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Message from the Chair *Fred Janzen*, Secretary *Anthony Steyermark* and Program Officer *Jennifer Elwood*

Your DEE officers hope that you all have had a productive summer and that your scholarly pursuits continue to go well.

We are looking forward to a great meeting in Phoenix in January. This year DEE is again co-sponsoring three symposia:

1. "Ecology and Evolution of Disease Dynamics"
2. "Integrative Biology of Pelagic Invertebrates"
3. "Ecological Dimorphisms in Vertebrates: Proximate and Ultimate Causes"

In addition, we will again be having our traditional joint social with the Division of Invertebrate Zoology and the American Microscopical Society. The time and location will appear in the meeting schedule, so be sure to check it out. These socials are a fun way to meet new acquaintances and to cement old friendships. See you there!

Please attend the DEE business meeting as well. We need your input and participation to keep DEE vibrant and in a leadership position within the Society. In particular, student-oriented activities and research/education opportunities that focus on national priorities can promote life-long membership in and commitment to SICB. Please provide your input on ideas that can make this happen!

In this vein, please also continue to develop creative ideas for symposia to be held at future SICB meetings. DEE will support you. To spur your thinking, at the DEE business meeting in Orlando in January, we received suggestions for a "Computational Biology" symposium and a "Human-Induced Evolution in Wild Populations" symposium. Are these good ideas? Do you have others?

We will be also seeking volunteers for judging the Best Student Paper. Last year saw a record number of DEE student competitors, and we need you to help judge the students' excellent efforts. Please show your support of the young members of the division by volunteering to judge. Contact Anthony Steyermark (acsteyermark@stthomas.edu) if you are interested. There will also be a formal call for judges in the coming months.

If you have not yet submitted a photo and a description of your research for the SICB website, please consider doing so. This is a great way to communicate your lab interests with other SICB members. If you are interested, please e-mail Anthony Steyermark with a short (a couple of paragraphs) research description and an interesting photo.

This meeting will mark the end of Fred's term as Chair. George Bakken will officially assume the office of DEE Chair at the end of the meeting.

See you in Phoenix!