



EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIOINORGANIC CHEMISTRY

to be held in the port city of Yokohama, Japan
27 July - 1 August 1997

Introduction

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite all interested scientists to attend the Eighth International Conference on Bioinorganic Chemistry (ICBIC 8). The Conference will be held in the beautiful port city of Yokohama, Japan from 27 July to 1 August 1997. This Conference continues the biennial tradition, with conferences having been held in Florence, Italy (1983), Algarve, Portugal (1985), Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands (1987), Boston, USA (1989), Oxford, UK (1991), San Diego, USA (1993), and Lübeck, Germany (1995).

An informal evening reception on Sunday, 27 July will precede the scientific sessions. Each morning will feature a plenary lecture followed by parallel sessions and poster presentations on a variety of contemporary research topics. The conference will end at noon, after the Friday morning sessions, 1 August.

The program will be organized around five daily plenary lectures, which will introduce topics to be expanded on by invited speakers in the subsequent sessions, and poster presentations. There will be ample opportunity for informal exchange of ideas.

Tentative topics include:

- Metal recognition, storage and transport
- Structure and functions of metalloenzyme active sites
- Industrial applications of bioinorganic chemistry
- Electron transfer
- Metals and nucleic acids
- Nitrogen and nitric oxide biochemistry
- Environmental bioinorganic chemistry
- Metals in medicine ... and more

Invited Plenary Speaker

- Jacqueline K. Barton (*California Institute of Technology, USA*)
- Robert Huber (*Max-Planck-Institut für Biochemie, Germany*)
- Kenneth D. Karlin (*The Johns Hopkins University, USA*)
- Teizo Kitagawa (*Institute for Molecular Science, Japan*)
- Peter J. Sadler (*University of London, UK*)

The Conference will continue the tradition of poster sessions to disseminate original and significant research in progress. There will be ample time for poster presentation because we plan to divide the poster session into two groups, both with two days for exhibition.

Conference organizers would like to encourage all participants to present posters. However so that there may be enough space for all, each participant will be limited to one poster. Formats required for poster presentations and for published abstracts will be with the second announcement. Abstracts will be published in the Journal of Inorganic Biochemistry for all pre-paid registrants.

Social Events

Get-together party on Sunday evening, 27 July
Optional excursions on Wednesday afternoon, 30 July
Official banquet on Thursday evening, 31 July

The conference will take place at Pacifico Yokohama conference center, which is located on the waterfront near central Yokohama. Access to central Yokohama can be obtained via Narita express train or limousine bus from New Tokyo International Airport (Narita), taking 80 - 90 minutes. The conference site is also linked by subway with Shin-Yokohama station, where inkansen (bullet train) service is available, placing other important cities, including Osaka and Kyoto, within easy reach. Yokohama, a tiny fishing village until the opening of its port in 1859, is now Japan's second largest city and is only 30 minutes by train from central Tokyo. Aiming towards a highly integrated international city in the next century, an urban redevelopment project is in progress, which has included the construction of Pacifico Yokohama.

Accommodation will be provided in hotels close to the conference site. The conference office will offer three categories. Arrangements may be made to arrive before and/or to stay after the meeting on a daily rate basis. Bed and breakfast-type accommodations in private homes will also be available.

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