

Division of Neurobiology (DNB): 2004 Spring Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Robin L. Cooper

The last three years as chair of DNB have been quite interesting. Input from members reveals that DNB section members continue to struggle with attending the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) meeting and the SICB meeting, however there is a consensus that the venue of the SICB meeting is more conducive for discussion and for exposure to a variety of topics. Lets keep the word going out that the SICB meetings are a great place for students to present their work and have meaningful discussions without the stress and mayhem of the SfN meeting.

The variety of topics with DNB may be seeing some shift towards the functional genomics and broad species comparisons in the years to come. Thus the comparative nature of SICB in general may be very appealing for these individuals. So, look at this as another opportunity to entice your colleagues and their students to become active in DNB and SICB.

Message from the Secretary

Hank Trapido–Rosenthal

The Division of Neurobiology has awarded two awards to graduate student participants in the 2004 New Orleans meeting. Alexandre Dieudonné received an award for his poster "*Neuroanatomy of Antennal Bristle Fields in the Hawk Moth, Manduca sexta*" done at the University of Washington. The award for best platform presentation went to Julie Adams of Bowling Green State University, who described aspects of her dissertation research in a talk entitled "*Foraging in a Complex Chemical Background: DOM from Elevated CO₂ Detritus and Its Impact on Crayfish Orientation to a Food Source.*"

This year we are to hold an election for the Chair of the Division of Neurobiology. The task should be relatively easy: we have one candidate, and he is outstanding. Should he be elected, he will take over his duties from current Chair Dr. Robin Cooper in January 2005; his term will run for two years, until January 2007. His credentials and interests appear below.

ELECTIONS

Candidate for Chair

Paul A. Moore, Ph.D.

Current Position: Professor of Biological Sciences at Bowling Green State University

Education: B.S., Biological Oceanography, University of Michigan, 1986; Ph.D. Marine Biology, Boston University, 1991.

Professional Experience: 2003 – present, Director, University Honors Program. 2003 – present, Full Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Bowling Green State University. 2001 – present, Director, UMBS Stream Research Facility. 2000 – 2002, Director of the Center for Neuroscience, Mind & Behavior, Bowling Green State University. 1999 – 2003, Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Bowling Green State University. 1994 – 1999, Assistant Professor, Director of Marine Program, Department of Biological Sciences, Bowling Green State University. 1992 – 1994, Research Associate, Dr. Bruce Bryant, Monell Chemical Senses Center. 1990 – 1992, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Dr. Greg Gerhardt, University of Colorado Health Science Center.

SICB Activities: Dr. Moore presents at the annual meeting but also engages students to present.

Other Memberships: American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Animal Behaviour, Association of Chemoreception Sciences, International Society of Neuroethology,

Research Interests: Animal behavior, social behavior, the neural basis of aggression, social behavior and decision making, chemoreception, and sensory processing.

Statement of Goals: My goals as chair will be to increase the presence of the neurobiology division within SICB by helping to integrate and make connections from neurobiology to the other divisions. It is also critical to develop and support undergraduate and graduate student presentations at SICB and to help promote the growth of younger scientists.