

Division of Comparative Endocrinology (DCE): 2004 Fall Newsletter

Message from the Officers

David Borst, Chair; Kyle W. Selcer, Program Officer; James A. Carr, Secretary

Meeting News

Kyle just returned from the program officer's meeting in San Diego at the Town and Country Resort, site of the 2005 SICB meeting. It is a very nice facility, located near Old Town, with easy trolley access to San Diego and even Tijuana. The resort is beautifully landscaped and has a huge amount of conference space. All events and sessions will be within the convention center, and the meeting rooms are reasonably close together, allowing for easy movement between sessions.

Again this year the talks and abstracts were sorted by general theme, rather than divisional affiliation. We scheduled 1025 abstracts for symposia, talks and posters. Most of the abstracts from DCE members will be in Regulatory Biology sessions, for which there were about 85 abstracts submitted. Other DCE talks are in Evolution and Physiology and Biochemistry sessions. Oral sessions of interest to DCE members include: comparative endocrinology, environmental stress, neuroendocrinology, immunology, environmental endocrinology, adaptation, regulation of growth and behavior, testosterone, and stress in birds and fish. Poster sessions of interest will include: comparative endocrinology–vertebrate; comparative endocrinology–invertebrate; stress; regulation of reproduction; regulation of growth; regulation of behavior; and environmental endocrinology.

At the meeting, DCE will co-sponsor a mini-symposium on "Zoo-based research and conservation" organized by L. Patton and M. Anderson. In addition, there are two SICB-wide symposia that should be of interest to DCE members. These are: 1) Desiccation Tolerance in Animals, Microbes, and Plants: Comparative Mechanisms and Evolution, organized by Peter Alpert (U. of Massachusetts), James Clegg (U. of California/Davis), Brent Mishler (U. of California/Berkeley), and Mel Oliver (USDA) and 2) Terminal Addition, Segmentation, and the Evolution of Metazoan Body Plan Regionalization, organized by Nigel Hughes (U. of California/Riverside) and David K. Jacobs (UCLA)

The DCE Business Meeting will be on Thursday evening. This will be followed by the Howard Bern Lecture, to be given by Dr. Jim Truman, entitled "Insect Ecdysis: dissection of an endocrine cascade that underlies a complex program of behavior". After the talk, the DCE social will be held. We look forward to seeing all of you in San Diego!

Finally, the 15th International Congress of Comparative Endocrinology will be held May 23–28, 2005 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA. Check the website (<http://www.bu.edu/dbin/icce15/>) for details. The deadline for abstract submission is January 15, 2005.

Divisional Officers

The results of the 2004 DCE election are in. Congratulations to Michael Romero as the incoming DCE program officer–elect. We thank those who ran for office and everyone who took the time to vote. Kevin Kelly will become the new secretary of the division at the beginning of the San Diego meeting. Dave Borst will continue as chair of the division, Robert Denver will continue as chair–elect, and Kyle Selcer will continue as the program officer.