

## Division of Ecology & Evolution

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### Message from the Chair

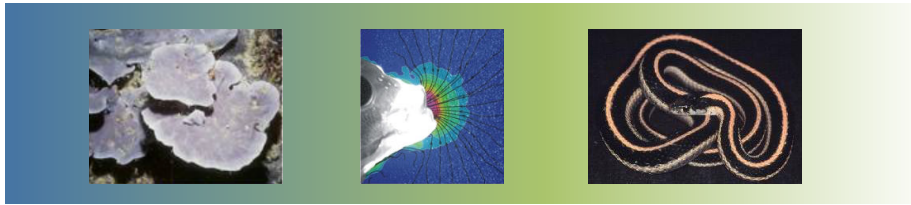
Michael W. Sears, [Chair.DEE@sicb.org](mailto:Chair.DEE@sicb.org)

This year's meeting in New Orleans promises to be another great one, with DEE in the forefront with many great events. First, our Division is supporting five symposia (see Chris Tracy's post below). Talks in these symposia highlight some of the exciting work carried out by our members. Note, it's not too early to begin thinking about symposia ideas for our 2019 meeting in Tampa. Be sure to pitch any ideas that you might have with one of the officers to get the backing of DEE. These symposia are a great way for early career researchers to get broader exposure and establish connections with the top people in their fields. Second, the Huey Awards for Best Student Talks and Posters are still going strong. This year, we had our largest number of high quality submissions, making the decision for the finalists for talks and for posters a difficult one. That said, if the presentations are anything like those in years past, this session will continue to be one of the favorites of the meeting. Third, Beer and Brains will enter its 4th year. We have a location ([The Maison](#)), and a sign up will be emailed to students to claim their spot for the event. That said, we need brains! If you are interested in sharing your experiences with our students, please send me an email. Again, many of those who have attended this event in the past have remarked that it is one of the high points of the meeting. Fourth, the DEE business meeting will be Thursday, January 5, 5:45-6:30 pm. Please attend to be updated on activities within the Division as well as updates from the Executive Committee Meeting. This meeting is a great venue if you wish to become more involved in the Division, especially if you might want to serve in one of the officer positions in the coming years.

### Message from the Program Officer

Chris Tracy, [DPO.DEE@sicb.org](mailto:DPO.DEE@sicb.org)

September brings with it the beginnings of Fall leaf colors, Presidential campaigns in full swing, and the Program meeting for the upcoming SICB meeting to be held in just a few months. This year's meeting is in the "Big Easy," New Orleans, Louisiana. The program officers met in late September to organize a remarkable, record number of 1940 abstracts (that's nearly 300 more than last year's record!) into the various Symposia, oral sessions and poster sessions. Like recent years, this year's abstracts came from members at all stages of their careers, including a large number of graduate and undergraduate students and postdoctoral fellows, as well as many from investigators who normally do not attend the SICB annual meetings. The meeting site is the New Orleans Convention Center, which is located right on the Mississippi River and within minutes of many hotels, and a short walk to many of the world famous restaurants and music clubs New Orleans has to offer. New



Orleans is one of the most culturally and historically rich cities in the US, so prepare to enjoy the unique local cuisine, some of the best jazz in the world, and the rich history of the area.

Here are a few highlights of the upcoming meeting: The meeting will start off with the plenary lecture "*Follow the Yellow Brick Road: An Odyssey from Myoplasm to Marine Biology Genomics*," by Billie Swalla, SICB Past President and Director of the Friday Harbor Laboratories (University of Washington). In addition to an exciting selection of presentations this year, there are ten symposia covering a wide range of topics. Five of these should be of particular interest to DEE members: On January 5, "*Indirect Effects of Global Change: from Physiological and Behavioral Mechanisms to Ecological Consequences*" (Gunderson et al.), and "*The Ecology of Exercise: Mechanisms Underlying Individual Variation in Movement Behavior, Activity or Performance*" (Williams et al.); January 6 includes: "*Evolutionary Impacts of Seasonality*" (Williams and Ragland), and "*With a Little Help from My Friends: Microbial Partners in Integrative and Comparative Biology*" (Kohl and Dearing); and January 7 features "*Integrative Life-History of Whole-Organism Performance*" (Lailvaux and Husak). All of the symposia have an impressive array of speakers presenting on a wide variety of topics that will be a big draw for DEE members. Last, and certainly not least, please come to the full morning session on January 6 devoted to the Huey Best Student Presentation Award. Eight students will be presenting their research, and there will be a poster session in the afternoon as well.

This year, we will have several opportunities to meet and talk to other DEE members. First, please make an effort to attend the DEE Business Meeting on Thursday, January 5, 5:45-6:30 pm. Second, DEE has joined with DIZ, DPCB, DEDB, AMS, and TCS this year for our Saturday evening social, so come mingle with friends from within DEE and from a diverse mix of other divisions. Finally, the 4th annual Beer and Brains social event will continue the tradition of giving DEE graduate students the opportunity to pick the Brains of a selection of some of our established members in a small, informal setting.



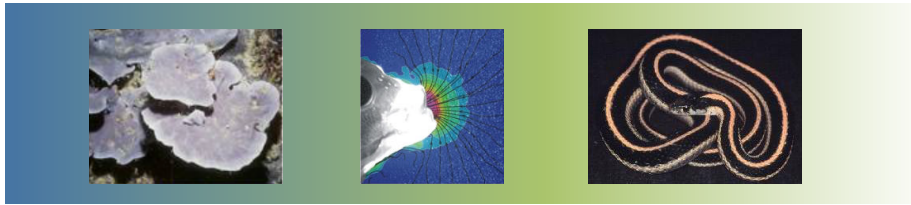
DEE Program Officer Chris Tracy with other DPOs organizing sessions at the recent Program Committee in New Orleans. (photo credit: Allison Welch)

### Message from the Secretary

Michael E. Dillon, [Secretary.DEE@sicb.org](mailto:Secretary.DEE@sicb.org)

DEE continues to grow both in its membership and in its SICB footprint. We can keep DEE growing and active by continuing to sponsor outstanding events (Huey Award, Beer and Brains), by attracting more members, and by encouraging a broader swath of our membership to step into leadership roles. I would also encourage past DEE officers to run for Society-wide officer positions. Michael Sears will finish his term as Chair at this meeting, with Robert Cox stepping into that position for his two-year term, and with Cameron Ghalambor beginning his term as Chair-elect. Chris Tracy recently attended his first planning meeting as DEE Program Officer, and Michelle Nishiguchi will start her term as Program Officer Elect at the 2017 meeting.

**Next spring, we will be running elections for Secretary-elect. The elected individual will serve 1 year as Secretary-elect, then 2 years as Secretary. These elections are critical for the functioning of the division and we need members to take advantage of these opportunities to help guide the division into the future. Contact any of the current or past officers if you are interested, and come to the DEE business meeting to find out more.**



Please attend and encourage your students and postdocs to attend the DEE business meeting (Thursday, January 5, 5:45-6:30 pm)! This a great opportunity for all DEB members to help shape the future of DEE. Join the growing group of people who attend this meeting to make key decisions affecting the DEE community. All DEE officers are eager to hear from DEE members at any time, so don't hesitate to email any of us or track us down in New Orleans.

Of course, we will continue the wildly successful *Beer and Brains* program in New Orleans. A SICB meeting is a great place for graduate students and postdocs to meet the prominent players in their fields. These people are often difficult to interact with one-on-one because they've got a litany of friends and collaborators to see during the meeting. That's where DEE's Beer and Brains comes in. The division rounds up a collection of household names in your field, whisks them away to a nearby bar, and invites divisional students and postdocs to join them in an evening of unhurried conversation. Just another way DEE is striving to provide its students and postdocs with career-changing opportunities! Students and postdocs, keep your eyes peeled for an email advertising this unique event. Slots are generally filled within 24 hours, so be ready to claim your spot.

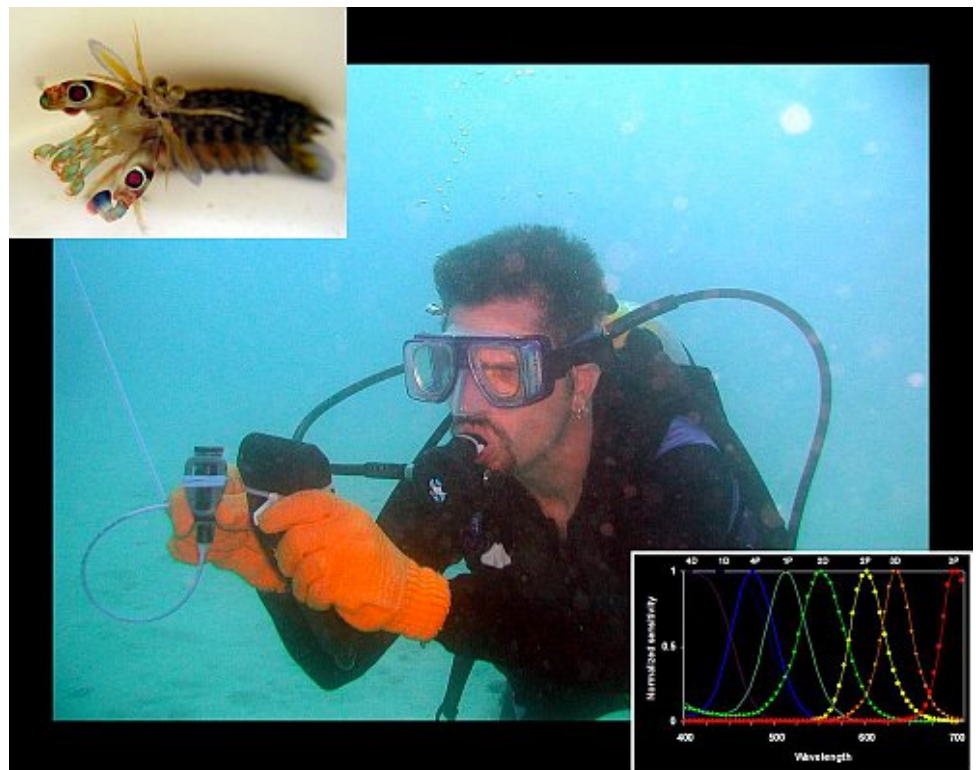
Finally, we continue to update the DEE Researcher Database which we maintain to promote our division and the work of our members. If you've not checked out the database, go [here](#) to get a feel for the strength and breadth of our members and their work. To add your research profile to the DEE page, or to update an existing file, send text files (.doc, .docx or .txt), images (.tif, .jpg, .png, or .gif), or movies (.avi or .mpeg) to [secretary.dee@sicb.org](mailto:secretary.dee@sicb.org).

With your help – and only with your help – can the DEE continue to support existing programs and develop new ones, so please contribute to and support these initiatives...and suggest new ones!

**2017 Meeting Information** - The 2017 SICB Annual Meeting and Exhibition will be held 4-8 January 2017 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans, LA. As has been the case with recent meetings, 8 January will be a full day with events lasting until 6 pm. Meeting attendees should make their travel plans accordingly.

The full meeting website can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for the full meeting brochure (including paper registration form). If you need child care, please complete the [child care survey](http://www.sicb.org/meetings/child-careform/index.php) (<http://www.sicb.org/meetings/child-careform/index.php>) by **November 15**. If you want to take advantage of the SICB conference discount for airport shuttles/shared rides, you will need to book your shuttle at least 24 hrs in advance by visiting: <http://airportshuttleneworleans.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=SICB0117&LOGON=GO>

**SEE YOU IN NEW ORLEANS!**



**From the DEE Research Database:**  
*Alexander Cheroske, Color vision system of stomatopod crustaceans*