

## Division of Evolutionary Developmental Biology

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### Message from the Chair

Mark Q. Martindale

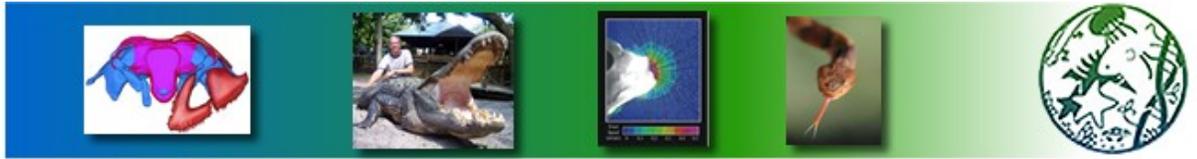
Greetings one and all,

We have another fun and stimulating annual meeting this year up in the Salt Palace! Like usual, the most 'integrative-y' of you will find it challenging to find a way to attend all your favorite talks and posters since there are always so many interesting things going on at the same time. Long time SICB-ers are used to this and do 'pre-conference recon' but some of you newbies need to come prepared with a plan of action to maximize your time in the Bee Hive state!

I do want folks to take a few minutes out of their busy schedules to attend the DEDB business meeting. The meeting will not take long (if I have anything to say about it...), but we do have a serious piece of business to discuss. One of the issues we had to address when the DEDB division was initiated was its effect on our sister division, the Division of Developmental and Cell Biology (DDCB). Since the inception of DEDB, participation in DDCB has gradually dwindled to the extent that it has been difficult to find folks to run for divisional offices. Because there are other Societies that address a broad range of traditional cellular and developmental systems (albeit in a far less integrative and evolutionary way), it may be time to consider fusing our two divisions into a single, stronger, more robust and powerful division. So if you are interested in hearing the pros and cons of the debate, and to provide your own insight and perspective on to the situation, please come to the Business Meeting: **Tuesday, January 4 from 5:15-6:15pm** (find the room in the Program when you get to SLC).

We will also have a representative from NSF at the Business Meeting to discuss new funding opportunities in our field, and I will make a plug for a new open access journal *EvoDevo* ([www.evodevojournal.com](http://www.evodevojournal.com)) and a mechanism to share comparative developmental data ([www.kahikai.org](http://www.kahikai.org)). So come on by!

See you in Salt Lake City!



## Message from the Program Officer

Patricia Hernandez

Greetings from the Land of Moroni,

I have just returned from our Program Committee meeting in Salt Lake City. The Salt Palace Convention Center where most of our program will take place is quite impressive and conveniently located across the street from our meeting hotel. Given the great abstracts that we scheduled it should be a wonderful meeting. As many of you know the SICB Executive Committee voted to extend the meeting to a full 4 days. Thus, the meeting starts on Monday afternoon, Jan. 3 and ends on Friday afternoon, Jan. 7 at **5:30 pm**. Indeed there will be many contributed talks (and 3 symposia) on the last day of the meeting.

We have 11 exciting symposia and 1099 contributed posters and talks planned for the upcoming meeting. Our division had a total of 30 oral presentations and 35 posters. Those presenting posters should be happy to learn that given the very large room available for our poster sessions we have planned for much more space between poster boards, which should significantly improve traffic during poster sessions.

We are co-sponsoring two symposia that our membership should be especially interested in:

- Tuesday, January 4, 2011: *Society-wide Symposium: **Speciation in Marine Organisms***, organized by M.P. Miglietta, F. Santini and A. Faucci.
- Thursday, January 6, 2011: **Environmentally-Cued Hatching Across Taxa: Embryos Choose A Birthday**, organized by K. Martin.

It should be noted that in the initial sorting I had a total of only 28 abstracts. It is VERY im-

portant that if you want your talk to be included with everyone else in DEDB the first topic that you choose needs to be Evolutionary Developmental Biology. The first, and often final, sorting of abstracts is based on the first topic that you pick. Many of the orphaned talks are ones in which the first topic was not well chosen. I can assure you that we agonize over where best to put these abstracts but having the presenter put them in the right category is the most important factor.

**JUDGES NEEDED.** We have several students competing for Best Student Paper. We need volunteers to judge posters and oral presentations. Please contact the Chair (M.Q. Martinale) if you wish to help out!

Finally, given the close relationships between members of several divisions we will be meeting for a group social from 7:30-10pm on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 in Salt Palace Ballroom A with DVM, DCB, DSEB, DEDB, and DDCB. We have decided to have a dessert social...but don't worry there will be a full cash bar as well. Please note that our division/business meeting will be on Tuesday, January 4 from 5:15-6:15. We have some VERY important issues to discuss so please try to attend.

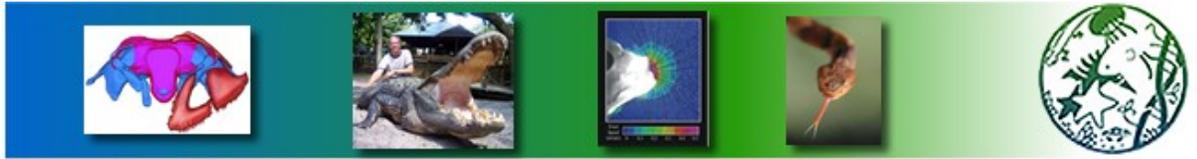
I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

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## Message from the Secretary

Elaine Seaver

This is my final newsletter to put together as secretary of DEDB. At the end of the 2011 SICB meeting in Salt Lake City, Mike Shapiro will take over as secretary of our division. It has been fun to participate in the society by serving as an officer and learning more about



how SICB runs. I encourage you to consider running for an officer position when spring elections are held. We will elect a Program Officer-Elect and a Secretary-Elect. Serving as an officer is great way to support our division and the field of evolution and development in general!

Now that it is fall, we can look forward to the upcoming SICB meeting in Salt Lake City. As Patricia has outlined in detail, DEDB is co-sponsoring two symposia and of course there will be the contributed talks and posters sessions for our division. Please make an effort to come to our divisional business meeting on Tuesday, January 4 (5:15-6:15) and consider volunteering to be a judge for Best Student paper. Remember postdocs can serve as judges too. This is great experience and something nice to add to your CV.

Don't forget to submit an image or and short paragraph describing your research interests to include in our DEDB Researchers Database (<http://www.sicb.org/divisions/DEDB/researchers.php3>). The SICB Researchers Database receives a lot of hits and it is a great way to advertise your research. You can send that info directly to me ([seaver@hawaii.edu](mailto:seaver@hawaii.edu)) or to Mike Shapiro in January and thereafter. There are also a number of useful resources to check out on the SICB website.

Hope to see you all in Salt Lake City!

## Message from the Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative

Rebecca Shearman

Greetings DEDB graduate students and post-docs,

I hope everyone is having a productive fall semester. My fall has been quite busy since I just began a faculty position at Farmington State University in MA. Therefore, since I am no longer eligible to serve in this position, this is the last newsletter I will write to you as the graduate student/postdoc representative. Over the last few years, I have enjoyed my time as your representative. I have valued the opportunity to organize student workshops, participate in DEDB business meetings, and meet and interact with many fellow SICB students and DEDB members. I encourage anyone who may be interested in becoming the DEDB graduate student/postdoc representative to contact our divisional chair, Mark Martindale ([mqmartin@hawaii.edu](mailto:mqmartin@hawaii.edu)).

There is no new news from the Student/Post-doctoral Affairs Committee. Keep an eye on the SICB website for information regarding upcoming meetings, symposia, and funding opportunities. I look forward to seeing everyone in Salt Lake City at our annual SICB meeting.