



**9<sup>th</sup> ESMRMB-GREC**  
**ESMRMB Pre-Congress meeting**  
**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**

Palau de Congressos de Barcelona, Av. de la Reina María Cristina, s/n,  
Sants-Montjuïc, 08004 Barcelona  
Barcelona, Spain

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**ESMRMB-GREC Meeting: Scientific Program**

**Meeting venue:** Palau de Congressos de Barcelona, Av. de la Reina María Cristina, s/n,  
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**ESMRMB office:** [office@esmrb.org](mailto:office@esmrb.org)

**Certification:** Participants will receive a certificate of attendance

**Enrolment:** The meeting in presence is designed for scientists and consultants.

**Local Organisation:** Àlex Rovira (ES)

After an extraordinary year of achievements, it is our pleasure to invite you to the 9th ESMRMB-GREC meeting, to be held in Barcelona, Spain, during the ESMRMB Pre-Congress day.

**Introduction:**

This meeting is designed as a unique context aimed at sharing ideas and data on MRI contrast agents research and possible gadolinium toxicity after the administration of gadolinium-based contrast agents (GBCA). Joint international efforts will remain essential to optimize diagnostic efficacy and improve patient safety in MR imaging. Since 2016, the ESMRMB-GREC has adapted the contents of the discussion to current hot topics and has continuously improved its influence on the clinical and pre-clinical role of gadolinium-based contrast agents.

This 9<sup>th</sup> GREC meeting will cover topics related to the four missions of the group: 1. Clinical indications and optimal use of GBCA-enhanced MRI; 2. The chemistry of improved MRI contrast agents; 3. Optimizing contrast-enhanced MRI, including Artificial Intelligence; 4. Emissions and ecotoxicological effects of GBCA in the marine environment.

As a working group of experts with multidisciplinary background, we support the MR community with continuous education, information and scientific updates on the use and clinical applications of GBCA.

**Objectives:**

- To share evidence-based state-of-the-art information on specific hot and emerging topics in GBCA-enhanced MR imaging
- To promote the dissemination of knowledge by means of papers to be published on behalf of the ESMRMB-GREC working group
- To discuss on research activities and research funding opportunities

## Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

**08:00-08:05**      **Welcome and practical meeting issues**  
*Àlex Rovira, ES*  
*Carlo C. Quattrocchi, IT; Aart J. van der Molen, NL*

**Session 1**      **GREC Business Meeting 2024**  
*Moderator: Carlo C. Quattrocchi, IT*

08.05-08.15      Mission Group 1: Achievements 2023-2024 and new ideas (Àlex Rovira, ES)  
 08.15-08.25      Mission Group 2: Achievements 2023-2024 and new ideas (Eliana Gianolo, IT)  
 08.25-08.35      Mission Group 3: Achievements 2023-2024 and new ideas (Juan Hernandez Tamames, NL)  
 08.35-08.45      Mission Group 4: Achievements 2023-2024 and new ideas (Aart van der Molen, NL)

**08.45-09:00**      **Discussion**

**Mission 1**      **Clinical Indications and Optimal Use of GBCA-enhanced MRI**  
**Session 2**      *Moderator: Alex Rovira, ES*

09:00-09:10      Indications for late gadolinium enhancement (LGE) imaging (Carlo Mallio, IT)  
 09:10-09:20      Indications for GBCA in the diagnosis and monitoring of the ear and internal auditory canal – with ESHNR. (Marinella Neri, IT)  
 09:20-09:30      Indications for GBCA in brain tumours – with ESNR (Fabio Doniselli, IT; Àlex Rovira, ES)  
 09:30-09:40      Use of GBCAs in diagnosis and monitoring Multiple Sclerosis (2015-2022). (Sofia Sceppacuercia, ES; Àlex Rovira, ES)

**09.40-10:00**      **Discussion**

**10:00- 10:30**      **Coffee break**

**Mission 2**      **The Chemistry of Improved MRI Contrast Agents**  
**Session 3**      *Moderator: Eliana Gianolo, IT*

10:30-10:45      GBCA Hypersensitivity reactions and Allergologic workup (Anca Chiriac, FR)  
 10:45-11:00      How to increase the relaxivity of GBCA (Eliana Gianolo, IT)  
 11:00-11:15      GBCA uptake by blood cells (Nico Ruprecht, CH)

**11.15-11.30**      **Discussion**

**Mission 3**      **Optimizing Contrast-Enhanced MR Imaging: Advances in GBCA**  
**Session 4**      *Moderators: Carlo C. Quattrocchi, IT; Aart J. van der Molen, NL*

11.30-11:50      Gadoquatrane, a novel tetrameric macrocyclic GBCA: Profile and data from preclinical and clinical studies. (Laura Schoekel, Petra Palkowitsch, Hubertus Pietsch, Hassan Khater; Bayer AG)  
 11:50-12:10      Safety of gadolinium-based contrast agents: an update. (Alberto Spinazzi; Bracco)  
 12:10-12:30      Healing the Earth: A prescription for Sustainable HealthCare. (Anand Bherwani, GE)  
 12:30-12:50      Stability and safety of current and new approved GBCAs. (Sarah Catoen, Jean-Sébastien Raynaud; Guerbet)

**12.50-13.00**      **Discussion**

13:00-13:45 Lunch time and open discussion

**Mission 3**  
**Session 4** *Optimizing Contrast-Enhanced MR Imaging*  
Moderator: Aart van der Molen, NL

- 13:45-14:00 Manganese as a contrast agent for liver imaging (Torkel Brismar, SW)  
14:00-14:15 Enhancing Safety: Optimized Parameters and Sequences for Reducing Gadolinium Dosage (Alvaro Dominguez, GE Healthcare)  
14:15-14:30 Optimal MRI Parameters of Gd-enhanced MRI at lower GBCA-dose for the fields Below 1T. (Cristiana Araujo, Siemens Healthcare)  
14:30-14:45 Optimized MRI techniques for low GBCA-dose and contrast free MRI (Maarten Versluis, Philips)

14:45-15:00 Discussion

- 15:00-15:10 Experiences on AI in GBCA use at University of Essen (Johannes Haubold, DE)  
15:10-15:20 Gadolinium-free MRI in brain tumors (Juan Hernández Tamames, NL)

15:20-15:45 Discussion

15:45- 16:15 Coffee break

**Mission 4**  
**Session 5** *Emissions and Ecotoxicological Effects of GBCA in the Marine Environment*  
Moderator: Gerard Stroomberg, NL

- 16:15-16:30 Speciation analysis of GBCAs in water samples and organs (Mathis Athmer, DE)  
16:40-16:50 MEGADORE experience (Douraid Ben Salem, FR)  
16:50-17:00 Reducing contrast agent residuals in hospital wastewater: the GREENWATER study (Moreno Zanardo, IT)  
17:00-17:10 Ecotoxicological effects of GBCA and Gd (Julia Farkas, NO)  
17:10-17:20 Sustainable Radiology: reduction of contrast media in hospital wastewater (Lucas Kuster, Max Carter, Nina Breedijk, Tiago Rijdsijk, NL)

17:20-17:30 Discussion

**Dessert**  
**Session 6** *ESMRMB-GREC meets CMSC and SMRA*  
Moderator: Aart van der Molen, NL

- 17:30-17:45 ESMRMB-GREC meets ESUR-CMSC: Grade III-IV hypersensitivity reactions to GBCA: skin tests and how to empirically change the contrast agent (Oliver Clement, F)  
17:45-18:00 ESMRMB-GREC meets SMRA: Future directions of contrast-enhanced MRA (Giles Roditi, UK)

18:00-18:10 Discussion

- 18:10-18:20 Adjourn of GREC 2024  
Enjoy 2024 ESMRMB congress and see you next year at the 10<sup>th</sup> ESMRMB-GREC 2025 (Marseille, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025)



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