

## Division of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology

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### Message from the Chair

*Anne Maglia*

The upcoming meeting in Seattle promises many excellent presentations and an outstanding venue. DSEB is co-sponsoring several symposia, and will host the annual Phylogenetics for Dummies workshop. Please plan to attend the divisional business meeting to offer your ideas for upcoming divisional events and help us welcome our incoming chair, Patrick O'Connor. We are always looking for judges for our student paper competition. This is a great way to be active in the division while seeing some fantastic presentations; contact Mike Alfaro if you can help! Or sign up for judging when you register on-line for the Seattle meeting. See you in Seattle!

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### Message from the Program Officer

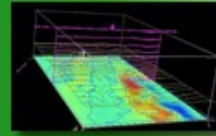
*Mike Alfaro - Past Program Officer Rachel Collin*

First, a quick note. The incoming SICB Program Officer, Brian Tsukimura, has asked DSEB to craft a statement of the Grand Challenges facing our division. Please email me ([michaelalfaro@ucla.edu](mailto:michaelalfaro@ucla.edu)) with thoughts and ideas on this subject, which we will also discuss at the business meeting.

The 2010 SICB meeting will be exciting and perhaps the second largest we have had. More than 1300 abstracts have been submitted and organized into a large number of exciting sessions, from Monday January 4 through noon on Thursday January 7. The venue - The Seattle Sheraton - is close to a number of nice restaurants. We can personally attest there are some yummy food options.

The talks will be in the convention center across the street from the Sheraton. This facility boasts several coffee shops and affordable eateries, as well as a couple of print shops, and a massage bar for those of you looking to relax after presenting. Also the fitness center (on the top floor of the hotel) includes a large pool as well as free weights, cardio machines, and cross fit-like exercise routines.

The program officers hope that participants can plan to arrive early on January 3 to be sure to catch the plenary lecture and welcome social.



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For next year in Salt Lake City, DSEB is co-sponsoring two symposia: one on speciation in marine systems organized by Maria Pia Miglietta and one on a NESCent-sponsored databasing effort to collect feeding data on physiologic data organized by Susan Williams. DSEB will also be co-sponsoring a divisional social with DIZ, DEE and the Crustacean Society.

If any of you would like to help judge please contact Mike Alfaro ([michaelalfaro@ucla.edu](mailto:michaelalfaro@ucla.edu)), the incoming DSEB Program Officer who will be organizing the contest. You can also sign up for judging when you register for the Seattle meeting on-line.

Remember it is never too soon to start thinking about symposia to propose for 2012!

See you in Seattle!

### Phylogenetics for Dummies

The Phylogenetics for Dummies program is organized by Mike Alfaro and Luke Harmon and will focus on using "R" to conduct comparative analyses. We will post more details on the meeting website soon. In the meantime, if you are interested in attending and would like more details, please send an email to [michaelalfaro@ucla.edu](mailto:michaelalfaro@ucla.edu).

symposia, on the Cnidarian Tree of Life and the Contributions of Richard Strathmann. As always, we are looking for members to put into the divisional researcher's database, it is unfortunately empty at this point!

You may remember that last year we had some bylaws changes to vote on, those (one change having to do with the length of the chair's term and one regarding some minor changes to bring us in line with the society by-laws) were all approved. So at this point, all division officers' terms are three years.

Have a great end of the semester and happy holidays!

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## Message from the Secretary

*Marta deMaintenon*

Aloha! Looking forward to seeing everybody in Seattle! I will wear my snuggies and look forward to good seafood (same as last year!). DSEB will be supporting two