

## A note from the president

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Professor Chuan He of the University of Chicago was recently announced as the winner of the 2010 SBIC Early Career Award. Yet again, the selection committee had a near impossible task—selecting just one winner from an extraordinarily strong list of candidates—and Professor He is to be heartily congratulated on winning in this company.

Chuan's research interests encompass a wide range of bioinorganic chemistry and chemical biology. For instance, he has made major contributions to the study of the AlkB family of DNA repair proteins, which use non-heme iron to repair methylation damage. Chuan has also been a major contributor to the study of the metal-ion-selectivity metalloregulatory proteins, particularly those involved in the handling of lead and cadmium. In addition to being a prolific publisher, Professor He's research has had a remarkable impact in only a short period, already receiving in excess of 2,000 citations.

By the time this issue hits your desk, my term as President of SBIC will be completed. I have greatly enjoyed working with all of the people who contribute their time and energy to the continuing development of the Society. I would

particularly like to thank my predecessor (and now past-Past President) Professor Bob Scott for his guidance and support over the last three years, the other members of the executive Professors Charlie Riordan and Graeme Hanson for their assistance, and Professors Que and Karlin for their continuing leadership of JBIC and the ICBICs, respectively. I am pleased to be able to hand over the reins to Professor José Moura knowing that the Society is in great hands.

One of the reasons the Society continues to flourish is the almost entirely hidden work of the Nominations Committee, most ably led by Professor Lucia Banci. This committee has the very important task of ensuring that we have a strong slate of candidates for the positions that fall vacant each year and of ensuring that these candidates are broadly reflective of the diversity of the Society. The Nominations Committee continues to do a great job, and I would like to finish by thanking them for their efforts.

Trevor Hambley  
SBIC President