Preface

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Dear colleagues,

It is my great honor and pleasure to welcome all delegates and guests at the 14th International Conference on Biological Inorganic Chemistry (ICBIC 14) to be held in Nagoya from 25 to 30 July 2009. It is the second time for us to host ICBIC in Japan since ICBIC 8 was held on 1997 in Yokohama.

The frontiers of biological inorganic chemistry are expanding to cover broad and interdisciplinary areas in chemistry, biology, physics, pharmaceutical science, and material science. The conference will cover all the topics in these research fields including Bioenergetics (Respiration, Denitrification, Photosynthesis, Electron Transfer), Small Molecules Activation, Sensor Proteins, Sensing and Dynamics of Metal Ions, Metal Ion Traffic/Storage, Metalloproteins, Biogenesis of Metalloproteins, Molecular Design of Metalloproteins, Metal–DNA/RNA Interaction, Metal Ions in Drug Design, Neuroscience and Disease, Bioorganometallic Chemistry, Bionanomaterials and New Trends in Bioinorganic Chemistry. The ICBIC 14 scientific program consists of 7 plenary lectures, 2 early career award lectures, 14 sessions with about 190 invited speakers and poster sessions displaying 424 posters. The poster sessions will form an important part of the scientific program of ICBIC 14, which allow all the delegates to present and discuss his or her most exciting new results throughout the week.

The financial support of many companies and organizations is gratefully acknowledged. We are also grateful to the International Organizing Committee, The Society of Biological Inorganic Chemistry, *Journal of Biological Inorganic Chemistry*, and the many biological inorganic chemists throughout the world who have offered their assistance and encouragement throughout the organization process.

As chairman, I wish you all a stimulating conference.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Organizing Committee

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