

Division of Animal Behavior (DAB): 2005 Fall Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Scott MacDougall-Shackleton

I hope everyone is looking forward to a stimulating meeting in Orlando. We plan to hold a joint business meeting / social as we did last year, so please check the program for this event and be sure to attend.

I have only a few points I'd like to bring to your attention. The first is a call for participation in the division. Many of us in DAB are active in other divisions. However, animal behavior is perhaps the most integrative of fields and it is important that we maintain an active presence in the society. How can you become active? First, consider proposing a symposium. Organizing a symposium can be a great boost to an area of research and also to your career. Second, consider becoming active in the nomination and election process for the division. If you or someone you know would like to be more active in the division do please let us know. Beyond serving as chair, secretary or program officer of the committee we also need lots of help judging the student poster and oral presentations. If you'd like to help out in this regard please contact the division program officer.

Best wishes for a productive autumn, and see you poolside!

Message from the Program Officer

Sarah Humfeld

The SICB and Divisional Program Officers recently met in Orlando to schedule over 1000 abstracts for the upcoming meeting in Orlando! DAB was chosen as the primary affiliation for over 100 of those papers, and many more papers of interest were organized by DNB and DCE. Unfortunately, DAB is not sponsoring any symposia at this year's meeting, so I would like to renew the call for symposia ideas relating to topics of animal behavior. We will be co-sponsoring a symposium at the 2007 meeting in Phoenix entitled "Ecological dimorphisms in vertebrates: proximate and ultimate causes." As you prepare for this year's meeting, please consider topics you would like to have as the focus of a symposium and email your ideas to me. Your suggestion will not be automatically treated as an offer to organize a symposium, but I would like to get our collective creative juices flowing. I would like to challenge the members of DAB to propose at least two symposium topics for the 2008 meeting in San Antonio, TX!

This is my first year as Program Officer for DAB. So far, I've found the position to be extremely interesting and I've greatly enjoyed working with the other program officers. But ultimately, my job should reflect the interests of DAB members. During and after the upcoming meeting, please feel free to contact me with suggestions and comments. I welcome your feedback!

See you in Orlando!

Message from the Graduate Student/Postdoc Representative

Lawrence C. Spezzano Jr.

Hello to all DAB graduate students and post docs!

With the SICB meeting in Orlando quickly approaching, I'd like to take this opportunity to update current and future members. Yes, January is around the corner and the final details for the workshops and group social will be ironed out soon via "cyber discussion". Some highlights of this upcoming meeting include the Plenary Session that will feature a Past President Address by John Wingfield entitled: "Control of reproduction in diverse habitats: multiple pathways for environmental signals." In addition, society-wide symposia topics such as "Ecological immunology: Recent advances and applications for conservation and public health" and "Metamorphosis: a multi-kingdom approach". Both promise to be interesting and promote stimulating discussion.

Also, as many of you are well aware, the Student Support Committee of SICB announced 2 research award opportunities including **Grants-In-Aid-of-Research** and **Fellowship of Graduate Student Travel**. To apply for or learn more about both the GIAR and FGST, please visit the Society website, <http://www.sicb.org/awards.php3>. Remember, the deadline for applications and letters of support is November 21, 2005 so don't delay!

Other funding opportunities include:

SICB Libbie H. Hyman Memorial Scholarship, which provides assistance for students to take courses or to carry on research on invertebrates at a marine, freshwater, or terrestrial field station. Generally due in March. <http://sicb.org/grants/hyman/>

Fall 2005 EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowships, which fund grants and graduate fellowships in numerous environmental science and engineering disciplines. Closing Nov 23rd http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2004/2005_star_grad_fellow.html

Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research Program provides funding for the purchase of specific equipment necessary to undertake the proposed research project and travel to and from a research site. Proposals are due October 15th and March 15th. <http://www.sigmaksi.org>

As I am relatively new to SPDAC and the DAB, I encourage anyone with questions or an interest to just say hello to email me or stop me at the next conference. Though the meeting is at the Wyndham Palace Resort & Spa located across the street from Downtown Disney, I will be making a strong effort to be available during the meeting.

See you in Orlando!

Lawrence