

# Division of Developmental & Cell Biology (DDCB): 2001 Spring Newsletter

## Message from the Chair

*Patricia Glas*

Dear Colleagues,

The Division of Development and Cell Biology is alive, but not very well. We are in the process of rebuilding the Division but are relying on our members to do so. In the next two years, we plan to sponsor programs at the annual meetings to remind our members the important role that Cell and Development play in almost every other aspect of the Society. As I pondered the posters and attended the various talks, I was amazed at the number of researchers and their students that used embryonic organisms or the most marvelous of cells, the egg, as the model organism. In this sense, development and cell biology are at the center of a large portion of current research. I urge all of our members to keep DDCB as the primary or secondary membership division, and to take part in the DDCB talks and symposia in the next few years. Understanding of the cell and embryo can only lead to a better understanding of the whole organism.

Please feel free to contact me if you have suggestions or comments for the upcoming year.