

Division of Neurobiology (DNB): 2004 Fall Newsletter

Message from the DNB Officers *Robin L. Cooper, Chair, Rich Satterlie, Program Officer, and Hank Trapido–Rosenthal, Secretary*

DNB in San Diego

This year, more than 20,000 member of the Society for Neuroscience (SFN) will descend upon San Diego in late October for that Society's annual meeting. As happened last year in New Orleans, we members of SICB's Division of Neurobiology will return to the same city just a couple of months later for the SICB meeting. We realize that it might be difficult for some of us to attend both meetings. Nevertheless, we hope that the high–energy, student–friendly, reputation of SICB meetings will bring a good number of neurobiologists to the sunny southern California to get the New Year underway.

The sure–to–be outstanding plenary session scheduled for the first afternoon of the meeting should certainly draw neurobiologists to the meeting. In this session, held in honor of Dr. T.H. Bullock, five eminent neurobiologists will present critical analyses of Ramón y Cajal's "Neuron Doctrine". In addition, DNB is one of the co–sponsoring divisions of the American Microscopy Society's symposium entitled "*The New Microscopy: Toward a Phylogenetic Synthesis*".

The DNB will continue its tradition of presenting awards to the best poster and platform presentation made by students in the division. Each award will include a monetary prize. Students who have not yet been awarded the Ph.D. are eligible for the award, as are recently–minted PhDs who have received the degree no more than 12 months prior to the meeting. The work must be original and must be carried out principally by the student presenting the paper or poster. A student who applies must be a member of the Division of Neurobiology. A student awarded the top poster or talk prize is not eligible for future DNB student presentation competitions. The DNB Chair will appoint members of the Division to judge the competition. If you are a student who is giving a platform or poster presentation at the meeting, and you would like to be considered for this competition, please email Hank Trapido–Rosenthal, DNB Secretary (hank@bbsr.edu) with your name and presentation title by November 30, 2004.

Program Officer Dr. Rich Satterlie has received funding from the NSF to support DNB–sponsored "*Recent Developments in Neurobiology*" symposia at the 2006, 2007, and 2008 SICB meetings. If you've got ideas for a contribution to such a symposium, touch base with Rich (what a well–deserved name!) at the San Diego meeting.

Finally, we will retire our current chairperson, the University of Kentucky's Dr. Robin Cooper, and hand over leadership of the Division to Dr. Paul Moore, professor of Biology at Bowling Green State University.