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Symposia

I would like to call your attention to the Society-wide symposium, "*Selection and Evolution of Performance in Nature*", organized by Joel Kingsolver and Ray Huey. This symposium was originally to be co-sponsored by DEE and DAB, but has been chosen as a society-wide symposium. Details of this symposium (and all other symposia for the Toronto meeting) can be found at www.sicb.org/meetings/2003/symposia. This symposium is a great example of what SICB is all about: integration across several of the subdisciplines within biology. You won't want to miss this one.

Zuleyma Tang-Martinez is organizing a symposium for the 2004 meetings (in New Orleans!), tentatively titled "*Bateman's Principle: Is it time for a re-examination?*" The Division of Animal Behavior is proud to sponsor this symposium: we will send you further information in the next newsletter.

We are a small division, but we have a tradition of putting on great symposia. We are always on the prowl for good symposium ideas. What special topic are you most interested in, what 8–12 speakers would you like to see in one meeting? If you have ideas for symposia, please contact our new program officer, Paul Cupp, (Paul.Cupp@eku.edu), our chair, David Pfennig (dpfennig@email.unc.edu), or me (psmallwo@richmond.edu).

Officers

This year is my last as secretary for the Division of Animal Behavior. Tom Hahn is running for the office: PLEASE VOTE. You should have received e-mail instructions on voting some time ago: the deadline for voting is November 8, 2002. To vote, simply go to www.sicb.org/elections/.

At this year's business meeting, we also need to nominate a candidate for Chair of DAB, to stand for election next year at this time. Please come to the business meeting. The exact time and place will be available on the web page soon.

Opportunities for Graduate Students

Support for Meeting Attendance: If you are a graduate student or have graduate students attending the Chicago meetings, make sure they are aware of the Student Support Program. In past years, SICB has been able to provide a room (shared) or waive registration for almost all students requesting such aid. In return, the student serves for one half day as a room monitor, slide projectionist, or registration assistant. If you or your student did not check the box for Student Support on the abstract transmittal form, contact the SICB business office for more information and application materials.

Grants-in-Aid of Research: SICB has instituted a program of awards to support graduate student research. For more details and application materials, go to www.sicb.org/awards.php3