

## **Minutes of the 2016 DCPB Divisional Business Meeting (Portland, Oregon)**

The business meeting of the Division of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry (DCPB) was held on 5 January 2016 at the Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. Division Chair Stephen Secor called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Stephen introduced Chair-elect Inna Sokolova, Program Officer Jason Podrabsky, Secretary Deborah Lutterschmidt, incoming Secretary-Elect Robin Warne, and Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative Catherine Dayger. The minutes of the 2015 DCPB business meeting in West Palm Beach, FL, were approved by assent of those members present. Stephen announced that the finances of both the Society and of the Division are very good.

The SICB executive committee joined the divisional business meeting at approximately 6 pm and detailed the state of the Society as a whole. The society is doing very well, the endowments are strong, and the Society's finances are in the black for the third year.

The Society's Journal, *Integrative and Comparative Biology* (ICB), has a new editor-in-chief: Lynn (Marty) Martin; his tenure began January, 2016. The journal is in good shape.

The meeting was then turned back over to the Program Officer Jason Podrabsky, who provided a report on the meeting. The DCPB was strongly represented at the meeting, which sponsored 148 abstracts from the more than 1600 abstracts presented at SICB in Portland. Sixty percent of the meeting registrants were students or postdocs. DCPB also sponsored or co-sponsored five of the 12 symposia at the Portland meeting, and provided a total of \$400 in support to each sponsored symposium, which included:

- Life on the Edge: The Biology of Organisms Inhabiting Extreme Environments (Organizer: Annie Lindgren)
- Extraocular, Nonvisual, and Simple Photoreceptors (Organizers: Thomas Cronin and Sonke Johnsen);
- Integrative and Comparative Biology of Venom (Organizers: Marymegan Daly and Lisle Gibbs)
- Tapping the Power of Crustacean Transcriptomes to Address Grand Challenges in Comparative Biology (Organizers: Donald Mykles, Karen Burnett, David Durica, and Jonathon Stillman)
- Beyond the Mean: Biological Impacts of Changing Patterns of Temperature Variation (Organizers: Michael Dillon, Michael Sears, and Art Woods).

A total of 12 symposia are planned for next year's 2017 SICB meeting in New Orleans, LA. The DCPB is sponsoring or co-sponsoring at least four of these symposia, including:

- Indirect Effects of Global Climate Change: From Physiology and Behavioral Mechanisms to Ecological Consequences (Organizers: Alex Gunderson, Jonathon Stillman & Brian Tsukimura)
- The Ecology of Exercise: Mechanisms Underlying Individual Variation in Movement Behavior, Activity or Performance. (Organizers: Tony Williams, Shaun Killen & Ryan Calsbeek)
- Evolutionary Impacts of Seasonality. (Organizers: Caroline Williams & Gregory Ragland)
- With a Little Help from My Friends: Microbial Partners in Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB Wide). (Organizers: Kevin Kohl & Denise Dearing)

Secretary Deborah Lutterschmidt then provided an update regarding general DCPB business and introduced the incoming Secretary - Robin Warne. Deborah alerted members that Robin would be taking over at the close of the meeting, and if they had any questions they should address them to him. She also noted that we would be nominating a Program Officer this spring to take over for Jason once his term is up in January, 2017. She encouraged all members to vote.

Theodore Garland, Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*, which is sponsored by DCPB, then gave an update about the status of this journal. He stated that the journal is doing very well, and that the impact factor (2.4) is up for this year, but that it generally stays around this value. The journal continues to attract high quality publications, and generally rejects about 20% of submissions. The journal is also in very good financial standing.

Catherine Dayger, the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative, then provided an update regarding the resources provided at the Portland meeting. SPDAC sponsored a workshop titled, "Academic Transitions: Successfully Navigating from Undergraduate to Professor," that was attended by 105 people, 38 of whom were undergraduates. The SPDAC Facebook page and Twitter account continue to grow in following, suggesting a growing community among SICB grad students and postdocs. If members have ideas or suggestions for workshops or means to further build this community please contact Catherine.

Ana Jimenez, the DCPB Student Presentation Judging Coordinator, stated that over 60 posters and talks were entered into the best student presentation competitions. The number of judges (38) was much greater than last year, and made judging much more manageable; thanks to all who contributed their time! There was a follow-up discussion initiated last year as to whether DCPB should require presenters to submit an extended abstract to enter the competition, which many other SICB Divisions currently do. Most meeting attendees agreed that we should not require such extended abstracts.

Division Chair Stephen Secor then suggested that the best student talk and poster presentations for 2016 be named in honor of the late Dr. Louis Guillette. The members in attendance unanimously supported this nomination. Stephen also gave an update about the Bartholomew Award, which was presented by Dr. Vincent Careau. His talk was well attended and well received.

Chair Stephen Secor adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
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