Graphene International Conference Series

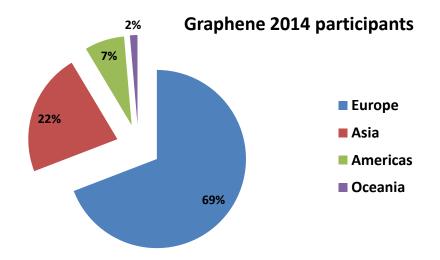
The Graphene International Conference is the biggest event on the field of Graphene and was launched following the lack of meetings in the field. The **Graphene International Conference** is now an established European event, attracting global participant's intent on sharing, exchanging and exploring new avenues of graphene-related scientific and commercial developments.

Considering the event is now a consolidated gathering, a lot of interest has been shown from local institutions and Convention Bureaus Worldwide to host the event.

Graphene Conference series upcoming dates:

- Graphene 2015 (Bilbao, Spain)
- Graphene 2015 (CANADA) Bidding
- Graphene 2016 (Genoa, Italy)

The idea of the Graphene Scientific Committee is to bring this event closer to other Graphene communities, outside Europe. Asian countries (considering we already have a strong collaboration on GRAPCHINA, a Graphene Conference organized in China) for the moment are out of the bidding. The desired countries at this stage are (in order of preference): Canada, Australia and Brazil.



Short Facts Graphene 2014

Participants	800
Plenary speakers	3
Keynote speakers plenary	2
Invited speakers (Plenary session)	14
Invited speakers (Parallel sessions)	26
Orals plenary	28
Orals (Parallel sessions)	52
Orals (Parallel sessions – PhD students)	27
Posters	357
Awards	12
Exhibitors	35 booths
EXHIBITORS	3 Pavilions
	TOTAL: 85 exhibitors
GRAPHENE 2014 student grants	43
GRAPHENE 2014 postdocs grants	10

Short Facts Graphene 2013

Participants	500
Keynote speakers plenary	4
Invited speakers (Plenary Session)	22
Invited speakers (Parallel Sessions)	17
Orals plenary	13
Orals (Parallel sessions)	40
Posters	211
Exhibitors	**
GRAPHENE 2013 student grants	36

Short Facts Graphene 2012

Participants	608
Plenary speaker	1
Keynote speakers plenary	3
Invited speakers (Plenary session)	15
Invited speakers (Parallel session)	18
Orals plenary	18
Orals (Parallel sessions)	60
Posters	199
Awards - BEST QUESTION AWARD	1
Publisher	26 booths
Exhibitors	1 Pavilion
	TOTAL: 36 exhibitors
GRAPHENE 2012 student grants	31

Short Facts Graphene 2011

Participants	400
Invited speakers	6
Keynotes	20
Orals	34
Posters	270
Awards – Nanoscale poster award	1
Exhibitors	**
GRAPHENE 2011 student grants	10

Exhibitors 2011 click here. // Exhibitors 2013 click here.

1st Edition - 2011 Bilbao (Spain) http://www.imaginenano.com/2011/SCIENCE/Scienceconferences_Graphene2011.php

 $2^{\text{nd}} \ Edition: \ 2012 \ Brussels \ (Belgium) \ \underline{\text{http://www.grapheneconf.com/2012/Scienceconferences_Graphene2012.php}$

3rd Edition: 2013 Bilbao (Spain) http://www.imaginenano.com/SCIENCE/Scienceconferences Graphene2013.php

4th Edition: 2014 Toulouse (France) http://www.grapheneconf.com/ARCHIVE14/INDUSTRY/Industry_grapheneconf.php

*The Graphene 2011 was held during ImagineNano event. Graphene had 362 plus the participants with a Global Pass (363), which means the number that comes on the table is an average.

**The Graphene 2013 was held during ImagineNano event. Graphene had 288 plus the participants with a Global Pass (481), which means the number that comes on the table is an average.

^{**} Graphene 2011 and 2013 were organized within ImagineNano event. It is impossible to provide an exact number of Graphene exhibitors.

Graphene 2014 attracted 800 participants Graphene 2014 in numbers

Madrid (Spain): 16 May 2014

Participants: 800 from 49 countries (a huge success, a greater engagement as the organizers initially forecast roughly 600 participants)

Exhibitors: 38 booths with roughly 85 exhibitors represented. For the 1st time there was an exhibition of Worldwide graphene research centers, apart from graphene producers, publishers, manufacturing equipment makers, graphene application developers, networks, and many others.

Invited / Keynote Speakers: 45

Oral contributions: 107

Posters: 357

Graphene 2014, the International Conference & Exhibition on Graphene, was held last week in Toulouse (France), and presented the latest trends in the field and the global graphene technology revolution from both academy and industry.

GRAPHENE 2014 featured:

– Extensive <u>thematic workshops</u> in parallel:

Worldwide Graphene Initiatives, Funding and Priorities;

Graphene: Taiwan landscape;

Theory & Simulation;

Materials & Devices Characterization:

Applications of Graphene-based Materials;

Invest in Graphene;

Graphene Connect: Nanocomposites by Graphene Flagship.

Brokerage event to foster technical cooperation.

The event gathered the graphene community, including scientists, engineers and industrials, but also graphene research centres, investors and representatives of funding policies.

The 4th edition of the graphene conference series proved the gathering is now an established European event. The best represented countries were France, Spain, Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Korea and China, among many others.

The organizers announced the next edition (5th) under the umbrella of ImagineNano event in Bilbao (Spain), with other 4 conferences in parallel, to be held between the 10th and the 13th of March 2015.

Graphene Conference Series in Numbers: www.grapheneconf.com/GENERAL/Last_Edition.php
Graphene 2014: www.grapheneconf.com

Organizers: Phantoms Foundation <u>www.phantomsnet.net</u> | Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) | Catalan Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICN2)

Local Organizers: LAAS/CNRS | CEMES CNRS | CIRIMAT/CNRS | Université de Montpellier 2 | LCC Ensiacet | Université de Bordeaux

BIDDING

The Graphene International Conference shall be jointly organized by the Phantoms Foundation (Spain), Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium) and ICN2 (Spain). Those 3 institutions are the main organizers and the final decisions of all aspects of the conference will be taken by them. The purpose is that they can work with the local organizing committee (should be suggested by the bidders). We are looking for a core group of active and professional team members willing to devote time and energy. We require a local organizing committee responsible for working closely with the main organizers in negotiating and finalizing important details.

Information to take into account:

Location: The location should be easily accessible for people attending from over the World. Good air, rail and road links are essential.

The bid document should include information on the nearest airports.

Venue: The host institution or location should have appropriate conference facilities for the event.

- Auditorium capacity 400-500 participants theater
- 3 Rooms for 100/150 participants each (Parallel Workshops) theater
- 1 Room for a Brokerage event (one-to-one meetings): 50 persons
- 1 staff room (Secretariat office)
- Space for informal discussions of small groups of participants
- Adequate space for 250 posters, industrial exhibition, coffee breaks and registration At least 1600 m² should be provided.
- All these facilities should be within easy walking distance of each other.
- Wireless Internet is mandatory

The bid document should, if possible, include plans (including approximate dimensions) of the proposed spaces, and where appropriate, photos showing any particular features of the venue that should be noted.

Timing: Graphene Conference is usually held in March/April/May in Europe. Considering this the Graphene Canada event should be organized between October and November 2015

- 3/4 days Conference
- Dates can't overlap bank holidays in European and American countries
- Dates can't overlap major Nanotechnology events, in particular, Graphene related

The bid document should specify the proposed dates, and list (as far as they can be identified at the time of the bid) dates and locations of other activities in the relevant research areas that might be considered to be potential clashes.

Social Events: A range of social events is expected to be arranged, such as a welcome reception and, sightseeing visit only for the invited speakers and/or sponsors.

The bid document should include suggestions of such events including price options, supporting institutions and proposed venues for social events (such as Town Hall, etc).

Catering: On different occasions catering will be needed (conference dinner, welcome reception, coffee breaks). It is important to ensure that **coffee breaks** for delegates can be provided onsite. The conference dinner and the welcome reception could be organized outside the venue.

The bid document should include 3/4 quotations for each event.

Accommodation: There should be a wide range of easy access accommodation choices for participants nearby.

The bid document should include a list of suggested hotels with an indication of their likely "corporate discount" room rate, and the distance/time of each hotel from the conference venue (ranging from low budget accommodation to 5* hotels). Cheap accommodation based, for instance, in university dormitories should also be available. The participants come from different regions of the world and have different budgets.

Other responsibilities:

Content:

 Ensure the participation of prominent speakers from the host country and nearby regions.

Sponsorship:

- Largely responsible for securing sponsorship and operational support from partnership universities administration and other private corporations based in the hosting country. Sponsorship can be used in many ways during the conference, including covering the costs of transport, promotional materials, invited speakers, student grants, infrastructure, etc.
- When bids are submitted, evidence of adequate financial backing, including written guarantees must be provided (local organizations and private companies).

Publicity:

- Marketing and participants recruiting within the host country.
- Inviting local media companies such as television stations and newspapers to cover the event.
- The bidder is responsible to guarantee traveling/accommodation to the organizers (2 persons) to a pre-conference site visit in order to check the local facilities in detail. Such site visits are often supported and can be facilitated by local convention bureaus.

Language

The working language for all documents and presentations of the conference is English.

Deadlines:

The selection process:

- 1. Conference bidders shall submit the proposal before the deadline. (October, 20th)
- 2. The Graphene Conference organizers shall review proposals and contact the bidders in case any doubts arise.
- The decision process will take into account the infrastructure and the economic conditions offered by each bidder, as well as the accessibility of the proposed site and the broad geographical distribution of congresses.
- 4. The decisions will be largely based on the professionalism, content, and enthusiasm of the proposal.
- 5. You should appoint and make clear the reasons why the Graphene International Conference should be hosted in your country/region: important to mention the state of the art of Graphene and the main institutions working in the field (private & public).

<u>NOTES</u>: We encourage conference bidders to be creative and innovative. We're open to receive improvements on the way we usually conduct Graphene International Conference. Please state why the City/Region is highly recommended to host the International Conference. Examples of other conferences held in the city will be highly appreciated.

SUBMISSION AND CONTACT ADDRESS:

Please e-mail and post your proposal to the Phantoms Foundation at: Phantoms Foundation Calle Alfonso Gomez 17 / Planta 2 - Loft 16 28037 Madrid (Spain)

Email: info@grapheneconf.com

If you have any doubts do not hesitate to contact us by email at info@grapheneconf.com.