



Division of Neurobiology

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Message from the Chair

James Murray

I hope many of you enjoyed the annual meeting in Seattle. I thought the meeting went very smoothly and the venue at the Convention Center worked nicely. The student presentations were quite interesting and the judges had a tough time deciding on the winning talk and poster. The Division of Neurobiology has judged the oral presentation "How can stress affect the neural control of reproduction? An examination of gonadotropin inhibitory hormone (GnIH) and glucocorticoid receptors (GR) in songbirds" by Rebecca Calisi, and the poster presentation "Effects of pheromone treatment on gonadotropin-releasing hormone and arginine vasotocin neurons in the brain of a terrestrial salamander" by Corina Wack as the best among your peers at SICB.

These were chosen by the consensus of multiple full members and was based on originality, impact, content and organization, appearance, presentation style, and answers to questions. The award comes with a check for \$150 and a one-year subscription to the journal *Developmental Neurobiology*, courtesy of the publisher Wiley-Blackwell. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of you for your contributions to the Division and the Society.

Our program officer will inform us of two upcoming symposia in the next couple of meetings. I expect that the call for proposals should come soon to apply to borrow some electrophysiology equipment courtesy of ADInstruments, a long-time exhibitor at SICB. We are still seeking nominations for officers. Duane, Tom, and I are willing to stay on to assure a smooth transition, but we would also like to see new people with new ideas.

Message from the Program Officer

Duane McPherson

We are on track with plans for a symposium on central pattern generators at the 2011 meeting. The proposal received strong approval from the rest of the program officers. I encourage anyone working in this area to submit an abstract for inclusion into a symposium-related session (either oral or poster). Also, for any gradu-



ate students working in the area of CPGs, it will be a great experience to attend the symposium and also to exchange ideas with the speakers.

Our numbers are up for oral and poster presentations, compared to last year. We had 33 neurobiology poster presentations and 22 oral presentations. The joint social with the Animal Behavior division was a success and I expect we'll do that again. I encourage everyone to spread the word that SICB is a great place for neurobiology, especially for those working on invertebrates or non-mammalian vertebrates.

Message from the Secretary

Thomas Pirtle

Greetings members of the Division of Neurobiology and other interested readers. We thank all those students who participated in the best student oral presentation and poster competition, and congratulate the winners Rebecca Calisi and Corina Wack! Please visit: <http://www.sicb.org/students/bsp2010.php3> to read their abstracts. We also want to thank James Murray, Simon Sponberg, Jessica Fox, Susan Renn, and Michael Baltzley who participated in judging the best student competition. We encourage students to consider entering the best student competition next year in Salt Lake City.

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Attending the Division of Neurobiology annual business meeting were about twelve members. We would encourage all members who can to attend future meetings. The meeting minutes are presented below.

-we discussed nominations for officers and student representative

-we discussed the ADInstruments offering to loan us some equipment for a competition (which James Murray is still working on arranging)

-we discussed upcoming student presentations and judging

-we discussed the two symposia proposed for next year

-a National Science Foundation representative informed us about funding opportunities

We need nominations for officers! As James mentioned, the current officers are willing to continue to serve the division. Dr. Michael Baltzley volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for DNB elections. Please send him nominations for officers at mjbaltzley@smcm.edu.