			



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Code of Conduct for Biometal events

The **Biometal Intl Organizing Committee** developed this Code of Conduct to communicate our common understanding of basic values and rules for respectful cooperation and communication. These guidelines apply to everyone, regardless of their level or field of experience, gender or gender identity, age, national origin or nationality, cultural background, religious creed, sexual orientation, family status and health condition. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to identify the core ethical values for conducting research within the Biometal community, to establish an example and to develop this further within the wider Biomaterials community. We encourage all 14th Biometal 2022 attendees, online or onsite, to implement and transmit the values of the Code of Conduct within and outside the Biometal environment such as within their working groups, research departments and institutes.

VALUE OF INTERNATIONALISM AND INTERCULTURALISM

We desire and value a highly international and intercultural research community bringing in different perspectives on scientific questions, research methods and experimental set-ups for the improvement of our research. We endeavour to develop and maintain a respectful cooperation by acting and communicating in cultural sensitive ways within and outside the research community.

TRANSPARENCY ON RESEARCH OUTPUT

Research follows ethical principles, not only with respect to the way it is conducted but also with respect to the research output. We therefore follow important guidelines, for example, the fulfilment of regulations regarding (co)-authorship on publications and the FAIR* principle of data availability and access.

*FAIR data = findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable.

VALUE OF DIVERSITY AND INDIVIDUALISM

We encourage and acknowledge the importance of diversity in research teams by fostering staff with different backgrounds, ways of living, beliefs and nature to bring in diversified experiences, research ideas, ways to organize work and communicate. A diverse working environment supports an open exchange of individual ideas and the development of diverse practices to improve the cooperation between scientists and advance research.

Individuals who participate (or plan to participate) in the Biometal Scientific Meeting should conduct themselves at all times in a manner that comports with both the letter and spirit of this policy prohibiting harassment and abusive behavior, whether before, during, or after the event. This includes statements made in social media postings, on-line publications, text messages, chat rooms, **posting screenshots without permission** and all other forms of electronic communication.



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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Early career scientists at the graduate and postgraduate level are encouraged to participate, discuss, network with established scientists during our activities to discuss, exchange, questioning training and structured career support. Career development support is expected from supervisors, mentors, principal investigators and all other academic, industrial, governmental officers in leading positions.

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR UNJUST TREATMENT AND HARASSMENT

Everyone shall be treated equally and fairly. Specific individual requirements such as different levels of familiarity with the International Scientific System, different levels of experience, various language capacities, and confidentiality obligations should be taken into consideration in our discussions and expectations of each other. Discrimination, mobbing and sexual harassment are under no circumstances tolerated in all working environments, including sessions, social activities, formal and less formal meetings. Everyone shall be free to speak up about inappropriate and unjust behaviour or make use of the formal (anonymous) channels provided by our lobby desk. Serious cases can lead to official complaint procedures.

SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION IN ONLINE ENVIRONMENTS

- Embrace joy and humour
- Smile and be welcoming if you chose to use your camera
- Make efforts to build new connections
- Use inclusive and appropriate language
- Embrace different communication styles and dialogues about science
- Be open to suggestions and feedback
- Be purposeful in allowing equitable time
- allowed for underrepresented voices
- Avoid gendered pronouns, gendered terms and heteronormative* statements in presentations
- Be understanding of the current online environment is also family space for many participants
- External interruptions, muting and unmuting, unstable Internet are all realities that need to be addressed with patience and good humour

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Biometal specifically prohibits posting conference materials, screenshots of chat room discussions or comments, questions, photos of posters or recordings of the conference outside of our event or virtual space without consent.

Online and onsite events need to be safe and open spaces for discussions.

- Violence and threats of violence. Incitement of violence towards any individual.
- Derogatory comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, mental illness, neuro(a) typicality, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, or socio-economic status.
- Posting or threatening to post other people's personal info, identifying information.
- Use of social or mainstream media to target individuals in a way that could harm their privacy and/or reputation.
- Deliberate mis-gendering such as not using a person's preferred pronouns.



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- Inappropriate photography or recording.
- Unwelcome sexual attention. This includes, sexualized comments or jokes; inappropriate and unwelcome sexual advances.
- Deliberate intimidation, stalking or

following (online or in person).

- Sustained disruption of community events, including talks and presentations.
- Advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behaviour