



## Division of Neurobiology, Neuroethology, and Sensory Biology

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### Message from the Chair

*Paul Moore ([chair.dnnsb@sicb.org](mailto:chair.dnnsb@sicb.org))*

Hej from Lund, Sweden! I am on sabbatical in Lund for the year, so unfortunately, I will miss this year's meeting in San Francisco. Stepping in for me will be our new chair, Mike Baltzley. I appreciate Mike starting his tenure a little early — Please welcome our new Chair.

It has been a quiet year after a large number of changes in the previous two years. Still, there are some important issues for our division. First up is our search for a replacement of Rich Satterlie on the editorial board of the society's journal, *Integrative and Comparative Biology*. Rich has done an excellent job on the editorial board promoting our division and bringing our symposia to print. I have reached out to individuals within the division, but have not found a lot of interest in serving in this key capacity for our division. If you have some interest, please feel free to contact me at [Chair.DNNSB@sicb.org](mailto:Chair.DNNSB@sicb.org).

Second, we have had a tremendous response this year to our Best Student Presentation session. In fact, we had to make some tough decisions about which students to invite to present. This is the first year where selections were needed, as we had twice as many submissions as we had slots for speakers. It was not an easy set of decisions to make, and DPO Jeff Riffell did an excellent job of engaging the entire leadership in those decisions. I think this shows that our division has some real strength within its graduate students. Again, I hope that we have continued attendance at the best student presentations. It has been very nice to see the support for our students at previous meetings.

As I pass the baton on to Mike, I would like our division to continue to think about ways to raise funds to create a graduate competition for research funds. SICB has had a tremendous history of support for graduate students and, to move our division forward, I feel that research funds could begin to invest in the future careers of division members. If you have further thoughts or ideas on what our Division needs to move forward, please email them to me.

### Message from the Program Officer

*Jeff Riffell ([dpo.dnnsb@sicb.org](mailto:dpo.dnnsb@sicb.org))*

Hi everyone! The SICB Program Committee met over the weekend of October 7 and prepared the schedule for the San Francisco meeting. There were a near-record number of submitted abstracts (1,940), with 88 DNNSB-related oral presentations and 74 posters. This is on top of the presentations in the "*Integrative Biology of Sensory Hair Cells*" and "*Sensory Feedback and Animal Locomotion: Perspectives from Biology and Biorobotics*" symposia.

Our **Business Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, January 4th** at 5:45-6:30 pm. Please plan on attending. Our **Social** will be held on **Friday, January**



5th at 7:00 pm. Similar to what we've done in the past, we're co-sponsoring the event with the Division of Animal Behavior. But we're also co-sponsoring the event with the Division of Comparative Endocrinology. We share many of the same interests (and members) with these divisions, and this will allow us to foster integration across divisions as well as pool resources for food and drink at the social. Speaking of which, this year's social will be held off-site at one of the local breweries! The off-site venue became attractive based the number and diversity of suitable venues that are close to the hotel with lower costs. We toured a couple of the locations and we're excited about holding it off-site. More news to come!

### Best Student Presentations

As Paul mentioned, we will be having a Best Student Presentation (BSP) session on Thursday, January 4, at 10:15 am. This session will feature the top eight BSP presentations as ranked by our award committee. Like previous years, we will need volunteers to judge these presentations and posters, so please be prepared to help judge these great presentations.

### Next Year's and Future Symposia

We will be co-sponsoring a number of symposia for the Tampa 2019 Meeting (more details to come), but it's time to think about the following meeting, in Austin (2020). Please bring your symposium ideas to San Francisco and discuss them with me, Michael, and Lisa. In addition, I'll be contacting many of you to encourage symposium proposals for the 2020 meeting. DNNSB has a large and overlapping footprint in SICB, and that should be represented in the symposia we sponsor.



*Organizing the program schedule for the San Francisco meeting. Program Directors Rick Blob and Susan Williams are hard at work in the background.*

### Message from the Secretary

Lisa Mangiamele ([secretary.dnnsb@sicb.org](mailto:secretary.dnnsb@sicb.org))

I second Paul in welcoming Mike Baltzley for a 3 year term, beginning after the SICB 2018 meeting in San Francisco!

### Register Now for SICB

Don't forget to register soon for the upcoming year's meeting (Jan 3-7, 2018) in San Francisco. Online registration is open now. The deadline to register if you are planning to present a talk or poster is November 6, 2017, and early meeting registration rates apply through December 4th. When you're done registering, go to the travel page to get more information about transportation, accommodations, and child care during the meeting.

### Best Student Presentation Judges Needed

As mentioned above by Jeff, we need volunteers to help with judging the student presentations at the oral presentation session and during the poster sessions. When you are registering for the meeting, please check the box indicating that you volunteer to help with this important task! DNNSB officers will be organizing the review of these presentations. You will be contacted as the meeting approaches with the presentations that you'll be asked to judge.

### Tweet #SICB2018

While I missed attending last year's SICB meeting, fortunately I could follow along on Twitter. I really appreciated reading short synopses of talks that I would have attended, seeing photos of what my colleagues were doing at the meeting and in New Orleans, and following new Twitter connections whose science sounds interesting or relates to my own. If you have a Twitter account, follow [@SICBTweets](https://twitter.com/SICBTweets), and use the meeting hashtag #SICB2018 to publicize your own presentation or comment on someone else's. Be a part of the growing community of scientists who are reaching out through social media!

### Annual Meeting Code of Conduct

The SICB leadership is committed to ensuring that the annual meeting is an environment where all members have equal opportunity to participate and everyone feels respected and safe. The Executive Committee has drafted a Meeting Code of Conduct document to remind members of the no-tolerance policy for harassment. Please just take a few minutes to read the



full statement [here](#). If any individual experiences harassment, he/she should notify SICB meeting staff or an executive officer immediately and the appropriate action will be taken to ensure that individual's safety.

### Message from the DNNSB Student/ Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative

Alexandra Kingston ([acnahm@gmail.com](mailto:acnahm@gmail.com))

#### News for Students and Postdocs:

With our annual meeting coming up soon in San Francisco, here's a reminder about student support, grants, and meeting tips. See you in SF!

1. The deadline for applying for student housing or registration support was October 20. More information on awards and support can be found here: <http://sicb.org/membership/awards.php3#bp>
2. SICB also maintains a great resource for grant support at: <http://sicb.org/grants/externalgrants.php>

#### 3. Annual Meeting Tips:

- a. Download the SICB app and make your schedule before you arrive. With hundreds of talks and posters, it helps to have an idea for what talks and posters you will see.
- b. Take breaks during the meeting and meet new people! Some of the best ideas, new collaborations, and friendships come about during SICB, so make sure you get out there and network! Poster sessions and socials are great and fun ways to meet new people and see what others are working on.
- c. Make sure you visit the vendors – the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee will have a table to answer questions during the meeting.
- d. If you are presenting a talk at the SICB meeting, it is helpful to check out the Guidelines for Oral Presentations before preparing your talk. Good luck to those competing in the Best Student Oral Presentation competition!

#### SICB Division of Neurobiology, Neuroethology and Sensory Biology Facebook and LinkedIn Groups

- To join the Facebook group, go to: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/42744755545/>
- To join the LinkedIn group, search for "SICB Division of Neurobiology" using the Search Groups box.