To all of the participants at ICBIC-12:

We’d like to thank you for making the conference a success! What success means is that more young scientists fraternized with and learned from established researchers in the biological inorganic chemistry fields, thereby promoting the spread of knowledge and current research ideas.

The Society of Biological Inorganic Chemistry (SBIC) also will gain many of you as new members, which gives you the benefits of increased access to other potential research ventures. In short, the ICBIC-12 Conference promotes discussion, independent of academic or national associations, for international exchange for biological inorganic chemistry.

We’d like to thank the many volunteers, mostly graduate students or post-doctorate staff, who made ICBIC-12 possible. Not only did the volunteers staff the information booth (see below), but they handled registrations and downloaded speakers’ presentations, kept the questions flowing during lectures, and even acted as greeters at the Metropolitan Airport to make sure arrivals went smoothly. For all of their efforts, we’re grateful. Also, the webmaster responsible for the ICBIC-12 site is Agnes Soderbeck, to whom we owe a note of thanks! Our roving photographer, Gwynne Osaki, caught many of you in photos! Finally, lest we forget, please note the great service and organizational skills of the Conference Management Services! William Vlisides, Kathy Mann, and Leigh Ann Koepp were the folks running the show from the registration desk.

[Note: Since this newsletter was designed by the ICBIC-12 conference secretary, Julia Hrycko, I won’t be thanking myself.]
Viewing the posters on display in the Michigan League. (Above and to the right.)

Friday-Speakers: Shinobu Itoh, Jan Reedijk (Chair), Amy Rosenzweig, and Michael Murphy (above)

Hospitality Tent and Rackham Building (above)

Waiting for the next lecture in the Michigan League, avoiding the 90-degree temperatures!

Registeration site

Jeffrey Buis meets Dr. Danilo Ortillo at his poster presentation.

Chris Orvig and Nick Farrell at The Henry Ford Museum

Checking out the HFM exhibits—Ann Valentine, Dave Britt, Gary Brudvig, and Charles Yocum

Jason Telford and Sonya Franklin at the HFMuseum
Drs. Liz Theil and Osamu Yamauchi at the Museum (below)

Posters on display in the ballroom of the Michigan League.

Volunteers: Andrea Stoddard and Jeremy Cook (below-right)

Sonya Franklin presenting her poster (above)

Bingying Jiang and Shujuan Xu

Viewing the Kennedy Limousine

Drs. Bernt Krebs, Ken Karlin, Edward Solomon, Dan Stack

Drs. M. Vasak, C. Fierke, P. Ellis, G. Parkin and A. J. Vila

Steps: Drs. Thomas Brunold, Kurt Warncke, Ruma Banerjee, Neil Marsh

Larry Que, Joan Valentine and Peggy Carver (above)

Signing cards for Tony Xavier (above)

Stephanie Gantt’s poster #293 (above)

Ravinder Kaur (#194) at her poster (below).

Bernt Krebs & Vincent Pecoraro near the Burton Tower.
Congratulations to the ten students who were awarded Honorary Mentions for their poster presentations! Of these ten, three weren’t present to have their photos taken at the final banquet on Friday, August 5th. The three winners who weren’t present are:

1) **Amanda Brooks**: “Enzymatic Acceleration of Co-C Bond Homolysis by AdoCbl-Dependent Isomerases: Spectroscopic and Computational Insights from Active Site Electronic Structure Studies”

2) **Kalyan Kondapalli**: “Iron Binding Studies of Yeast Frataxin”

3) **Sevdalina Lyubenova**: “Pulse EPR studies on the molybdenum center of polysulfide reductase from Wolinella Succinogenes”

Rehab Abdelhamid’s poster was called “Regulation of the Electronic Structure of Blue Copper Active Site from the Second Sphere Coordination: Spectroscopic and Electrochemical Properties of Pseudoszurin M16X Mutants”

Sharon Leitch’s poster was called “Nickel Coordination Chemistry and Regulation of DNA Binding in E. coli and H. pylori NikR”

Jack Allen’s poster was called “Fluorescently labeled lanthanide bound probes which dock to Trp rich domain of X-linked Inhibitor of Apoptosis Protein (XIAP)”

Kari Stone’s poster was called “Spectroscopic Studies of Chloroperoxidase Compound II”

Divya Krishnamurthy’s poster was called “Synthesis of Nxs Ligands and their M(II) Complexes Nuclearity Control, Incorporation of Bridging Hydroxide Ligands and Magnetic Behavior”

Peter Bruijninx’s poster was called “Bis(1-alkylimidazol-2-y)propionates: Biomimetic N,N,O ligands”

Anna Zatsman’s poster was “Mechanistic Studies of Substrate Oxidation by Multiheme Enzyme Hydroxylamine Oxidoreductase from Nitrosomonas europaea using Rapid Freeze Quench EPR Spectroscopy”

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August 5, 2005: Final Banquet at the Ypsilanti Convocation Center