



Division of Animal Behavior

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Message from the Chair

Marilyn Ramenofsky

Warmest hello's to all members of the DAB for Fall 2011. The annual 2012 Meeting is only months away to be held January 3-7 in the exciting Charleston, South Carolina. Check out the meeting website (<http://www.sicb.org/meetings/2012/index.php>) for information on the pending dates for award applications, symposia, housing arrangements and financial support applications for students, travel and hotel suggestions, as well as exhibitor and advertisement material.

You will find a complete description of DAB's contributions to the meeting in the Program Officer's notes below. This year's meeting is looking very interesting.

The DAB Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4 at 5:15pm. Please plan to attend as your participation and support help our division grow and we have a full agenda. Incoming divisional secretary, Melissa Bowlin, will be introduced as she takes over from our most able Jordanna Sprayberry who's been on the job since 2009. We can't say enough great things and expressed gratitude to Jordanna for minding the secretarial duties for the division. She done a great job and we'll surely miss her guidance.

For those interested and/or members of the Animal Behavior Society (ABS), the following announcements concern future national and international meetings.

- **2012: 10-14 June, Animal Behavior Society – 49th Annual Meeting**, (<http://animalbehaviorsociety.org/absmeetings/49th-annual-meeting-of-the-animal-behavior-society-june-10-14-2012>) Albuquerque, New Mexico, preceded by the Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES) meeting from June 7-10 (one day overlap of open sessions for members of both societies)
- **2013: 28 July –2 August, Animal Behavior Society – 50th Annual Meeting, Boulder, Colorado.**
- **2012: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 16-20 February, Vancouver, B.C.** (<http://www.aaas.org/meetings/>)



- **2011: 21-25 November**, Annual Conference of the Ecological Society of Australia. Hobart, Tasmania (<http://esa2011.org.au/index.asp?IntCatId=14>)
- **2011: 5-9 December**, Annual Congress for Conservation Biology. Christchurch, New Zealand (http://www.conbio.org/Activities/Meetings/2011/index_al.cfm?CFID=27884952&CFTOKEN=44502077)
- **2012: 12-17 August, 14th Congress of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology (ISBE)**, Lund, Sweden (<http://www.behavecol.com/pages/society/meetings.html>)
- Also, you can follow ABS on Facebook if you so desire. Go to http://facebook.com/animalbehavior_society/ to stay on top of the latest news, events, and announcements about the Society, its members, and their research.

We welcome any input or information that you wish to communicate to the DAB, please send to either Jordanna or myself. We would love to hear more from you and any photos or items you would like to share with the Division, please send our way for immediate communications or the Division's autumn or spring newsletters. Invite your friends to check us out and help our division grow.

Thanks and see you in Charleston.

Message from the Program Officer

Allison Welch

Upcoming Meeting Highlights – January 3-7, 2012 in Charleston, SC

The SICB Program Committee recently met to finalize the program for our upcoming Annual Meeting, to be held January 3-7 in Charleston, SC. With a record-breaking number of abstracts submitted, we are looking forward to a large and exciting meeting!

Animal behavior will have a robust presence at the meeting, including:

- 70 oral presentations in 13 behaviorally-themed sessions
- 57 posters in behaviorally-themed poster sub-sessions
- 52 presentations in other sessions by authors with DAB primary affiliation or ABS affiliation
- 56 entrants in DAB Best Student Paper competitions (oral and poster)
- In addition, DAB will co-sponsor two society-wide and two regular symposia:
- Society-wide Symposium: [*The Impacts of Developmental Plasticity on Evolutionary Innovation and Diversification*](#) – organized by Matthew Wund and Armin Moczek
- Society-wide Symposium: [*Novel Methods for the Analysis of Animal Movement: Spatial and Temporal Structure Across Scale*](#) – organized by Douglas Altshuler, Michael Dickinson and Andrew Straw
- Regular Symposium: [*Mangrove 'Killifish': an Exemplar of Integrative*](#)



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- [Biology](#) – organized by Edward Orlando, Ryan Earley, Brian Ring and David Bechler
- Regular Symposium: [New Frontiers from Marine Snakes to Marine Ecosystems](#) – organized by Harvey Lillywhite and Francois Brischoux

While at the meeting, don't forget to attend the DAB business meeting on Wednesday, January 4 at 5:15pm, followed by a joint DAB/DNB social from 6:00-7:30pm.

Future Symposia – January 3-7, 2013 in San Francisco

Looking further ahead, we have a very exciting slate of symposia for the 2013 meeting in San Francisco, of which DAB will co-sponsor three society-wide and three regular symposia:

- Society-wide Symposium: [When Predators Attack: Sensing and Motion in Predator-Prey Interactions](#) – organized by Matt McHenry and Stacy Combes
- Society-wide Symposium: [Vertebrate Land Invasions: Past, Present, and Future](#) – organized by Alice Gibb, Miriam Ashley-Ross, Richard Blob and Tonia Hsieh
- Society-wide Symposium: [Phenotypic Plasticity and the Evolution of Gender Roles](#) – organized by Janet Leonard
- Regular Symposium: [Coping with Uncertainty: Integrating Physiology, Behavior and Evolutionary Ecology in a Changing World](#) – organized by Zoltan Nemeth, Frances Bonier and Scott MacDougall-Shackleton
- Regular Symposium: [Understanding First Order Phenotypes: Transcriptomics for Emerging Model Systems](#) – organized by Suzy Renn, Antónia Monteiro and Arkhat Abzhanov on behalf of the EDEN RCN (<http://edenrcn.com>)

- Regular Symposium: [Hormone-mediated Sex Ratio Adjustment in Vertebrates](#) – organized by Kristen Navara

Message from the Secretary

Jordanna Sprayberry

Student Presentations

Many of us gave our first talks and/or posters at this meeting and benefited over the course of our graduate careers from the valuable feedback those presentation experiences provided. Part of supporting student participation is the Best Student Presentation competition. Without judges we cannot make this happen. If you did not volunteer to judge at registration, please do so. It makes for a better competition to have more than two judges at each presentation. If you did volunteer, we thank you for your valuable service. This year we will be signing up for judging assignments and entering scores online. When you volunteer, you will be contacted by with details! Sign-up will be in mid-November, so please check your inbox for information that will be arriving shortly.

Coming and Goings

While I have greatly enjoyed my service as Secretary for DAB, I am happy to introduce your new secretary, Melissa Bowlin, who will be taking over at the end of the annual meeting in 2012. Please be sure to come to this year's business meeting to welcome her and hear the latest happenings.

With spring comes election season. This year we will be electing (or re-electing) a Divisional Chair. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee for this position, please contact Marilyn or myself.

Safe travels to Charleston and I hope to see you there.