

A note from the president

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This being a non-ICBIC year, there are variety of regional BIC conferences. EuroBIC 10 will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece from 22 to 26 June and AsBIC V from 2 to 5 November in Kaoshiung, Taiwan. Neither location has hosted a major BIC meeting previously and it is great to see BIC meetings moving to new sites.

North America does not have a comparable regional BIC meeting, but in its place there are CanBIC held in Georgian Bay, Canada and a number of Gordon Conferences that cover our field. I have reported previously on the Metals in Biology GRC held in Ventura, California early each year. This meeting continues to go from strength to strength with a record 175 attendees this year. A feature of the meeting this year was the presentation of the first Ed Stiefel Young Investigator Award to Jennifer L. DuBois (Notre Dame), pictured below with Harry Gray and Conference Chair, John Lipscomb. The funds for this award are administered by the GRC and were raised last year by Harry working with Bruce Armbruster and Ed's wife Jeannette. The award will support the registration and travel for one young scientist per year to attend the MIB GRC and possibly other related GRC meetings as the fund grows. Jennifer is a particularly fitting first awardee because she studies enzymes with relevance to the environmental theme that was one of Ed's passions.

For many years now the MIB has been followed by the Gordon Graduate Research Seminar in Bioinorganic Chemistry. This year the Research Seminar was organized by Kathryn Cole and attracted more than 80 registrants.

Other Gordon Conferences coming up include Metals in Medicine, 27 June–2 July at Procter Academy, New Hampshire and FeS Enzymes, 6–11

June at Colby Sawyer Academy, New Hampshire. However, we have just had the worrying news that two other inorganic flavored Gordon Conferences may not have the numbers to continue. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to support the upcoming meetings or we will lose these outstanding opportunities to share our science in the most enjoyable of surroundings.



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