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Participation in the 17th International Conference on Biological Inorganic Chemistry

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Restatement of professional enhancement opportunity

Participation in the 17th International Conference on Biological Inorganic Chemistry (**ICBIC17**) provided a great opportunity for scientists to present and obtain latest information on research in the field of bioinorganic chemistry, as well as network with other professionals. Professional development grant was obtained to facilitate my participation at the conference which took place in Beijing-China (20th – 24th July, 2015). I presented a poster on our research entitled "Biomimetic Inorganic Hydrogen Producing Catalysts."

Review of the professional enhancement opportunity

The PI conducts research on the design, preparation, and characterization of coordination compounds as catalysts for the production of hydrogen. Presenting our recent and exciting results at the biological inorganic chemistry conference was an excellent opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with experts in the field.

Summary of experiences had

Many meeting attendees visited our poster and engaged in very fruitful discussions. The close and friendly atmosphere of the conference encouraged networking among the participants. As a result, I was able to meet new potential collaborators from India and China. I also benefited from the many plenary and keynote lectures on a variety of research topics at the frontiers of biocatalysis and biomimetic chemistry.

Conclusion

I am grateful for the financial support from ATU Professional Development Grant that enabled me to present our paper at ICBIC17. Certificate of participation is attached

