A note from the president

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Special Issue on The Copper Cell Biology

Welcome to this special issue on the cell biology of copper. As the reviews show, copper is one of the most important elements in biology and the disruption of the normal homeostasis of copper, either due to genetic abnormality or to disease, can have profound impacts on human health. For example, the realization that Alzheimer's Disease is linked to the handling of copper in the brain will have impacts on all of us and provides a opportunity for our community to contribute to the solution for one of the greatest problems facing the aging population.

Special editions of our journal provide an opportunity for such topical issues to be addressed in a breadth and depth that provides for a thorough understanding and appreciation of the state of knowledge of the field and the subjects being addressed. We would welcome suggestions for other topics and these can be forwarded to the President or the Chief Editor.

Finally, I would like to thank Professor Val Culotta for putting together this special issue. I am confident the SBIC community and others will find it most valuable.

ACS Alfred Bader Award

Congratulations to Professor Joan Selverstone Valentine, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at UCLA, who has been awarded the ACS Alfred Bader Award in Bioorganic or Bioinorganic Chemistry for 2010. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to bioorganic or bioinorganic chemistry. Joan's award follows in a line of awards to leading SBIC members over the past few years including those to Larry Que, Eckard Munck, Ann Walker, and Steve Lippard.

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