



Division of Ecology and Evolution

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Message from the Chair

Robert M. Cox, Chair.DEE@sicb.org

I'm guessing that most of you are as excited as I am about SICB returning to San Francisco, the site of one of my personal favorite meetings back in 2013. So, get ready for five days of great science (not to mention great beer, wine, and food) in a fun and beautiful city! Here are a few quick tips to get the most out of the meeting and your membership in DEE:

1. Check out one of the five **Symposia supported by DEE**. With topics ranging from the evolution of early animals and the endocrine system to urban adaptation and the evolutionary loss of eyes, these symposia highlight a key role of DEE in providing the ecological and evolutionary context that integrates the many excellent "mechanistic" divisions of our Society. See Chris Tracy's message below for more details.
2. Attend the **DEE Business Meeting** on Thursday, January 4, at 5:45-6:30 pm. This is a great way to meet the DEE members who help out behind the scenes, learn more about what is happening in the Division and the Society as a whole, and make your voice heard in planning the future of the Division.
3. Check out the **DEE Huey Award symposium** for best student presentation on January 4 at 7:00-9:45 am featuring talks by eight finalists selected from a very competitive pool of over 35 applicants (our largest competition to date)! Given the very high quality of the Huey Award talks and posters in recent years, this has quickly become one of the must-see events of the meeting for me.
4. Sign up for the **5th annual DEE Beer & Brains** event at the [Barrel Head Brewhouse](#) on the night of Friday, January 5. Students, look for an email in late December to reserve your spot (and remember that space is limited and this event always fills up quickly). DEE faculty, email me if you are interested in participating as a "Brain."
5. Ask yourself: **What science do I want to see at SICB 2020 in Austin, TX?** Then, dream up a symposium that you could organize for that meeting. Talk to colleagues who might contribute to or co-organize the event. Pitch your idea to the DEE officers. Remember that **SICB is your society**, and this is a great way to bring the topics that interest you into the limelight for an upcoming meeting!

See you in San Francisco!

Bob



Message from the Program Officer

Chris Tracy, DPO.DEE@sicb.org

October brings with it Fall leaf colors, baseball playoffs, and the Program meeting for the upcoming SICB meeting in just a few months. This year's meeting is back in San Francisco, after just a few years' absence. The program officers met in early October to organize over 1950 abstracts (just over last year's record mark of 1940!) 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 Marriott Marquis, located in downtown San Francisco, with convenient access to the BART train system (two blocks away), and to the rich blend of culture and dining that San Francisco has to offer.

Here are a few highlights of the upcoming meeting. The meeting will start off with the plenary lecture by Carl Zimmer, *"Science and Scandal: Reporting on Biology In An Age of Controversy"*. In addition to an exciting selection of presentations this year, there are eleven symposia covering a wide range of topics. Five of these should be of particular interest to DEE members: On January 4, "From small and squishy to big and armored: Genomic, ecological and paleontological insights into the early evolution of animals" (organizers: David Williams and Natalie Holt), and "Evolution in the dark: Unifying understanding of eye loss" (organizers: Megan Porter and Lauren Sumner-Rooney); January 5 includes: "Science through narrative: Engaging broad audiences" (organizers: Sara Elshafie, Stuart Sumida, and Bram Lutton), and "Understanding the evolution of endocrine system variation through large-scale comparative analyses" (organizers: Maren Vitousek, Jerry Husak, and Michele Johnson); and January 7 features "Behavioral and physiological adaptation to urban environments" (organizers: Jenny Ouyang and Davide Dominoni). 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 4 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 after the poster sessions. Second, DEE has joined with DCPB this year for a combined social and reception after the Bartholomew lecture, so come mingle with friends from within DEE and DCPB. Finally, the 5th 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.

Message from the Secretary

Michael E. Dillon, 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. Chris Tracy will hand over the reins of Program Officer to Michelle Nishiguchi at the end of the 2018 meeting in San Francisco. Robert Cox will begin his 2nd and final year as Chair, with Cameron Ghalambor starting his term as Chair at the end of the 2019 meeting. Martha Muñoz will take over as Secretary at the end of that 2019 meeting as well.

Next spring, we will be running elections for Chair-elect and Program Officer elect. The Chair-elect will serve 2 years in that position before becoming chair and the Program Officer elect will serve 1 year before becoming Program Officer. 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 Jan. 4, 5:45 pm)! This a great opportunity for all DEE 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. Of course, 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 San Francisco.

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



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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.

Michael

2018 Meeting Information

The 2018 SICB Annual Meeting and Exhibition will be held 3-7 January 2018 at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, 780 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA. As has been the case with recent meetings, 7 January will be a full day ending with the Society-wide reception for students and postdocs. 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)

SEE YOU IN SAN FRANCISCO!

