



Division of Animal Behavior

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Message from the Program Officer

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Upcoming Meeting Highlights – January 3-7, 2015 in West Palm Beach, FL

The SICB programming committee recently met to finalize the program for our upcoming Annual Meeting, to be held January 3-7 in West Palm Beach, FL. Based on the number of abstracts submitted, we expect this to be our third largest meeting ever. Don't forget that early registration ends December 2, 2014.

The meeting will be held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, with housing at a number of nearby hotels. A variety of dining options can be found in the nearby CityPlace district – an easy walk from the convention center and accessible by complimentary shuttle from the conference hotels. In addition, the Clematis St. dining and entertainment district can be reached by free downtown trolley. Child care will also be available at the meeting again this year.

Animal behavior will have a very strong presence at the meeting, including:

- 65 oral presentations in 10 behaviorally-themed sessions
 - 68 posters in behaviorally-themed poster sub-sessions
 - 74 presentations in other sessions by authors with DAB primary affiliation or ABS affiliation
 - 46 entrants in DAB Best Student Presentation competitions (oral and poster)
- and*
- again this year, a special oral session will feature the Best Student Paper finalists; learn about their exciting work at the special session on Sunday afternoon, January 4

In addition, DAB will co-sponsor two society-wide and three regular symposia:

- SOCIETY-WIDE SYMPOSIUM: [Toward a General Framework for Predicting Animal Movement Speeds in Nature](#), Sunday, January 4 – organized by Robbie Wilson
- SOCIETY-WIDE SYMPOSIUM: [Leading Students and Faculty to Quantitative Biology through Active Learning](#), Tuesday, January 6 – organized by Laura Miller and Lindsay Waldrop



- REGULAR SYMPOSIUM: [Thinking About Change: An Integrative Approach for Examining Cognition in a Changing World](#), Monday, January 5 – organized by Timothy Roth and Zoltan Nemeth
- REGULAR SYMPOSIUM: [Neurohormones, Brain and Behavior: A Comparative Approach to Rapid Neuroendocrine Function](#), Tuesday, January 6 – organized by Rebecca Calisi and Colin Saldanha
- REGULAR SYMPOSIUM: [Integrative Biology of the Crocodilia](#), Sunday, January 4 – organized by Valentine Lance

While at the meeting, don't forget to attend the DAB business meeting on Sunday, January 5 at 5:45pm, followed by a joint DAB/DNB social from 6:30-8:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend both the business meeting and the social!

Future Symposia – January 2016 in Portland, OR

Looking further ahead, we have an exciting slate of symposia for the 2016 meeting in Portland, Oregon of which DAB will co-sponsor five regular symposia:

- [New Frontiers in the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior: Nothing in Neuroscience Makes Sense Except in the Light of Behavior](#) – organized by Suzy Renn, Hans Hofmann and Dustin Rubenstein
- [Beyond the Mean: Biological Impacts of Changing Patterns of Temperature Variation](#) – organized by Michael Dillon, Art Woods and Michael Sears
- [Neuroecology: Neural Mechanisms of Sensory and Motor Processes that Mediate Ecologically Relevant Behaviors](#) – organized by Jeff Riffell and Ashlee Rowe
- [Are Migratory Animals Superspreaders of Infection?](#) – organized by Alexa Fritzsche and Bethany Hoye
- [Evolutionary Endocrinology: Hormones as Mediators of Evolutionary Phenomena](#) – organized by Robert Cox, Joel McGlothlin and Frances Bonier

DAB's 2015 Best Student Oral Presentation Award Finalists

The DAB executive committee, along with judges Scott MacDougall-Shackleton and Graduate Student/Post-doc Representative Maxine Zylberberg, have selected seven finalists for this year's Best Student Oral Presentation Award. In alphabetical order, the finalists are: David Delaney, Lindsey Dougherty, Patrick Green, Gavin Leighton, Amber Makowicz, Nikki Rendon, and Brent Stoffer. They will present in a special oral BSP session on Sunday, January 4, in the afternoon, and one of them will win the 2015 DAB Best Student Oral Presentation Award. Please join us in congratulating all of the finalists and wishing them good luck!

Message from the Chair

Diana Hews, Chair, Chair.DAB@sicb.org

Greetings to the DAB Membership! I am writing this from Nopala, Hidalgo, Mexico, where I am doing what many of us love to do- field research involving animal behavior. My graduate students and I were talking of SICB just today and we are looking forward to the meeting in sunny Florida this January. It is such a fantastic meeting to attend, for the in-depth interactions one can have with researchers in your own disciplines, plus learning about work by biologists in other sub-disciplines, and the strong symposia talks.

I also am looking forward to our Best Student Paper competition. This is be the second year we will use the extended abstract process, and I know that makes the resulting BSP session a very strong set of papers.

SICB Highlights for Students and Postdocs

Maxine Zylberberg, Graduate Student/Post-Doctoral Affairs Committee Representative

Thanks to everyone who submitted abstracts for the upcoming meeting in West Palm Beach! This year's student/postdoc affairs committee annual workshop will focus on "The 'Ins and Outs' of Writing Fundable Grants." Remember, you can access information from past workshops at <http://www.sicb.org/resources/presentations.php3>. The Student Science Journalism Internship will continue this year as part of the Charlotte Magnum Student Support



Program, giving interested students the opportunity to write a popular science journalism piece to fulfill their work assignment. See the Student Awards web page for more information on the Charlotte Magnum Student Support Program, and also to find out about other opportunities to apply for graduate student research funding and awards, including Grants in Aid of Research and the Fellowship of Graduate Student Travel (<http://www.sicb.org/students/awards.php3>). Be sure to stop by the student/postdoctoral booth in the exhibit hall to chat with other students and postdocs over coffee & cookies, and to engage with faculty on a variety of career development topics. See you in January!

We are looking for a new student/postdoctoral affairs committee representative for DAB. This is a three-year position (starting in January of 2015). The SPDAC representative serves as a liaison between the society and student and postdocs. Specific responsibilities include keeping students and postdocs informed about society goings-on through the newsletter, staffing the SPDAC table at annual conferences, representing student and postdoc interests at the DAB business meeting, and working with other members of SPDAC to develop and run the SPDAC annual workshop. If you are interested, submit a brief statement that includes your current position/lab, research interests and any past involvement in SICB to DAB Chair Diana Hews at Chair.DAB@sicb.org. Also, please indicate if you'll be able to attend the meetings for the duration of the term (2016-2018).



Michele Johnson

Welcome to DAB's new secretary!

Michele Johnson, an Assistant Professor at Trinity University, was elected DAB Secretary last spring. Her tenure will begin at the end of the 2015 annual meeting. In the meantime, she can be contacted using the e-mail SecretaryElect.DAB@sicb.org. Michele hopes "to continue our strong tradition of supporting graduate and undergraduate student research, to increase the opportunities for student involvement in the activities of the division, and to promote communication among our members." Welcome to the team!

