



Division of Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology

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Message from the Chair

Marty Martin, Chair.DEDE@sicb.org

It's so exciting to help write the first newsletter of the Division of Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology (DEDE)! We officers have been very happy to see such interest in the fledgling division; there are many abstracts submitted for the January meeting in West Palm Beach listed DEDE as the host division! Sarah Durant, DEDE Program Officer, provides more details below. Speaking of the meeting...it promises to be a great one. What better place to hold a winter meeting than sunny Florida!

At the West Palm meeting, the Division will have a lot of 'firsts', and I hope you'll be part of them. Most importantly, we plan to give out Best Talk and Best Poster awards to students. The judging process will be similar to other divisions, and prizes will include a subscription to Functional Ecology as well as a cash award. If you didn't get to sign up to compete this year, don't worry, as we plan to make these awards every year.

Our second 'first' at the 2015 meeting will be the social itself, which will be co-hosted this year with the Division of Comparative Endocrinology (Thanks to Mary Mendonca and Rosemary Knapp for agreeing to co-host)! As most of you know DCE holds a data-blitz at their social, which has been a fantastic success. You can read more about it here (<http://www.sicb.org/divisions/dce.php3>). DEDE members are eligible to participate and will hopefully take home a prize!

The last 'first' I want to highlight about the 2015 meeting is the DEDE 'lunch with a DEDEer. Cynthia Downs, the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee representative for the Division will have more to tell you about this below. Basically, it's an opportunity for a few trainees to get some face time with an expert in the field.

Going forward, I expect big things for DEDE. We have already had a few symposium proposals for the 2016 meeting in Portland, so be on the lookout for news about those. Please keep the proposals coming in; they are the defining contributions that divisions make to the society. Please catch me or any of the other officers about ideas, no matter how undeveloped; we'd especially like to hear about ideas that span multiple divisions, as those tend to be the best attended.

Other plans and progress for DEDE? We have begun to transition infrastructure built via an NSF Research Coordination Grant in Ecological Immunology to SICB. For instance, the website (www.eco-immunology.org) was revamped to be easier to manage now that funding for its support is gone. We also are thinking about how to recognize contributions to the field, as DCE does with the Bern lecture and DCPB does with the Bartholomew award. Our options are limited, as there are only so many nights at the meeting, but we're



sure we can come up with something appropriate. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

In closing, I have to thank Travis Wilcoxon (DEDE Secretary) and Lou Burnett (SICB President-Elect) for their help and guidance to get the division on good footing. I also want to thank Paddy Brock and Courtney Murdock for writing such a nice historical piece on DEDE research (<http://icb.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2014/05/16/icb.icu046.abstract>), and Dan Ardia, Dana Hawley and Raoul Boughton (<http://icb.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2014/07/22/icb.icu101.full?sid=1ce21ea7-2957-4c57-8357-1d6320b10c9e>) for helping lay the foundation for this division.

See you in West Palm Beach!

Message from the Program Officer

Sarah DuRant, DPO.DEDE@sicb.org

We just wrapped up the Program Committee meeting for the West Palm Beach 2015 SICB meeting which promises to be a great success. DEDE will have a good presence at our inaugural meeting with four oral sessions, one poster session, and several talks and posters scattered throughout the program. The first class of DEDE students did a great job participating in the meeting. We have close to 30 students competing for the oral or poster Best Student Presentation Award!

Importantly, we will have a social and divisional meeting at the 2015 meeting. We are joining forces with DCE to put on a great social at the convention center following the Bern Lecture! Teaming up with DCE gives us a great opportunity to network, and helps us reduce events that competes for member attendance. Students and Post docs make sure you look into the DataBlitz, this is a fun way for you to showcase your research at the social. The DEDE divisional meeting is on the night of Sunday, January 4. All members, undergraduate, graduate, post-doc, and faculty, are encouraged to attend. This will be a great time to discuss ideas for symposia, special sessions, and ways to increase participation.

SICB continues to grow (1495 abstracts submitted this year!) and DEDE is in a great position to help broaden SICB participation. In the coming years, one of the best ways to make our presence at SICB stronger is to host symposia. We are on

schedule to have two disease-related symposia next year, which will really help us become established as an important contributor to the society as a whole. To keep this momentum we need symposia proposals for the 2017 meeting. Please contact me (DPO.DEDE@sicb.org) and Marty (Chair.DEDE@sicb.org) if you have an idea or want more information.

More on West Palm Beach, the convention center is very easy to navigate and has free WiFi throughout. The center is not associated with a hotel, but SICB has room blocks in several nearby hotels that are within a short walking distance. If you plan to stay a little farther away, parking at the convention center is very affordable at \$5/day. Finding eats and drinks in West Palm will also be a breeze. About a block away from the convention center is City Place with lots of shopping and restaurant options for lunch and dinner. A little farther from City Place on Clematis St. is the historical district of West Palm that offers many independently-owned restaurants and bars. The entire area offers a free trolley service which is super easy to catch near the convention center, City Place, and Clematis St. You can easily get your beach fix, too, since we will be stationed only two miles from the ocean! January is one of the three driest months in South Florida, and the average temperature is 75°F.

See you in January!





Message from the Secretary

Travis Wilcoxon, Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org

Hello DEDE members! I am looking forward to our first meeting as a division and I hope you are all attending the January meeting in West Palm Beach. Do not forget, the deadline for early registration is December 2, 2014!

We will be electing our officer-elect positions following the 2016 meeting, and although that seems quite far away, and we will assemble a nominating committee to identify candidates, if you are interested in serving as an officer in DEDE, please contact me, Sarah Durant (current Program Officer), or Marty Martin (current Chair).

As a new division, we really need as much participation in SICB events and opportunities as possible. This includes our DEDE Researcher's Database. This database is an excellent way to let other members know about your research program. To have your information included in this database, simply email a title, brief description of your research program and an image to me (Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org). Once we make entries into this database, you will be able to view it through our division website <http://www.sicb.org/divisions/dede.php3>.

Be sure to attend the DEDE Division Business Meeting at the 2015 annual meeting in West Palm Beach. Your input and participation is greatly valued and we plan to have door prizes at our business meeting to incentivize your attendance! The 2015 business meeting will be held on Sunday, January 4.

Though our divisional newsletters only go out twice per year (once in Fall and once in Spring), SICB sends monthly member updates. If you need to announce any opportunities, upcoming meetings, or other important information to the DEDE membership, you may send your announcements to me no later than the 5th of the month and I will ensure they are included in the Monthly SICB Member Update.

Message from the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative

Cynthia Downs, downsc@gmail.com

Welcome to our first class of DEDE students and postdocs! The annual meeting is just around the corner, and there are some exciting events for students and postdocs to look forward to in Florida. This year DEDE will be co-hosting social with the DCE. DCE has a tra-

dition of hosting a super entertaining Data Blitz as part of the social, and this year DEDE will be participating also. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Data Blitz, participants have two minutes and two slides to present a project in an exciting and creative fashion. I highly encourage you (you meaning students, postdocs and assistant professors) to participate; please email me if you are interested (downsc@gmail.com).

I am excited to announce that year we will also be introducing "lunch with a DEDEer." This is an opportunity for students to sign-up to meet and eat lunch with a prominent member of the DEDE community. The full list of people who will be available for lunch will be announced about a month before the meeting, but I can tell you that the list will include Marty Martin, our Chair. Lunch will be held in the hotel restaurant (sorry students need to pay for their own lunch). Look for the sign-up sheet on the announcement bulletin board and sign-up early because lunches will be limited to 3-4 students.

Additional SICB events for students and postdocs:

Students First Timer/Student Worker Orientations: "How to get the most out of your SICB meeting," in the afternoon on Saturday, January 3. **Note: this is mandatory for Charlotte Magnum funding recipients.**

Broadening Participation Events:

Mentor-Mentee meeting, Sat., Jan. 3, 6-7pm

Committee on Broadening Participation Meeting, Sun., Jan. 4, 7-8am

Workshop – "Oral presentation skills/science communication" Sun., Jan. 4 12-130pm

Workshop – "Time Management Skills" Tue. Jan. 6 12-1:30pm

Diversity Social hosted by Broadening Participation Committee, Wed. Jan 7 8-10pm

Society-wide Wine and Cheese Reception in honor of students and postdocs, Wednesday, January 7, 4-6pm

Also check back with the SICB 2015 Meeting Webpage for updates on the date, time, and topic for the Student/Postdoc Workshop!

If you are looking for someone to split hotel costs with, SICB can help – [Roommate matching service](#).