A note from the President

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It is time to finish my mandate with SBIC and for the new elected President to take over and to reflect on these last 2 years. It has been an honor and pleasure to act as President of SBIC during this period. It was for me a special experience. SBIC is a truly global operation. Having the officers spread from Korea to the United States, the Council members dispersed from Italy to Argentina, and all the other operating members of the Governance distributed around the world has been a challenge. The key to success has been the fact that our community members know each other so well and are determined to accomplish proposed goals. Communication was easy and effective and the system responded promptly when needed. Backup from former President Trevor Hambley and the good advice of Treasurer Graeme R. Hanson were essential. I also relied on Debbie Schoenholz, the Editorial Assistant of JBIC, who was always available and attentive.

In terms of accomplishments, our new celebration of the Society's Honorary Members enriches our aims. The

Journal of Biological Inorganic Chemistry remains an important avenue of communication for not only publishing the most recent advances in the field, but also for promoting SBIC and other activities. SBIC supported several scientific meetings on our main topics (and also related ones) and promoted awards to outstanding researchers as merit recognition. Meanwhile, our membership is spreading and showcasing SBIC activities in many ways; and EUR-OBIC11 (Granada, Sept 11–15, 2012), ASBIC6 (Hong Kong, November 5–8, 2012) and ICBIC16 (Grenoble, July 14–19, 2013) are good signs.

I now leave the organization in the capable hands of Prof. Alison Butler, elected President of SBIC from 2012. Pending problems will be solved, and new proposals and stimulating ideas are sure to come. I wish her the best.

Thanks.