



Division of Evolutionary Developmental Biology

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Message from the Chair

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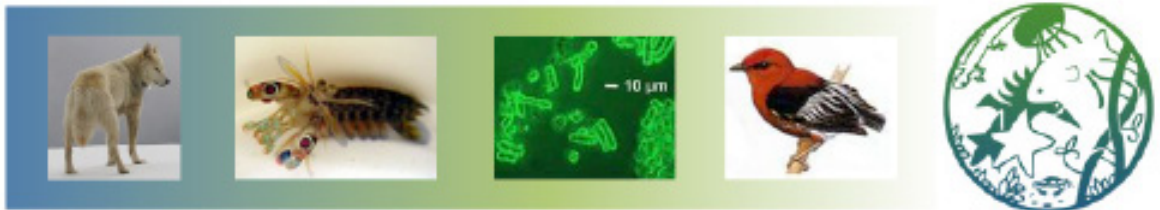
I hope everyone had an enjoyable and productive summer, although I realize that may now seem like a long time ago. Election results arrived in early June and we're lucky to have Julia Bowsher (North Dakota State University) as our new Secretary Elect. Also, this summer was the first meeting of the Pan-American Society for Evolutionary Developmental Biology (PASEDB), which I missed due to crazy commitments for ship research, which I've just returned from. By all accounts there was much energy and enthusiasm, and for those interested you can read more about it at <http://the-node.biologists.com/meeting-report-pan-evo-devos-first-meeting/events/>. Symposia have been submitted by DEDBers for the New Orleans meeting next year, and for this year – Portland – DEDB is sponsoring two symposia (see Louise's Program Officer report below). We also have the special student competition symposium on Jan 6.

Thank you to Amanda for organizing the 'Dinner Dates' for this year's meeting, which everyone should consider signing up for when registering. Register now, start navigating the meeting site to plan the talks and posters you would like to attend, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Message from the Program Officer

Louise Page, DPO.DEDB@sicb.org

I write this report on the SICB Program Officers' meeting as I sit in the Portland airport at the conclusion of a very busy weekend of organizing the schedule—including oral and poster presentations, symposia, divisional business meetings and socials—for the SICB 2016 meeting in Portland, which will take place Jan 3-7. I tried very hard to get everyone scheduled into sessions of an appropriate theme without conflicting with concurrent sessions on topics that might force members of our division to make difficult decisions about attendance. I apologize in advance if I was not always successful. The task was particularly challenging this year because SICB received a total of 1667 Abstract submissions (considerably more than last year), of which 1047 were talks and 629 were posters. For DEDB, I organized 48 oral presentations into seven sessions, and 38 posters into six sessions over the three days of poster displays. Of note are two symposia that will likely include talks of interest to many DEDB members: 1) *A Bigger Picture: Organismal Function at the Nexus of Development, Ecology, and Evolution*, organized by Sharlene Santana and Paul Gignac, and 2) *Evolutionary Endocrinology: Hormones as Mediators of Evolutionary Phenomena*, organized by Robert Cox, Joel McGlothlin, and Frances Bonier.



As agreed upon at the DEDB business meeting last year in West Palm Beach, eight students from among those who asked to give a talk and to be considered for the Best Student Presentation (BSP) were scheduled into a special session for judging, selected from the submitted Abstracts by a committee assembled by the Division Secretary. A single panel of judges, all DEDB full members, will attend all the presentations in this DEDB BSP session. The idea of organizing a BSP session from a short-list of students that requested consideration for this award was motivated by past dissatisfaction with non-uniformity of judging, as individual presentations were assessed by very different sets of judges. Thank you to all students who entered the competition this year and congratulations to those selected to compete in the DEDB BSP session; the selection committee had to make some very difficult decisions. The DEDB BSP session will be held on Jan 6 beginning at 8:00 AM.

A reminder to all contributors of oral presentations and posters: be sure to register for the 2016 SICB meeting before Nov 5, 2015. For non-presenters, the deadline for taking advantage of the early registration fee is Dec 1, 2015. Official letters of acceptance into the Program of presentations will be sent out during October, for those who require this for funding.

The SICB 2016 meeting will be held at the Oregon Conference Center in Portland, OR. A childcare facility will be available and if you are interested in using this service, please complete the [child care survey](#) by November 15. Unfortunately, WiFi access is not uniformly available throughout the OCC, but there are apparently "hot spots." Hotel reservations should be made using the online reservation portal <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13856072/owner/3232/home>, which will direct you to various hotels in the vicinity of the OCC that are offering reduced conference rates. These options vary somewhat in room rate and proximity to the OCC. The main hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton.

I'm pleased to report that ground transportation between the Portland International Airport and hotels near the OCC is extremely convenient and cheap via a light rail transit train (MAX train). Do the following:

- Walk to far end of the baggage claim area of the airport; MAX terminal is immediately outside
- Purchase ticket (2.5 hr duration for \$2.50) from the ticket kiosk at the MAX train terminal

- Board the Red Line MAX train bearing sign: City Center & Beaverton
- Disembark at Lloyd 11th Ave MAX station
- For the Doubletree Hilton, turn left upon disembarking from the train; the hotel is ½ block west

DO NOT PURCHASE A MULTI-DAY PASS AT THE AIRPORT FOR THE MAX TRAIN, because the even better news is that you will receive a multi-day pass (good through Jan 8, 2016) in your conference registration packet.

Finally, I encourage you to attend both the DEDB Business Meeting and Social. The Business Meeting will be held on Jan 4, 5:45–6:30 PM, and the Social will be held in conjunction with a number of other SICB Divisions on Jan 6, 6:30–9:00 PM. The Libbie Hyman Silent Auction will be held in the same location as the Social, on the same evening, Jan 6, 7:30–9:00 PM. Please search through your attic, basement, and backs of drawers for items to donate to the Auction! It's always loads of fun and all proceeds go to a very good cause – the Libbie H. Hyman Scholarship Fund to assist students to take courses or conduct research on invertebrates at a field station. **If you have goods or services to donate, please let DIZ know what you plan to bring by emailing Mike Berger, msberger@wsu.edu**, as soon as possible. Items can be brought to the meeting, or shipped ahead of time to: Michael J. Baltzley, Department of Biology, Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth, OR 97361.

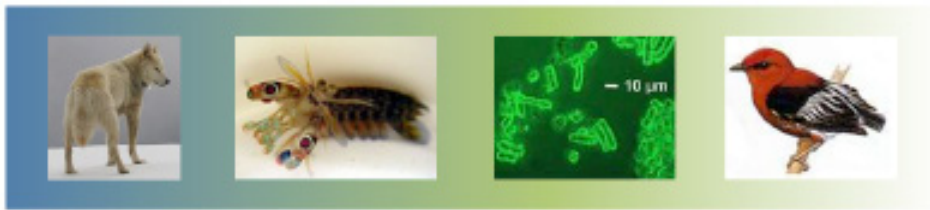
I look forward to seeing very many of you at what promises to be a memorable and enjoyable SICB conference in Portland this January!

Message from the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative

Amanda Kahn, kahn@ualberta.ca

Hello fellow students and postdocs! The annual meeting is coming up quickly so this newsletter is to alert you of some great upcoming events in Portland.

First, we will continue our very successful division-only event, "Evo-Devo Dinner Dates." Whether this is your first meeting or you are a seasoned conference-goer, I highly recommend that you participate. How it works: faculty from diverse research areas across evo-devo sign-up for the program, agreeing to take a couple



students out for a meal and to cover the cost. Then, you look through the list of faculty and sign-up to go out for lunch or dinner with a faculty member whose research interests you. It's a great way to break the ice, interact in a friendly atmosphere, and you'll get a free meal! Keep an eye out for an email with sign-up information, which we will send as we get closer to the meeting.

In addition to our division-specific "dinner dates" program, the conference-wide Student and Postdoctoral Affairs Committee (SPDAC) will host its annual workshop at the meeting. SDPAC workshops focus on topics relevant to students and postdocs. This year the topic will cover career transitions, "Navigating Changes from Undergraduate to Graduate, Graduate to Postdoc, and Postdoc to Professor." Make sure to visit the SPDAC booth at the meeting as well.

Our division thrives because of the activity of its members. Please feel free to get in touch with me any time (kahn@ualberta.ca) if you want to find new ways to get involved within our division, have questions about the annual meeting, or have any student- or postdoc-related suggestions or questions within SICB. I would love to facilitate your involvement in DEDB.

See you in Portland!

Message from the Secretary

Greg Davis, Secretary.DEDB@sicb.org

Greetings! Once again, thanks to efforts of Louise Page and the other program officers, all the puzzle pieces of our annual meeting have been assembled. So, as you wander between inspiring sessions and posters, make sure and keep an eye out for Louise so you can thank her for her hard work. Even better, please come by our divisional business meeting where you will be sure to find her and can also pitch in with your ideas and suggestions, particularly with regard to potential future symposium topics.

New Divisional Secretary - We have tabulated the results of our Spring 2015 election and congratulate Julia Bowsher, our new Secretary-Elect. Julia will assume her new office after the 2017 annual meeting.

Hey Students, Free Dinner! - SICB is a society that genuinely values the participation and contributions of our junior members. For the last four years, we have instituted a program to help encourage increased interaction between students and faculty. The "Evo-

Devo Dinner Date" program brings approximately 40 students and 20 faculty members together for informal conversation and a meal on the faculty members' dime. In recent years Amanda Kahn, our student/postdoctoral representative, has done an amazing job organizing this activity, with the result that faculty and student participants have greatly enjoyed these meetings. We will of course run this program at our upcoming meeting. Amanda highlights this program in her message above for students, but I also want to encourage faculty to keep an eye out for an email from Amanda with sign-up information as the annual meeting approaches.

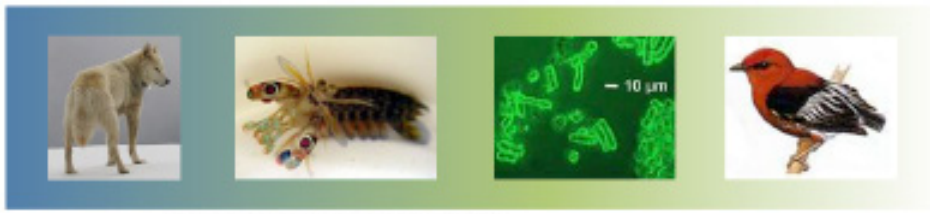
Best Student Presentation Oral Session - As described by our Program Officer, Louise Page, we're excited this year to be having a special session dedicated to the Best Student Presentation. Thanks to all of the students who asked to be considered for the competition and thanks to the DEDB members who were willing to serve on the selection committee. We received more outstanding and deserving abstracts than we could fit into this particular session, so please be sure to attend as many of the DEDB sessions as you can.

A Field Guide to DEDB Officers - Here, once again, are a few photos of our divisional officers to assist you when trying to identify us. All of these individuals can be found at the division business meeting, so please stop by to provide feedback, raise concerns or propose any ideas for future symposia or activities.

Current officers:

DEDB Chair Sally Leys





DEDB Program Officer Louise Page



DEDB SPDAC Representative Amanda Kahn



DEDB Secretary Greg Davis

