



Division of Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology

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Message from the Chair

Marty Martin, Chair.DEDE@sicb.org

I'm excited for our meeting in Portland, OR! Two great DEDE symposia are planned: one on parasite and host response to climate change and another discussing the potential of migratory hosts to act as superspreaders. In addition to these great symposia, we have a very large number of submitted talks and posters, which Sarah summarizes below. It's especially exciting to see so many contributions from students, and so many students competing for awards! Clearly, the field is doing well, and it's nice that SICB can attract so many presentations from early-career scientists. And thanks again to Loren Merrill for coordinating the judging for the awards!

As you participate in the many scientific and social activities offered in Portland, please be thinking about future opportunities for DEDE. First, as Sarah mentions below, we're always looking for symposia to sponsor, so if you have an idea or just want to brainstorm, please approach any of us. We officers would be very happy to help connect you with other folks in the field interested in your topic or just facilitate a meeting or (email) exchange among potentially interested parties. Also, please think about novel ways that DEDE could contribute to the growth and recognition of the field. One thing discussed before are awards for disease ecologists and ecoimmunologists; it might be nice to recognize individuals or their papers or other scientific contributions in the way that other divisions and societies do. Other options to expand DEDE involve workshops, hosted at SICB meeting or elsewhere, that complement or extend symposia.

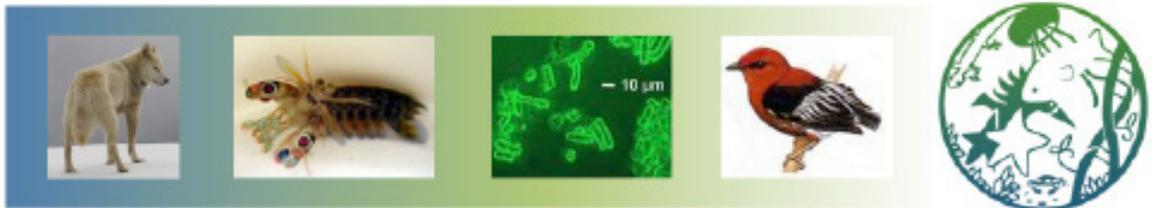
In closing, please join me in welcoming Carol Fassbinder-Orth as the incoming Chair of DEDE. Carol has been a long-term member of SICB and will do a great job leading DEDE into the coming years. Also, please join me in welcoming Dan Becker as the new Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee representative for the Division. He too has a lot of energy and vision, and will help ensure that trainee interests in DEDE are well-represented. This will be my last SICB as DEDE chair, but as incoming Editor of *Integrative and Comparative Biology*, I look forward to helping the division flourish!

See you in Portland.

Message from the Program Officer

Sarah DuRant, DPO.DEDE@sicb.org

DEDE continues to grow! In addition to the two disease-related symposia, the upcoming SICB meeting in Portland will host 47 ecoimmunology/disease talks and 34 posters. Again, we will have great student representation at the conference. Over 30 students are competing for the oral or poster Best Student Presentation Award!



Students, if you need travel support be sure to have your application submitted to SICB by October 20th. All presenters must be registered for the conference by November 5th.

To continue developing SICB as prime meeting grounds for disease ecologists and ecoimmunologists it is important that we continue to organize disease- and immunology-related symposia. Given their interdisciplinary nature, SICB is an excellent outlet for disease ecology and ecoimmunology research. As you attend symposia, talks, and posters, be thinking about exciting topics emerging in our field that could be the basis for an upcoming symposium. If you have an idea for a symposium please contact me (dpo.dede@sicb.org) or incoming Division Chair Carol Fassbinder-Orth (chairelect.dede@sicb.org).

Portland promises to be a fun meeting place. Conference hotels and the conference center are located along, or within short walking distance of the MAX light rail track. The light rail also makes transport to and from the airport incredibly easy and affordable (\$2.50). However, **do not buy the one week train pass** at the airport, because you will receive one with your registration packet. The light rail track will take you all over Portland, and it's a short trip to lots of fun restaurants, bars, and other attractions. WIFI will not be available throughout the conference center, but is available at several hotspot locations in the conference center. If driving to the meeting, parking is available at the Double Tree hotel. Childcare will be available during the conference. If you are interested in using this service, please complete the [child care survey](#) by November 15. You can book your hotel room at one of the SICB designated hotels through the following link: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13856072/owner/3232/home>

A final note about the meeting, if you feel that your talk would have been a better fit in a different session, you may be able to remedy this problem in the future. Talks are organized into sessions primarily based on the topics you select when submitting your abstract, rather than by your divisional affiliation. Make sure the topics you choose represent the kind of session you would like to be part of.

Message from the Secretary

Travis Wilcoxen, Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org

Hello DEDE members! I am looking forward to our next meeting as a division and I hope you are all attending the January meeting in Portland. Do not forget, the deadline for early registration is December 1, 2015! Last year we had an excellent slate of student presentations and I thank Loren Merrill for coordinating the judging and those of you who helped with judging. I am also asking that you each consider serving as a judge for this year's student presentations and posters.

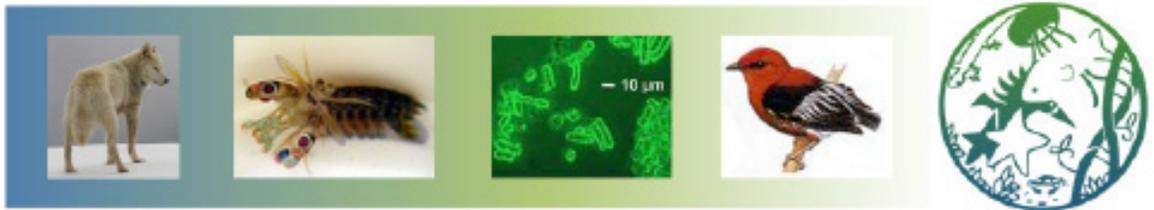
We will be electing our officer-elect positions following the 2016 meeting, and although that seems quite far away, and we will assemble a nominating committee to identify candidates, if you are interested in serving as an officer in DEDE, please contact me, Sarah Durant (current Program Officer), Marty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

Be sure to attend the DEDE Division Business Meeting at the 2016 annual meeting in Portland. Your input and participation are greatly valued. The business meeting will be held Monday, January 4, at 5:45-6:30 PM.

We are working hard to promote our division. I recently started a Facebook page for our division. Please "Like" this page and look to the page for updates about division activities and links to recent accomplishments and publications by our members. You can access the Facebook page through this link: <https://www.facebook.com/SICBDEDE>

As a newer 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>.

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

Daniel Becker, dbecker@uga.edu

Greetings to DEDE student and postdoc members old and new! The annual meeting will be upon us in a few months, and there are some exciting events and updates pertinent to students and postdocs. Following last year's success, we will be holding a "lunch with an ecoimmunologist" again in Portland. This is a great opportunity to meet and grab a bite with some prominent members of the DEDE community. The list of folks available for lunch will be announced about a month before the meeting, and we envision this event taking the form of either one lunch or smaller groups depending on student/postdoc interest. Look for the signup sheet by December and make sure to get your name in early!

To help facilitate sign up and share updates more broadly, DEDE plans to become more active on social media. We have a new Facebook page that I encourage all members to "like" and check for announcements, and we're looking into a DEDE-specific Twitter handle as well.

There are also a fair number of more general events in Portland that may be of interest to DEDE student and postdoc members.

Students First Timer/Student Worker Orientations: "How to get the most out of your SICB meeting," at 5:30 PM on Sunday, January 3. Note: this is mandatory for Charlotte Magnum funding recipients.



Transcriptomics Workshop (January 7, 4:00-5:30 PM)

Genome to Phenome Lunch (January 4, Noon)

Communicating Science: Practical applications for informal STEM education (January 7, 12:00-1:30 pm)

There will also be a SICB-wide Wine and Cheese Reception in honor of students and postdocs on Thursday (January 7, 4:00-6:00 PM).

Also check the SICB 2016 Meeting Webpage periodically for updates on the dates, times, and topics for the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Workshop, the Broadening Participation Committee Workshop, and the Public Affairs Committee Workshop.

If you are looking for funds to support attending the meeting this year, SICB can help. The applications for the Broadening Participation Travel Award, Dorothy M. Skinner Award, and Charlotte Mangum Student Support Program are open until October 20th.

I look forward to communicating with everyone further about DEDE and our upcoming student and postdoc events. See you all in Portland in January!



DEDE Chair, Marty Martin, with other SICB members at the 2015 meeting