

Preface

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Those of you who had the opportunity to attend the 5th International Biometals Symposium in Oregon must still have fond memories of a great meeting both from the scientific as well as social perspectives. The articles in this collection, generated by many of the speakers at the Symposium, will help to make available to everyone the science, if not the wonderful and congenial environment. I am grateful for the support and enthusiasm of Dr. Guenther Winkelmann, Editor-in-Chief of *Biometals*, and his editorial personnel for making possible this publication.

In honor of my friend and colleague Dr. Igor Stojiljkovic and with the financial help of an Emory University Memorial fund obtained through the kindness and support of Dr. William Shaeffer, I created three prizes: the Igor Stojiljkovic Memorial Lecturer Award that recognizes a senior researcher for outstanding contributions to the *Biometals* field and the Igor Stojiljkovic Memorial Fellowship Awards that recognize outstanding postdoctoral fellows and graduate students. This year, aided by an ad-hoc

committee composed of Symposium speakers, we bestowed the senior award to the distinguished researcher Dr. Volkmar Braun from the University of Tuebingen in Germany. The postdoctoral prize went to Dr. Anthony Maresso from Dr. Schneewind laboratory at the University of Chicago while the Graduate Student award was given to Ms. Amanda Barry from the laboratory of Dr. Ninian Blackburn at the Oregon Health and Science University. This tradition will be continued in our future symposia including the next one to be held in Spain and organized by Dr. Manuel Lemos.

I hope that reading these chapters will bring back those beautiful days of summer at The Mountain... while dreaming of sunny Spain...

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