

Division of Neurobiology (DNB): 2003 Fall Newsletter

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Message from the DNB Officers DNB in New Orleans

This conference season, New Orleans suffers from a surfeit of neuroscientists; first, the Society for Neuroscience (SFN) meeting in November, and then the SICB meeting in January. We realize that it might be difficult for people to attend both meetings. Nevertheless, we hope that the combined temptations of the cultural and culinary attractions of New Orleans and the student-friendly, high-energy context of an SICB meeting will bring a good number of neurobiologists to the Crescent City to kick off the new year.

At the meeting, the officers of the Division of Neurobiology would like to invite SICB members to join us at a PAC-sponsored symposium at the upcoming meeting in New Orleans. The "Recent Developments in Neurobiology" symposium, organized by Rich Satterlie, will include talks on:

- Motor Control (Jim Belanger and Jennifer Schreiner);
- Neural Control of Hand Movement (Marco Santello and Sara Winges);
- Chemical Signaling in Amacrine Cells (Evanna Gleason and Brian Hoffpauir);
- Chemical Signals and Social Behavior in Crayfish (Paul Moore and Dan Bergman); and
- Modulation of Hypothalamic Neuroendocrine Cells (Jeff Tasker and Shi Di).

In addition, DNB will continue its tradition of presenting awards to the best poster and platform presentation made by students in the division. Each award will include a monetary prize. Students who have not yet been awarded the Ph.D. are eligible for the award, as are recently-minted PhDs who have received the degree no more than 12 months prior to the meeting. The work must be original and must be carried out principally by the student presenting the paper or poster. A student who applies must be a member of the Division of Neurobiology. A student awarded the top poster or talk prize is not eligible for future DNB student presentation competitions. The DNB Chair will appoint members of the Division to judge the competition. If you are a student who is giving a platform or poster presentation at the meeting, and you would like to be considered for this competition, please email Hank Trapido-Rosenthal, DNB Secretary (hank@bbsr.edu) with your name and presentation title by December 10, 2003.

Finally, we would like to remind our readers that the term of DNB Chair is coming to its appointed end, so we will be voting in the new year for a new Chair. If you are interested in running for the office please come to the DNB business meeting at the New Orleans meeting and introduce yourself to the members so they have an idea of who we have as candidates.