

Division of Developmental & Cell Biology (DDCB): 2002 Fall Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Patricia Glas

Dear Colleagues,

Once again time creeps up on us. The SICB Annual meeting is just a few months away. I realize many of you are active participants in SICB, but our Division is in dire trouble. Lack of interest in the Division processes has us threatened with extinction. I am seeking those willing to spend a little time and effort recruiting graduate students and new faculty to our division. Cell and Developmental Biology are the backbone of so much research that it is hard to believe there is no interest in research in those areas. This division is an excellent place to start reporting on new research or a change in direction. It is the ideal area for new graduate students to recruit ideas and ask for expert guidance in direction. New faculty can use the Division as a place to test new ideas and areas of research or teaching strategies with the realm of Cell and Development. So nudge your neighbor and rally your grads! If Canada is too far, remember, the 2004 meeting will be in the Southeast (New Orleans). Start planning now, and schedule the Divisional meeting into your plans! Regroup with old friend and new ideas and support your Division.

Pat Glas

Chair, Division of Cell and Developmental Biology

Message from the Program Officer

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Greetings,

The program for the upcoming meeting in Toronto has just been completed, and there is much that will be of interest to DDCB members, both in our own division and in DEDB, with whom we are cosponsoring a number of sessions. There will be 3 full oral sessions and 2 half sessions of developmental papers. The topics are: Larval Biology/Ecology/Transitions (Sun. AM), Patterning and Regulation (Sun. AM), Developmental Neurobiology (Sun. PM), Theory (Sun. PM), Bone and Cartilage (Mon. AM), Testing Theories (Mon. PM), and Heads (Mon. PM). The meeting will end up with the Kowalevsky Award winners' mini-symposium on Weds. AM well worth staying for. Poster sessions have been moved to lunchtime on all days: Sunday/Monday development-related areas are Pathways & Genes, and Developmental Morphology and

Metamorphosis; Tuesday/Wednesday poster areas are Photoresponse in Marine Invertebrates (Theory and Practice), Invertebrate Developmental Neurobiology, and Eco-Devo (Ichs & Herps).

There are no strictly developmental symposia at the Toronto meeting, though a number of the symposia from other divisions as well as the society-wide symposium are likely to be of interest. For next year's (2004) meeting in New Orleans, DDCB will be cosponsoring with DEEB a symposium on Morphological Innovation, organized by Gerd Muller and Stuart Newman. Also in New Orleans, DDCB will co-sponsor DIZ's symposium on Invertebrate Hormone Disruption. Believe it or not, now is a good time to start working on symposia for the following year, in San Diego. Please contact me if you have ideas for symposia, or questions about the process, including applying for outside funding.

Finally, I will soon be stepping down as PO for DDCB. If you are interested (or know someone else who might be interested) in taking over, please say so. The new mechanism for organizing the meeting schedule involves all the POs meeting on-site a few months ahead of time so if you sign up for the job, you can look forward to a trip to New Orleans next fall.

Hope to see you in Toronto!