

Division of Ecology and Evolution

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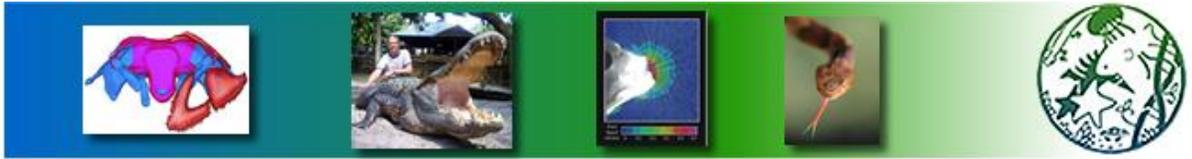
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Greetings from the DEE officers! We are looking forward to January's meeting in Seattle where DEE will be co-sponsoring five symposia:

1. *Speciation in Marine Organisms.*
2. Neuroecology: Neural Determinants of Ecological Processes from Individuals to Ecosystems.
3. Bridging the Gap Between Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology.
4. A Synthetic Approach to the Response of Organisms to Climate Change: the Role of Thermal Adaptation.
5. Environment, Energetics and Fitness: a Symposium Honoring Donald W. Thomas.

We encourage the membership to think about ideas for symposia for the 2013 meeting in San Francisco. Symposia are not only a great way to promote and synthesize areas of research within the division, but they are also an excellent means for more junior members to advance professionally. Thus, we would especially encourage postdoctoral researchers to present ideas for symposia in addition to the usual suspects. Furthermore, members have had an extraordinarily high rate of success in sequestering funds from NSF to help support these symposia. If you have questions or ideas, please feel free to contact Program Officer Michael Sears (msears@brynmawr.edu).

DEE Chair Michele Nishiguchi, along with the SICB Program Officer Brian Tsukimura and the SICB Broadening Participation Committee Chair Cheryl Wilga spent three days in Albuquerque this past summer working on a pre-proposal for the NSF. This proposal aims to provide funding for a five year plan to broaden participation in SICB that included self-identification data from the 2010 meeting registered members. The outline for the five year strategic plan was submitted to the NSF on July 9th 2010. The next step is submission of full proposal based on the new program solicitation, which should happen in mid-late fall 2010.



The DEE webpage features a Researchers Database of its divisional members (<http://www.sicb.org/divisions/dee.php3>). Please consider contributing material to the site, which you can do by submitting text files (.doc or .txt), images (tif, jpg, png, or gif), and movies (avi or mpeg) to Divisional Secretary Michael Finkler (mfinkler@iuk.edu)

Judges for Best Student Presentations

We thank those of you who have already signed up to serve as judges for the DEE Best Student Presentation Program. If you are interested in serving as a judge for the competition and have not already signed up, please contact Michael Finkler (mfinkler@iuk.edu), as we would be delighted to have your assistance. Last year we had a record of 87 presentations in the competition, but were able to manage the event smoothly thanks to our 33 volunteer judges. We hope that DEE members will continue this high level of participation in an invaluable experience for our students.

We encourage all DEE members who come to Salt Lake City to attend the divisional business meeting. We would appreciate your input on how we might make the division more supportive of your interests.