

Division of Comparative Endocrinology

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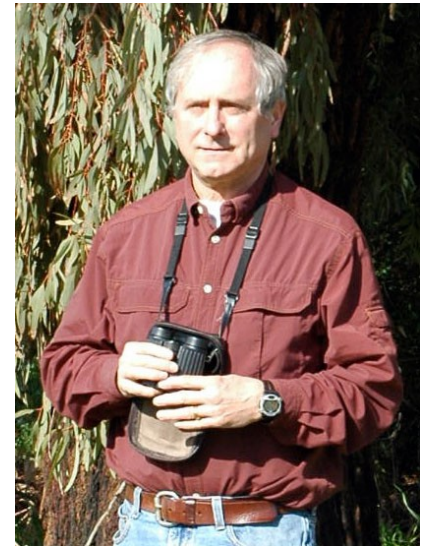
Mark Sheridan

Salt Lake City Annual Meeting

I am looking forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City this January 2011 for a very exciting meeting.

Rosemary Knapp, our divisional program officer, reports that we have 59 contributed papers/posters. We have one focused-contributed session aimed at expanding the number of papers in genomic, molecular, and systems endocrinology on hormonal control of osmoregulation organized by Sue Edwards. We also are co-sponsoring with DEE the symposium entitled "Bridging the Gap between Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology."

I am pleased to announce that this year's Howard A. Bern Lecture will be given by John Wingfield. The title of his presentation is "Putting the brakes on reproduction. Implications for conservation? Global climate change?" We received several outstanding nominations, and I would like to thank the nominators as well as the nominating committee (Rebecca Calisi-Rodríguez, Erica Crespi, Penny Hopkins, Rosemary Knapp, Steve McCormick, Mary Mendonça, and Stacia Sower) for their work.



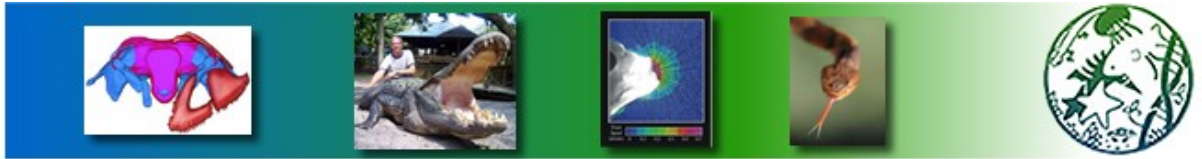
*2011 Howard Bern Lecturer-
John C. Wingfield*

Bern Endowment Fund

The Bern Endowment Fund needs your support! So far we have received contributions totaling \$7,590. If you have made a contribution—Thank you! The principal amount needed before proceeds can be used to support the lecture is \$25,000.

Contributions to the Howard Bern Lecture Fund can be made in the following ways:

On-line at <https://ssl4.westserver.net/birenheide/secure/>



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By sending a check to:

SICB
1313 Dolley Madison Blvd.
Suite 402
McLean VA 22101
(be sure to write "Bern Fund" on the
memo line)

Naming of the Best Poster Award

At our business meeting in Seattle, it was suggested that we name the Best Poster Award as we have done for the Best Oral Paper Award (The Aubrey Gorbman Best Paper Award). I have asked our divisional program officer, Rosemary Knapp, to chair a Best Poster Award Naming Committee. Please contact Rosemary (rknapp@ou.edu) if you are interested in serving on the committee or if you would like to make a suggestion for the name. The committee will make a recommendation at our divisional meeting in Salt Lake City.

50th Anniversary of General and Comparative Endocrinology

2011 marks the 50th Anniversary of GCE and the 50th year of SICB (formerly American Society of Zoologists)/DCE affiliation with the journal. A number of special issues are planned for the upcoming year in celebration of the event. Contact Bob Dores, Co-editor-in-chief (robert.dores@du.edu), for more information about the special issues. Also, please stop by the exhibit area at the annual meeting to view the GCE/DCE-SICB "50 years together" poster.

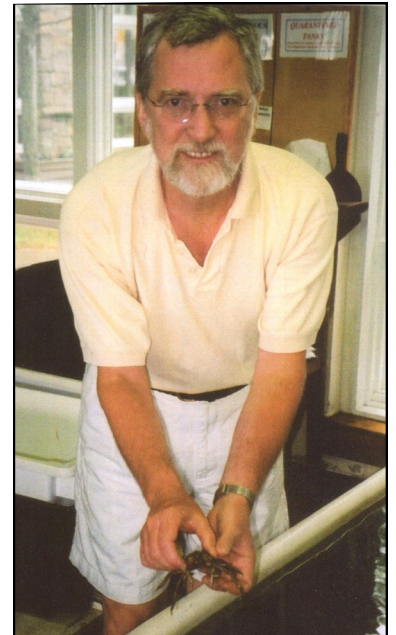
Researchers Database

Now that the hustle of abstract submission is over, PLEASE submit one paragraph and a diagram/schematic or photo for the DCE Re-

searchers Database. Submissions may be sent to our divisional secretary, Mary Mendonça (mendonca@auburn.edu). We are lagging behind other divisions!

Dave Borst Passes Away

I am sorry to announce that long-time DCE member Dave Borst passed away late September. Dave was very active in the division as well as in societal affairs. Please see his obituary in an upcoming issue of GCE.

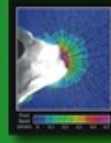


David Borst

Message from the Program Officer

Rosemary Knapp

I recently returned from the Program Committee meeting where we assembled the abstracts into sessions and also had a chance to tour the hotel and convention center facilities for our upcoming meeting. I am very much looking forward to another stimulating SICB meeting in a beautiful city. The DPOs were all very impressed with the layout of the convention center and I think you will be too. The meeting rooms are all in close proximity to each other so you will find it very easy to move between sessions or to run into colleagues in the foyers and hallways. Brian Tsukimura as Society Program Officer introduced a method for putting sessions on the scheduling grid that helped us minimize competing sessions on similar topics as much as possi-



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ble. The hall for poster sessions, exhibitors, and coffee breaks is very large and well-lit and we have ensured that there will be plenty of room between the rows of posters. I think you will be very pleased.

In Salt Lake City, DCE will be co-sponsoring, with DEE, the symposium "Bridging the Gap between Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology," organized by Susannah French (Utah State University), Denise Dearing (University of Utah) and Gregory Demas (Indiana University). In addition to an exciting set of speakers for the symposium itself, there will be 33 complementary presentations to the symposium, perhaps a society record. SICB members identifying themselves as belonging to DCE submitted 59 contributed abstracts, including 25 from students competing in the best student presentation competition. (Many thanks in advance to Joe Casto who has volunteered to chair the judging.) Most of the abstracts from DCE members were submitted under the "H" topics (Regulatory Biology) as the first choice, which are the topics that our division traditionally organizes into sessions. However, many members used other topics as their first choice, so these submissions were handled at least initially by other divisions. Also, many members from other divisions chose endocrine topics as second or third choices. Thus, you can look forward to over 150 presentations covering some aspect of endocrinology at the meeting.

As Mark Sheridan mentioned, this year's Bern lecture will be presented by John Wingfield. Please plan to join us the Wednesday evening of the meeting for his presentation and a social immediately following. Our divisional meeting will also be held Wednesday before the Bern lecture, and the symposium we are co-sponsoring will also take place on Wednesday. So I think we can designate that Wednesday as "DCE Day" even though I was able to avoid having any contributed oral sessions on that day so that there is no conflict with our symposium.

Finally, I want to again highlight that this year's meeting will be a full 4 days (Tuesday-Friday, plus the plenary session Monday evening).

The number of concurrent sessions had been growing as the SICB meeting gains in popularity, hence the necessity of changing something so that the meeting itself did not suffer. Ultimately, the decision was made to extend the meeting by a half day rather than reduce the time for oral presentations from 20 minutes to 15. This year, there were a total of 1,115 submitted abstracts (third only to Boston and Seattle). There will be sessions on endocrine topics on all days and times of the meeting, and each day will include at least one symposium. So please plan to stay the entire time if your schedule at all permits.

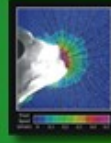
See you in Salt Lake City!

Message from the Secretary

Mary Mendonça

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Salt Lake City (a/k/a "City of the Saints"! – and they let SICBers meet there?) meeting. Sounds like there will again be a big turnout with a great many endocrine-related presentations sprinkled throughout the entire meeting. Congratulations are in order to Ignacio Moore who was elected a divisional officer and will begin serving as Program Officer Elect at the end of the SLC meeting. Also sincere thanks to Rachel Bowden for agreeing to run for this important position. We will also be electing a new Chair and a new Secretary in 2011. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact our Chair, Mark Sheridan.

Thanks also to those of you who have already contributed to the DCE Researchers Database. However, we are still behind in number of entries into the database. Please send me a paragraph on your research accompanied with an arresting photo or graphic which illustrates you and/or your work. I would be happy to answer any questions



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you might have in submitting material. Your information and graphic can also be cross-listed in other Divisions where you have indicated an affiliation. Having your information on the SICB web site is a great recruitment tool for your lab! So please take a few minutes and send your information in.

There are a few other meetings of interest to DCE membership:

The Endocrine Society's annual meeting will be held on **June 4-7, 2011** in Boston Mass. Abstracts are due February 1. Further meeting information is found at <http://www.endo-society.org/meetings/Annual/index.cfm>

The Society of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology will be held June 23-25, 2011 in Queretaro Mexico (Local Host: [Raúl G. Paredes](#))

The 7th International Symposium on Amphibian and Reptilian Endocrinology and Neurobiology (ISAREN) will take place July 13-14, 2011 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Upcoming information can be found at <http://www.mcdb.lsa.umich.edu/labs/denver/ISAREN/>. The ISAREN will start one day before, then run concurrently for one day with the inaugural meeting of the North American Society for Comparative Endocrinology which will be held July 14-17, 2011 also at the University of Michigan. Upcoming details for this meeting can be found at <http://www.mcdb.lsa.umich.edu/labs/denver/NASCE/>.

The Society for the Study of Reproduction is meeting **31 July-4 Aug 2011** in Portland, Oregon (<http://www.ssr.org/Meetings.shtml>).

If you have any information/announcements you would like to see posted in the Spring, 2011 Newsletter, please let me or Secretary-Elect Erica Crespi (ercrespi@vassar.edu) know and it will get posted there. If you have any information

that needs to go out quickly to the DCE membership, also send it to me before the SLC meeting or to Erica when she takes over as Secretary. I will also be looking forward to receiving your contributions to the Researcher Data Base (if you send one, I will buy you a drink at the cash bar!). Also, please let me say that it was an honor and a pleasure serving as Secretary for this Division. I encourage everyone to get involved in the workings of our society!

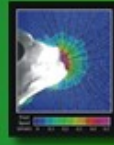
See you in Salt Lake City!

Message from the Graduate Student and Post-doc Representative

Rebecca M. Calisi-Rodríguez

First and foremost, did you register for the meeting (happening Jan 3-7 in Salt Lake City)? Make sure to register by Nov 12th if you are presenting, or by Dec 3rd if you are not. Prices go up after that, so get moving! The abstract deadline has come and gone, but even if you are not presenting, attending this meeting is a great way to network (be it for M.S. or Ph.D. programs/advisors, post-doc opportunities, grants, field assistants, jobs, etc.) as well as hear about exciting current work going on in your and other fields. [Click here](#) for more meeting information, [and here](#) for the meeting brochure.

Plus, [Prof. John C. Wingfield](#) (UC Davis and NSF) will be giving the Bern Lecture this year (and I know you know this, but just in case...the Howard A. Bern Lecture was established as a SICB society-wide plenary address to honor Professor Bern's outstanding scientific contributions as a founder and leader of the field of comparative endocrinology and to recognize his service to the society.) To quote from John's letter of nomination, John Wingfield "is one of the founders



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of field endocrinology, an area of study that has taken endocrine physiology from the lab into the real world... His impact on the fields of comparative endocrinology, animal behavior and integrative biology cannot be overstated."

Events specific to students and post-docs:

- Grad student and Post-doc welcome meeting and orientation on Monday the January 3 at 5:30pm that will discuss how to get the most out of the meeting.
- Grad Student Workshop on Thursday, January 6 titled, "The Importance of Mentorships in Science careers," in which we will hear from leaders in several biological fields about setting up successful mentorships, why they are important, what to look for in a mentor, and how to approach a mentor or a mentorship.
- SICB Society Wide Social in Honor of Students and Post-docs on Friday, January 7 from 3-5pm, at which we, the brilliant students and post-docs, will be rightfully honored.

Helpful tips/links for 2011 meeting registration:

[Register here](#). You will be prompted to enter your last name and member ID – if you forgot it (your ID, hopefully not your last name...), the system will email it to you immediately. It's that easy. Prices are as follows: Student members: \$90 (\$145 after 12/3) and Post-doc members: \$200 (\$255 after 12/3). If you want to bring a buddy/sig. other, it is \$70 (\$95 after 12/3). You can renew your membership here as well.

First-time members, welcome. You can apply for membership [here](#). full membership is \$100. To be "officially" affiliated with DCE, it is an additional \$10. And you want to be affiliated with us. Trust me...

Sources of funding for 2011 meeting:

[Broadening Participation Committee Travel](#)

Award: provides funding for travel, hotel, and or registration for underrepresented students, post-docs and faculty to attend or present their research at SICB annual meetings.
Deadline: Nov. 15, 2010.

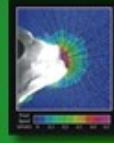
Charlotte Magnum Student Support Program: gives students presenting at the meeting support in the form of housing or registration fees in return for usually a half day of assistance during the meeting (such as registration check-in and assisting session chairs). Starting in 2009, there is a 3 year limit for receiving this award (darn it...). However, if you received support prior to 2009, that year(s) will not count (whew...). Those granted housing support will have a room booked for them by SICB. You will have 2 roommates (that you can request, if you like), and the bedding arrangement will be 2 double beds for three people. You will only have to pay \$75 (total) to the hotel (room rates are usually \$110/night) and SICB covers the rest! [Click here](#) to see the application form. The deadline for this has already passed, but it is usually the end of October.

Dorothy M. Skinner Award: recognizes women in the early stages of their careers who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and show high potential for continued excellence in research. It provides travel support for women Ph.D. students and/or postdoctoral fellows to present their research at the annual meetings of the SICB. The deadline for this has already passed but it is usually the end of October.

Other sources of funding/awards (and their deadlines)

[Click here](#) for more SICB Awards and Scholarships for Students, which include:

- Best Student Paper awards for best meeting poster/presentation (due upon abstract submittal)
- Grants in Aid of Research (Oct 15)



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- Fellowship of Graduate Student Travel (Oct 15)
- Libbie H. Hyman Memorial Scholarship (Mar 4, but early forms must be sent prior to deadline)
- [Sigma Xi: Grants in Aid of Research Program](#) (Mar 15 & Oct 15)
- [National Science Foundation](#) (various links to different programs are at this link)

And don't forget to check out...

- The Employment Opportunity bulletin board in the SICB Registration/Information area. You can schedule rooms to meet with people at the conference to learn more about these opportunities – just ask for more information from a registration desk attendant.
- The message board, also in this area. It is there for you to leave messages, announcements, etc. for other attendees.

Contact me with any questions/ concerns/suggestions/etc. (beccacalisi@gmail.com), or you can probably find me during the meeting at the Max Planck booth...no, not working the booth. Eating the free chocolate bars whilst dreaming of working in Europe...