

Dear SBIC members, colleagues, and friends,

We are pleased to provide this edition of our newsletter published by the Society of Biological Inorganic Chemistry (SBIC), which aims to keep you up to date with important developments in our society, award deadlines and other opportunities in biological inorganic chemistry. We hope that you will continue to support SBIC or join SBIC as a new member. We would also like to invite you to pass the newsletter on to students and colleagues and if you have news to share, please get in touch.

Get Ready for ICBIC-21!



The 21st International Conference Biological Inorganic Chemistry will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center in California, USA, July 28 (Monday)– August 1 (Friday).

Registration, hotel reservations, and abstract submission are now open at <https://www.icbic21.org/>. Registration is discounted for SBIC members.

Key dates:

27 April 2025: Abstract submissions closed

2 May 2025: Early bird registration closes

12 May 2025: Abstract results notified

13 July 2025: Regular registration closes

31 July 2025: Late registration closes

A highlight of the conference will be addresses by two of our SBIC Early Career Awardees.

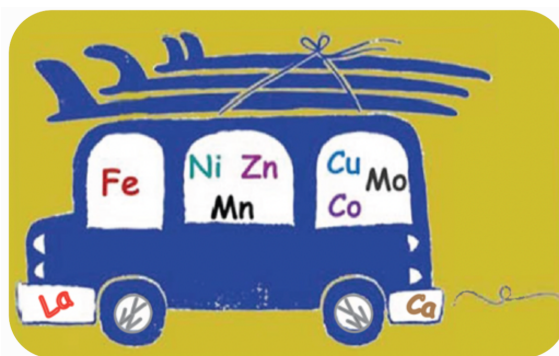
Amie Boal (Pennsylvania State University) will present on “The periodic table of ribonucleotide reductases”

Kyle Lancaster (Cornell University) will talk about “Living on Nitrogen”

Early Career Researcher Mini-Symposium at ICBIC

The SBIC Early Career Researchers (ECR) Committee is pleased to announce the Early Career Researcher Mini-Symposium at ICBIC.

PhD students and postdoctoral fellows are invited to participate. To apply, simply submit your abstract and speakers will be chosen from the submitted abstracts. Speakers in the symposium will receive a book from the *Metal Ions in Life Sciences Series* courtesy of CRC Press Taylor & Francis Group and are guaranteed the ICBIC-21 early bird registration rate.



Please keep an eye on <https://www.icbic21.org/> for ongoing updates. We hope to see you there!

SBIC Early Career Researchers (ECR) Committee Update

The ECR Committee is a Professional Committee of SBIC Council that was established in August 2024.

The objectives of this Committee are as follows:

- Organize events, workshops, webinars, and initiatives to promote the personal and professional development of ECRs in Biological Inorganic Chemistry and advance an SBIC ECR Professional Network
- Provide a platform to advertise career opportunities and vacancies for ECRs related to Biological Inorganic Chemistry
- Foster mentoring programs by connecting ECRs with senior researchers
- Increase ECR representation and participation at SBIC conferences, meetings, and other related events
- Advocate for the professional development of ECRs and provide a voice within SBIC governance
- Promote equality, diversity, and inclusion within the ECR community

If you have anything to share or questions about the SBIC Early Career Researcher Committee, please contact Co-Chair Matthew Sullivan: mp.sullivan@auckland.ac.nz

The SBIC ECR committee has been liaising closely with biological inorganic chemistry conference organizers to identify ways in which to further support ECRs through conference presentations and networking opportunities.

In addition to the ECR Symposium at ICBIC, we are delighted to announce the following ECR opportunity:

17th International Symposium on Applied Bioinorganic Chemistry (ISABC-17), 15-18 June, 2025 Uppsala, Sweden

The Local Organizing Committee has agreed to include one ECR oral presentation in each of its many program sessions. Please submit your abstracts for consideration.

For more information on ISABC-17 please visit: <https://www.isabc2025.com/>

The SBIC Council is seeking additional members to be added to this newly established SBIC ECR Committee, mindful of being as inclusive as possible. Our goal is for this committee to have representation from across the entire SBIC community, including but not limited to gender, underrepresented minority status, geographic location, and research area. We invite applications from ECRs who would like to be considered. To apply for membership on the ECR committee, please include the following documents in an email to info@sbichem.org:

- 1) Your CV
- 2) A personal statement indicating why your circumstances would provide representation of the broad ECR community and how you feel you would be able to contribute both to career development of ECRs and also to the Society.
- 3) A letter of reference

These documents should be sent as a single PDF file. We will continue to consider applications on a rolling basis.

Educational Resources for SBIC Members

We encourage you to visit our [educational resources webpage](#) where we have accumulated links to important pedagogical information and lectures to aid in teaching inorganic and bioinorganic chemistry. We will be uploading new content to this area over the next year which includes for example advanced lectures on metalloprotein design. If you are an SBIC member, you also have access to members-only content which is continuously growing. Follow this [link](#)!

Congratulations

Three members of the bioinorganic community have been selected as 2025 Sloan Fellows:

Arial Furst (MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA)

Ryan Hadt (Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA)

Lisa Olshansky (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA)

Congratulations to all!

If you have received an award or know of someone who has received recognition for their work, please email the information to Kara Bren (kara.bren@rochester.edu) for inclusion in future newsletters.

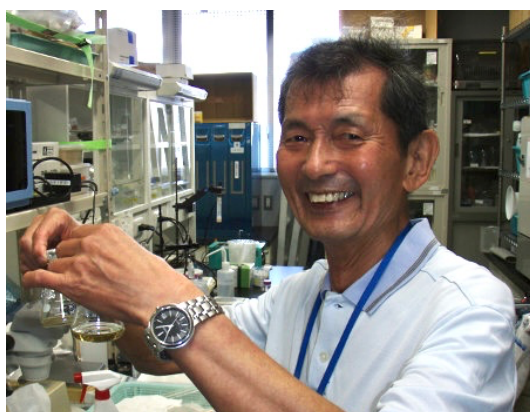
Journal of Biological Inorganic Chemistry (JBIC) – Call for Papers!

JBIC is the well-reputed journal of our society with Nils Metzler-Nolte is as Editor-in-Chief. Nils welcomes manuscripts with high-impact results for publication in our journal. By submission of impactful articles to *JBIC* you demonstrate your active support of SBIC, whether you are a member of SBIC or not!

In Memoriam – Prof. Teizo Kitigawa

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Professor Teizo Kitagawa on February 13th, 2025, at 84 years old. Prof. Teizo Kitagawa obtained his Ph.D. at Osaka University in 1969. He became a full professor at the Institute for Molecular Science, Okazaki National Research Institutes in 1983. After retiring as a full professor, he continued his research and teaching at Toyota Physical and Chemical Research Institute and University of Hyogo.

Prof. Kitagawa's research focused on biomolecules and related compounds, and he has used time-resolved Raman spectroscopy as his main experimental method to investigate the correlation between the dynamic structure and function of these molecules. Prof. Kitagawa served as the chairman of the First Asian Biological Inorganic Chemistry Conference (AsBIC-1), held in March 2003 in Okazaki, Japan. He also led the JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Priority Areas "Molecular Science on the Specific Roles of Metal Ions in Biological Functions" in Japan from 1996 until 2000, and contributed significantly to the growth of the field of bioinorganic chemistry in Japan and also in the world.



Shun Hirota
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For your diary: Upcoming conferences

- CANBIC-9, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada, May 20-24, 2025
- International Symposium on Thermodynamics of Metal Complexes, Granada, Spain, June 9-12, 2025
- 17th International Symposium on Applied Bioinorganic Chemistry (ISABC-17), Uppsala, Sweden, June 15-18, 2025
- 9th International IMBG Conference, Grenoble, France, July 1-4, 2025
- ICBIC-21, Long Beach, CA, USA, July 28-Aug 1, 2025
- Gordon Research Conference on Cell Biology of Metals, University of Southern Maine, August 3-8, 2025
- International Symposium on Bioorganometallic Chemistry (ISBOMC 25), Paris, France, August 26-29, 2025
- International Symposium on Metallomics (ISM-10), Paris, France, October 26-31, 2025

- EuroBIC-18, Groningen, Netherlands, July 12-17, 2026
- AsBIC-12, Jaipur, India, January 7-11, 2027
- ICBIC-22, York, UK, 2027
- ICBIC-23, Jeju Island, South Korea, 2029

Call for applications for conference support

SBIC financially supports international meetings on subjects related to Biological Inorganic Chemistry organized by members of our society. At many of these conferences, SBIC members will pay discounted registration fees and students and early career members may be eligible for travel awards.

To be eligible for conference support, the conference organizers need to be SBIC members. Applications need to be sent to the SBIC Treasurer [Janet Morrow](#). Please include a detailed conference program. Diversity in gender, age, race, ethnicity, geography, and research topics covering a broad range of biological inorganic chemistry is a prerequisite to obtain SBIC funding. Adequate representation from underrepresented groups, including women for Plenary and Keynote lectures, in particular, and the program, in general, must be demonstrated. A maximum of 2,000 US\$ for conferences or 3,000 US\$ for student workshops will be granted to non-BIC conferences. All SBIC financial support is exclusively given out as SBIC travel bursaries to be awarded to young researchers (PhD students and postdocs), being SBIC members, and the financial support by SBIC must be acknowledged.

For ICBIC, AsBIC, EuroBIC and LABIC, special funding rules apply. Please contact the SBIC Treasurer [Janet Morrow](#) for details.

National meetings and those organized by national chemical societies are not eligible for SBIC support, including Pacificchem Symposia.

DEADLINES for applications: March 1 and October 1 each year.

Stay in touch with SBIC: Follow us on our Social Media channels!

Prof. Abhishek Dey, IACS, Kolkata is managing the SBIC social media presence. Suggested contributions may be directed to him at abbeyde@gmail.com or to SBIC Secretary Kara Bren at Kara.Bren@Rochester.edu

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