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Preface

From the organizers

It was at the excellent 13th European Bioenergetics Conference (EBEC) in Pisa, Italy, that the International Advisory Board of EBEC chose Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, as the venue for the 15th EBEC. This is the first time that EBEC will have been hosted in Ireland, and we are very honoured to have the world's premier bioenergetics researchers presenting their latest work in Trinity College Dublin. The emphasis for EBEC 2008 is on quality of work and involvement of young researchers. To that end we are happy to report that as of 30 April 2008 we have 400 delegates registered, 130 of whom are student researchers, and 80 of whom have received student travel awards.

This abstract supplement also has the title of *EBEC 2008 Short Reports*, reflecting the fact that all abstracts have been refereed. The supplement contains over 350 abstracts. These abstracts cover all plenary, symposium, and colloquia lectures, all "raised abstracts"

talks, and all posters. The numbering system is directly correlated to that used in the Conference programme. The abstracts cover a wide variety of research interests in the area of bioenergetics and represent the endeavours of researchers in over 40 different countries.

I am grateful to my colleagues on the International Advisory Committee and the Local Organizing Committee for their assistance in compiling the list of abstracts and for selection of the "raised abstracts". I am also very grateful to the San Diego office of Elsevier *BBA Bioenergetics* for collaborating in the publication of these abstracts, for their sound advice and superb editorial skills.

It only remains for me to welcome you to Dublin and EBEC 2008!

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