A note from the President

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In this the first issue of the Journal of Biological Chemistry in 2012, we look back to 2011, a good year for SBIC. ICBIC15 in Vancouver was a well-attended and well-appreciated meeting. The abstracts from ICBIC 15 are now available online through Springer as Supplement 1 to Volume 16 of our journal and can be accessed at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/0949-8257/16/s1/>. Worldwide, several activities were developed concerning the growth of the field of Biological Inorganic Chemistry. The Society was also quite involved promoting the International Year of Chemistry 2011, celebrating chemistry everywhere and everyday and transmitting the idea of the importance of chemistry for humankind.

As a dynamic society, SBIC has elected a new President, Alison Butler, UC-Santa Barbara, to begin administrating in the middle of 2012. Graeme Hanson, University of Queensland, remains our Treasurer. Wonwoo Nam, Ewha Womans University, was elected Secretary, replacing Charles Riordan, and three new counselors were elected: Michael Hannon, University of Birmingham; Nils Metzler-Nolte, Ruhr University Bochum; and Roland Sigel, University of Zurich. To the officers now ending their tenure, we thank you all for your diligent participation; and to the new ones, we look forward to your contributions, imagination, and efforts in making SBIC ever stronger.

Happy New Year and Long Life to Chemistry!