



## Division of Comparative Endocrinology

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### Message from the Chair

Michael Romero, [chair.DCE@sicb.org](mailto:chair.DCE@sicb.org)

The 2018 meeting in San Francisco is rapidly approaching. San Francisco is a wonderful city with a great history, lots of great food, and promises to be a fun city to visit.

Our program officer, **Ignacio Moore**, has worked tirelessly to put together an intriguing program. Once again we will have fantastic representation from comparative endocrinologists. We are co-sponsoring several exciting symposia that Ignacio will detail below, and we will continue to have many DCE-themed presentations and posters. Highlights of the meeting will again be the **Bern Lecture**, the **Aubrey Gorbman oral presentations**, and the **Lynn Riddiford poster presentations**.



Dr. David Norris, 2018  
Howard Bern Lecturer

It is also my great pleasure to introduce **David Norris**, our **Bern Lecture** speaker this year. Dr. Norris is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Colorado Boulder and has had an incredibly productive, diverse, and engaging career. His research group focused on the endocrinological mechanisms of reproductive, adrenal, and thyroid functioning in fishes, amphibians, and reptiles. His interest in how environmental factors influence animal development, endocrine functioning, reproduction, and behavior also led him to explore the effects of endocrine disruptors in wastewater on

fish and amphibian reproduction and development. Dr. Norris has published over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters on laboratory and field research, as well as on science education. He has also authored and co-authored a number of textbooks, perhaps especially his college and graduate-level endocrinology textbook, "Vertebrate Endocrinology" by Academic Press that is currently in its 5th edition. This book really represents what the Division of Comparative Endocrinology is about. Dr. Norris has also mentored many students who have gone on to assume faculty positions across the country. Finally, Dr. Norris continues to have a very successful "side career" as a forensic botanist and has contributed to criminal trials across the country. Please join me for what is sure to be a terrific and enlightening lecture.

After Dr. Norris' lecture, please also join me for the DCE social. This year we are planning an off-site social that will be a joint effort among DCE, DEDE, DAB, and DNNSB (see more details below in Ignacio's Program Officer message). Back by popular demand will be this year's Data Blitz. It should all be great fun.

An election was held this past spring for the next DCE Chair-Elect and Secretary-Elect. Thanks to all four excellent candidates for agreeing to run and to the DCE Executive Committee that served as the nominating committee.

### DCE Officers & Representatives

**L. Michael Romero**

*Chair 2016-2018*

**C. Loren Buck**

*Chair-Elect 2016-2018*

**Sharon Lynn**

*Secretary 2017-2019*

**Ignacio Moore**

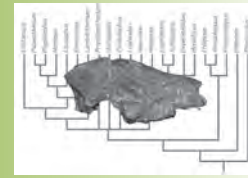
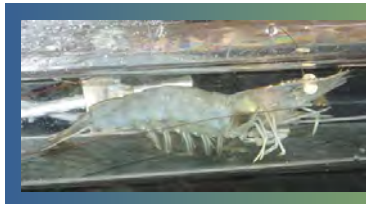
*Program Officer 2016-2018*

**Brian Walker**

*Program Officer-Elect 2017-2018*

**Christine Lattin**

*Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee  
Representative 2015-2018*



Congratulations to Chair-Elect **Kathleen Hunt** from Northern Arizona University and Secretary-Elect **Tim Greives** from North Dakota State University. Our division will continue to be in good hands when they assume their duties.

Two last items. First, it is never too early to start planning for Tampa in 2019 and Austin in 2020. We are always looking for timely and interesting symposia and workshops. If you have an idea and would be interested in organizing a symposium or workshop, see me or other members of the DCE Executive Committee during the meeting. We would be delighted to listen and help. Second, please remember that we need to continue building the fund to support the Bern Lecture. Consider donating to the Bern Fund this year so that we can make progress towards making the fund self-sustaining.

This is my last newsletter as Chair. I've enjoyed serving the division, but after the meeting I will be handing the reins over to the very capable **Loren Buck**.

I look forward to seeing everyone in San Francisco!

## Message from the Program Officer

*Ignacio Moore, [DPO.DCE@SICB.org](mailto:DPO.DCE@SICB.org)*

The programing meeting for San Francisco just occurred during the first week of October, and we are in for a great conference. We have over 1950 submitted abstracts for the conference, which is a new record! The DCE program will be strong and exciting with over one hundred presentations spread out over eight oral sessions and posters each day, in addition to symposia and complementary sessions.

The DCE Gorbman Student Oral Presentation Competition is scheduled for its own session the first full day of the conference, with six exciting talks making the final selection. The DCE Riddiford Student Poster Presentation Competition is also that day and includes 18 presentations. These Best Student Presentations promise to be impressive and represent the future of the division and field in general. Many thanks to **Laura Carruth** who agreed to be the chief judge again this year and **Sharon Lynn** who helped select the talk finalists. If you are interested in serving as a judge for these competitions, please contact Laura directly ([lcarruth@gsu.edu](mailto:lcarruth@gsu.edu)).

The **Bern Lecture** will be given by **David Norris**. He literally wrote the book on comparative endocrinology. We will follow the lecture with the division social.

Regarding the division social, we will be trying something new this year. We will have a combined DCE/DEDE/DAB/DNNSB social which we will be doing off-site at the Laughing Bear Organic Brewery (<http://thirstybear.com>). It is a short 10-min walk from the conference venue and should be a lot of fun. We will have a reserved area for our social, and they serve great beer and food. In addition, we will continue our now traditional Data Blitz. This has proved to be a highlight of the meeting and a great time!

The DCE business meeting will be: Friday 5 Jan 2018 at 5:45-6:30 pm in room Nob Hill A/B.

Please plan on talking to division officers about planning a symposium for future conferences. We already have some great symposia planned for 2019 conference and need to keep up the momentum for the future.

## Message from the Secretary

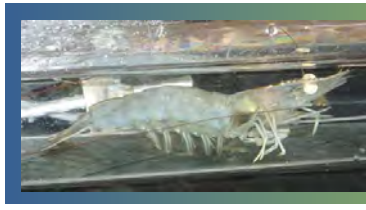
*Sharon Lynn, [secretary.DCE@sicb.org](mailto:secretary.DCE@sicb.org)*

Time flies, and another SICB meeting is just around the corner! The 2018 SICB meeting in San Francisco promises to be an interesting one with excellent DCE representation.

I join the other divisional officers in congratulating the winners of the DCE elections for Chair-Elect and Secretary-Elect this past spring. We were lucky to have four excellent candidates run for these positions, and we appreciate the time our members took to vote. Congratulations to Chair-Elect **Kathleen Hunt** and Secretary-Elect **Tim Greives**! We look forward to your input and contributions in these positions.

As Michael and Ignacio have described above, we are delighted to have **David Norris** giving the **Howard Bern lecture** at the San Francisco meeting. And, our new multi-division social which will follow his lecture promises to be a fun time. Please also be sure to carve out time to come to the **DCE business meeting** this year (January 5th at 5:45 pm) to ensure that you get the latest divisional updates and that your voice is heard with regard to important divisional decisions.

Also, if you haven't already, please join our **Facebook group**. This continues to be a great venue for asking endocrinology-related questions, connecting with colleagues, and posting announcements about jobs, funding opportunities, and conferences. We are getting close to 250 members, and would like to keep the group growing!



Don't forget that you can email me at [secretary.DCE@sicb.org](mailto:secretary.DCE@sicb.org) with any announcements you would like to have included in the SICB monthly member update. If you would like to do this, please be sure to do so by the 5th of each month.

Below are some **upcoming meetings** to mark on your calendars:

- Endocrine Society Annual Meeting: March 17-20, 2018, Chicago, IL.
- Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting: May 7-11, 2018, Memorial University, St. John's (Newfoundland and Labrador)
- Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Annual Meeting (joint meeting with the 9th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology): July 15-18, 2018, Toronto, Ontario.
- Animal Behavior Society Annual Meeting: August 2-6, 2018, Milwaukee, WI.
- Evolution Annual Meeting (2nd Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology): August 19-22, 2018, Montpellier, France.
- Society for Experimental Biology: July 3-6, 2018, Florence, Italy.
- 29th Conference of European Comparative Endocrinology: August 19-23, 2018, Glasgow, United Kingdom.

I look forward to seeing you all in San Francisco! Safe travels.

## Message from the Student/Post-doctoral Affairs Committee Representative

*Suzanne Austin, [shaustin@ucdavis.edu](mailto:shaustin@ucdavis.edu)*

It's autumn again, and SICB 2018 in San Francisco is just around the corner! Here's a quick run-down of SICB meeting information that's most pertinent to graduate students and postdocs. If you haven't had a chance, please review the [meeting website](#) for more details.

First, be sure to register!! Presenters must register by November 6th. The early fee deadline is Dec. 4th.

Are you looking for **Meeting funding**? Of particular interest are the **Charlotte Magnum awards, Broadening Participation Travel Awards, and Dorothy M. Skinner Award Fund**. The deadline for all travel grants was October 20. If you're looking for a roommate, please take advantage of SICB's [roommate matching service](#).

If you're on Facebook, please consider joining the **DCE Facebook group**! Twitter users, you can also follow and live-tweet this year's meeting using **#SICB2018**.

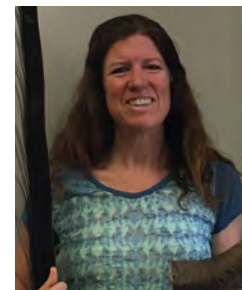
There will be **childcare** at SICB. Please check [here](#) for more information. For international travelers, there are more restrictions this year. Please review the [SICB website](#) for details.

## Meeting Events to keep in mind:

- New attendees should consider attending the **Training Session and First-Timer's Orientation** on January 3rd. If this is your first time at SICB, this orientation helps you get the most out of the meeting. It's also **mandatory for Charlotte Magnum funding recipients**.
- **Data Blitz VI**: This ever-popular event (not to mention hilariously educational) will continue this year!!! Quick recap for those of you unfamiliar with the Blitz: it occurs during the DCE social and is a fun (and speedy) way to share your research! You have 2 min to discuss your project and results in the most creative/funny way possible. Format is completely open. In the past, people have crafted poems, limericks, songs, stop-motion animation, etc. Students, post-docs, and junior faculty are encouraged to participate!! If you're interested or have questions, please contact me at [shaustin@ucdavis.edu](mailto:shaustin@ucdavis.edu) or [@suzanneaustin](https://twitter.com/suzanneaustin) (Twitter).
- **SICB's Society-Wide Wine and Cheese Reception in Honor of Students and Postdocs** will be held on January 4th. It's an opportunity for networking and free food!
- **Lunch with a Comparative Endocrinologist**: After a highly successful inaugural year (thanks, **Christine Lattin!**), this event will be held again this year. Groups of students will be matched with a comparative endocrinologist for lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet researchers, and ask any burning questions you have about their research, funding, the job/job market, etc. This year, I'd like to include people both inside and outside of academia. If you're a professional researcher in comparative endocrinology in academia OR a trained endocrinologist (who is continuing to use your training) outside of academia, and have time to have lunch with students, please contact me. Graduate students and postdocs: I will be sending around information about how to participate in this event as the meeting nears.



*Tim Greives, DCE's upcoming Secretary-Elect*



*Kathleen Hunt, DCE's upcoming Chair-Elect*