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Joan Broderick (Chair) and Jim Mayer (Vice Chair) have organized a terrific program for the Metals in Biology Gordon Research Conference January 26–31, 2014 in Ventura, CA, USA. The program will open Sunday evening with Brian Hoffman introducing the dynamic duo of Joan Valentine and Cathy Drennan covering metal reactivity with protein ligands and close Thursday evening with Andy Borovick as the speaker for the joint session between MIB GRC and Gordon Research Seminar in Bioinorganic Chemistry. In between, the sessions cover Complex Clusters and Novel Reactivity, Life in O₂: Breaking and Making the O–O Bond, the Inorganic Chemistry of Biological Signaling, Emerging Applications of Coordination Chemistry in Medicine, Bioinorganic Frontiers in Energy Research, Environmental Bioinorganic Chemistry, and Investigating the Metallome. The Gordon Research Seminar will be held January 30–February 2, 2014 in Ventura. The Chair of the GRS, Arturo Pizano, is finalizing the program as this column goes to press.

The Metals in Medicine Gordon Research Conference is just around the corner, June 22–27, 2014. It will be held at the Proctor Academy in Andover, NH. The co-chairs are Alan Packard and Michael Hannon and the co-vice chairs are Kathy Franz and Nils Metzler-Nolte.

It is almost time for selection of the 2014 SBIC Career Awardee. This award will be presented to an early career scientist (no more than 15 years post-Ph.D. at the nomination deadline) who has already accomplished distinguished research in biological inorganic chemistry. The deadline for receipt of nominations is December 31. <http://sbicchem.org/SBIC-Awards.aspx>.

As always (and the 2013 year is nearing its end), remember to renew your SBIC membership for 2014!!

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