



Division of Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology

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Message from the Chair

Carol Fassbinder-Orth (Chair.DEDE@sicb.org)

I am looking forward to our meeting in San Francisco! There are four symposia planned that are likely to be of interest to our DEDE members: **Science Through Narrative: Engaging Broad Audiences**, organized by: Sara Elshafie, Stuart Sumida, & Bram Lutton; **Science in the Public Eye: Leveraging Partnerships**, organized by Martha Merson, Nick Hristov, & Louise Allen; **Behavioral and Physiological Adaptation to Urban Environments**, organized by Jenny Ouyang & Davide Dominoni; and **Measuring Biodiversity and Extinction: Present and Past**, organized by Julia Sigwart. In addition to these great symposia, we have 36 DEDE-specific posters and 6 DEDE-specific oral sessions with over 44 talks scheduled.

I encourage anyone who has ideas about future symposia topics related to DEDE to talk to me or any of the other divisional officers. Submissions for symposia at SICB have been declining in number over the last couple of years, and we want to do whatever we can to keep moving our division and the fields of Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology forward. Even if you don't want to be the one to organize the symposium, but have a good idea that you believe would be pertinent to our division and help increase our divisional membership or attendance, please let us know!

Cynthia Downs has graciously agreed to organize the Best Student Presentation (BSP) competition at our San Francisco meeting. The BSP competition is a great opportunity for our students, and we hope to continue to see it grow with our division. A big "Thank You" goes out in advance to all of our judges for helping make this competition a success.

This year we have decided to partner with DCE, DAB, and DNNSB for an off-site social at a local brewery. Joint socials have been a great success for DEDE in the past and continue to promote collaboration across similar fields.

I look forward to seeing you all soon in San Francisco!

Message from the Program Officer

Greg Demas (DPO.DEDE@sicb.org)

San Francisco is shaping up to be another exceptional SICB meeting. This year we received over 1,900 abstracts, including over 1,000 talks and 900 posters. There will be 132 sessions and 12 symposia. DEDE will host six oral sessions on diverse topics including microbiome, host-pathogen relationships, host-parasite interactions, and immune tradeoffs, as well as 36 posters across the three poster sessions. Once again we will have great student representation at the conference with 18 students competing for the Best Student Presentation Award. As always, we did our best to minimize scheduling conflicts; however,



please keep in mind that with the large volume of talks, it's impossible to eliminate all conflicts.

All presenters must register for the conference by November 6th. To continue to foster SICB as an intellectual home for disease ecologists and ecoimmunologists, it is critical that we continue to organize relevant symposia. As you attend symposia, talks, and posters please make notes about exciting topics in emerging areas of research within our fields. These topics are excellent candidates for the basis for upcoming symposia for future meetings. As always, if you have an idea for a symposium please contact me or our incoming Division Chair Travis Wilcoxon (chair.dede@sicb.org).

San Francisco should prove to be an excellent location for our annual meeting and, come January, a much needed break from the cold for most of us. The meeting hotel this year is the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, which is located just south of Market Street in the SoMa section of the city. San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is just 14 miles away so it should be a quick (20-30 min) trip once you arrive. You can find out more about hotel accommodations and transportation to and from the meeting this year at <http://www.sicb.org/meetings/2018/travel.php>. Please be aware that SICB has learned that some travel companies not officially affiliated with the society are contacting attendees to assist with hotel reservations for the meeting. If you are contacted by travel booking agencies, SICB strongly urges you NOT to utilize their services; book hotel accommodations through the SICB web page or contact the hotel directly.

Be sure to attend the DEDE Division Business Meeting held on Thursday, January 4th, at 5:45-6:30 pm in Nob Hill Rooms C-D. Also, be sure to catch the Bern Lecture on Friday, January 5th, followed by our social at 8:00 pm. This year, DEDE will be partnering with the Divisions of Comparative Endocrinology (DCE), Animal Behavior (DAB) and Neurobiology, Neuroethology, and Sensory Biology (DNNSB) for our social. It will likely be held at the Thirsty Bear Organic Brewery <http://thirstybear.com>, a short walk from the hotel. It should be an enjoyable and economical option for our members and will continue to promote broader interaction across related fields.

One last note about the meeting, while we do our best to match talks with sessions, occasionally presenters feel their talks would have fit better in a different session. If so, we ask for your help to address this issue for future meetings. Talks are organized

into sessions primarily based on the topics selected during the abstract submission process, and not with respect to your divisional affiliation. Please make sure the topics you select accurately represent the session you would like to be part of. Looking forward to another great SICB meeting. Onward to San Francisco!

Message from the Secretary

Jim Adelman (Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org)

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in San Francisco this January! And I hope you'll join me in expressing our many thanks to Carol Fassbinder-Orth for expertly navigating all of the duties of Division Chair for the past two years. Carol has kept the ship upright and moving forward brilliantly. I have no doubt that Travis Wilcoxon will keep up this good work when he steps into the role this coming January. We also need to say another big thanks to Daniel Becker for his hard work as the Student/Postdoc representative, especially for bringing us all into the 21st century through social media. And congratulations to Laura Schoenle, who will be taking on that position beginning next year—we're excited to have you on board!

In addition, a huge thank-you to all the candidates who volunteered to run during officer elections last spring. We had a deep field of highly qualified and dedicated members put their names in the hat—a truly impressive showing for such a young division. Many congratulations to Cynthia Downs, who will become Program Officer-Elect and Ken Field, who will become Secretary-Elect in 2018. Due to the staggered nature of officer elections, we will be holding elections for Chair-Elect in 2018, so please see me, or any of the past, current, or future officers to chat about that position if interested. This Thirsty Bear that Greg mentioned seems like a good place to find us.

Finally, my standard reminder that, although our newsletter only comes twice a year, you can always use the Monthly Member Updates to share information about meetings, workshops, or other opportunities in ecoimmunology and disease ecology. If you have announcements or information you'd like to share with DEDE members, please send that to me (Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org) no later than the 4th of any given month. I'll make sure that gets into the Monthly Member Updates.

Until January, happy science and see you soon!



Message from the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative

Daniel Becker (daniel.becker3@montana.edu)

We're excited to see all of the DEDE student and postdoctoral members at SICB 2018. As per tradition, we'll continue to organize another series of lunches with prominent ecoimmunologists and disease ecologists in San Francisco. If you're new to DEDE, this is a great opportunity to meet with prominent members of our scientific community. Keep an eye out for updates about the sign-up process through email, Facebook, and Twitter by early December.

We continue to encourage our members to like and follow our Facebook page and Twitter ([@SICBDEDE](https://twitter.com/SICBDEDE)) accounts. These have a combined 376 followers (an impressive boost from our 229 followers this time last year). Keep in mind that the Twitter tag for the upcoming meeting will be #SICB2018. This year, we'll be organizing a synchronized effort for our members to volunteer

live-tweet oral DEDE presentations. We're aiming to have two people cover each DEDE session during the meeting, so also be on the lookout for how to get involved through email, Facebook, and Twitter as the meeting draws close.

For the SICB 2018 meeting itself, there will be several society-wide events that may be of interest to our student and postdoctoral members. The Training Session and First-Timer's Orientation will be on Wednesday, January 3 at 5:30 pm, and NSF is hosting a workshop on best practices in next-generation sequencing data analyses (January 3rd).

For funding to support student attendance at the meeting, applications for the Charlotte Mangum Student Support Program, Broadening Participation Travel Award, and Dorothy M. Skinner Award were open until October 20th.

I look forward to communicating with everyone about the 2018 meeting and seeing you in San Francisco in January. It's been a pleasure being the DEDE SPAC representative.

