

Division of Neurobiology (DNB): 2002 Spring Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Don Edwards

I would like to begin by thanking Robin Cooper and Rich Satterlie for outstanding service to the Society and the Division. Robin has been on the mark in organizing elections and in keeping me abreast of deadlines. Rich has put together an outstanding Symposium series that has greatly impressed the SICB administration, and which, with our help, should help the Division to grow significantly. He is due a round of congratulations.

Second, I wish to congratulate Rich and Hank Trapido–Rosenthal for their election as Program Officer and Secretary of the Division, respectively. Rich's services will be invaluable in making certain that the series of Symposia that he has organized are successful. And Hank's energy and organizational abilities will stand us in good stead in building the membership.

Finally, I have been in communication with Ed Kravitz, the newly elected President of the International Society for Neuroethology (ISN), about how our organizations might interact to our mutual benefit. As you may know, ISN holds meetings every 3 years; the last was last summer in Bonn, Germany. Given the significant overlap in interests between DNB and ISN, it has seemed reasonable to discuss those interests, particularly in regard to how DNB might serve them in the out–years of ISN meetings. We will have these discussions during the East Coast Nerve Net meeting at the MBL in Woods Hole this Spring; I would appreciate any suggestions you may have that I could present to Ed. In the meantime, please consider the following and tell me what you think:

1. Opportunities for jointly sponsored symposia at SICB
2. Opportunities for jointly sponsored symposia at ISN
3. An opportunity to conduct an ISN business meeting at SICB
4. Cross–linked web sites.

Finally, if you have colleagues who are members of the ISN or the JB Johnson Society, but who are not members of ISN, please discuss with them how what we might do together, and encourage them to join SICB! Let me know what you think (biodhe@langate.gsu.edu).

UPDATE: I met with Ed Kravitz, President of the ISN, and we have agreed to form a Working Committee of officers of the DNB, the ISN, and related societies (e.g., J.B. Johnston Society) to discuss opportunities for cooperation and collaboration. Once again, please provide any suggestions directly to me at biodhe@langate.gsu.edu.

Message from the Program Officer, *Robin L. Cooper* and the Secretary, *Hank Trapido–Rosenthal*

Program Officer Dr. Rich Satterlie reports on the development of two DNB–sponsored symposia for the upcoming Toronto meeting. The first, entitled "Recent Developments in Neurobiology" will honour Dr. Harold Atwood, and will feature a series of presentations on motor control. The second symposium, being organized by Jonathon Copeland, is entitled, "Firefly Flash Communication: Physiology and Behavior at Fifty."

The DNB Poster Awards Committee, under the chairmanship of secretary emeritus Dr. Robin Cooper, has chosen the poster entitled "The control of *Manduca proleg* movements during crawling and grasping", first–authored by Ms. Sheri Mezzoff, from Dr. Barry Trimmer's laboratory, as the recipient of the DNB student poster award for the 2002 meeting. Congratulations!