

## Division of Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology

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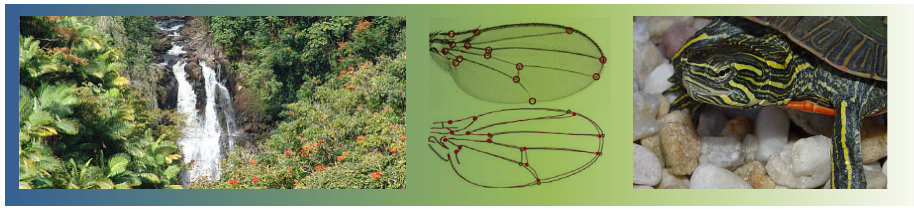
### Message from the Chair

Travis Wilcoxon, [Chair.DEDE@sicb.org](mailto:Chair.DEDE@sicb.org)

The 2019 meeting in Tampa is quickly approaching! Florida and January sounds like a great combination. Our division is sponsoring three symposia at this meeting. One symposium marks the launch of the addition of plant research to our scientific program. This symposium is a SICB-wide symposium entitled **Integrative Plant Biology** and it is organized by Matt Ogburn and Erika Edwards. We are also supporting **The world is not flat; Accounting for the dynamic nature of the environment as we move beyond static experimental manipulations**, which is also a SICB-wide symposium organized by DEDE members Timothy Greives and Rachel Bowden. The third symposium sponsored by DEDE hits closest to home, **The scale of sickness: how immune variation across space and species affects infectious disease dynamics**, organized by a slate of current and/or former DEDE officers, Daniel Becker, Laura Schoenle, Cynthia Downs, and Marty Martin. There will be many DEDE presentations in complementary sessions to these symposia as well.

Following our divisional election of a Chair-Elect this past summer, the DEDE Chair position will be housed at Millikin University for a while. Congratulations to Laura Zimmerman on her election as Chair-Elect, and thank you to others who accepted nominations to run for officer positions. After the 2019 Annual Meeting in Tampa, we will need to elect each a Secretary-Elect and a Program Officer-Elect. With the exception of students and post-docs, anyone who feels called to serve and help lead this division is encouraged to let me, or any of the other officers, know of your interest in a role as an officer so that we may discuss the responsibilities of that position with you and work towards getting your candidate profile in the newsletter and your name on the ballot. As you can see from our current and past officer slates and candidate profiles, officers come from large universities, small universities, government agencies, and other research institutions. We simply need people who genuinely care about the future of DEDE and who are willing to commit some of their time to leading us into that future.

I would like to thank Laura Schoenle for her service as the DEDE Student/Post Doc Representative. Laura is no longer in a Post Doc position, so our new Student/Post Doc Representative is Ashley Love. Welcome Ashley! I am hopeful that we will be able to coordinate a Lunch with an Ecoimmunologist program for the 2019 meeting. I encourage DEDE members to participate in those activities in the future. I was one of the PI's in this program last year. While I hope I offered valuable input, I was most struck by the interactions among the other three participants, which clearly helped them develop their own (sometimes simultaneous) roles as mentee and mentor.



In closing, I encourage everyone to consider submitting symposia proposals for the 2021 Washington, DC meeting. The deadline for 2021 symposia proposals is only nine months away! As always, please contact me or the DEDE Program Officer with proposal ideas and questions about divisional support.

I hope the rest of 2018 is good to you and I will see you in Tampa!

### Message from the Program Officer

Greg Demas, [DPO.DEDE@sicb.org](mailto:DPO.DEDE@sicb.org)

Once again, Tampa, Florida is shaping up to be another outstanding SICB meeting. This year we received 1,835 abstracts, including over 1,000 talks and more than 800 posters. There will be 140 sessions and 12 symposia. DEDE will host five oral sessions on diverse topics including, microbiome, sickness, host-pathogen/parasite interactions, and immune tradeoffs — as well as three poster sessions occurring over three days (40 posters). There is also a divisional symposium, “*The scale of sickness: How immune variation across space and species affects infectious disease dynamics*” organized by Daniel Becker, Laura Schoenle, Cynthia Downs, and Lynn (Marty) Martin scheduled on Friday, January 4th. As in previous years, we will have great student representation at the conference with 27 students competing for the Best Student Presentation (BSP) Award (and a special BSP oral session on Friday January 4th). As always, we have done our best to minimize scheduling conflicts; however please keep in mind that with the large volume of talks, it is impossible to eliminate all conflicts. All SICB presenters must be registered for the conference by **November 6th**.

To continue to foster SICB as an intellectual home for ecoimmunologists and disease ecologists, it is critical that we continue to organize relevant symposia. As you attend symposia, talks, and posters, please make notes about exciting topics in emerging areas of research within our fields. These topics are excellent candidates for the basis for an upcoming symposia in future meetings. As always, if you have an idea for a symposium please contact incoming program officer Cynthia Downs ([dpo.dede@sicb.org](mailto:dpo.dede@sicb.org)) or our Division Chair Travis Wilcoxon ([chair.dede@sicb.org](mailto:chair.dede@sicb.org)).

Tampa should prove to be an excellent location for our annual meeting and, come January, a much needed break

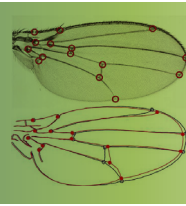
from the cold for most of us. The meeting takes place in the Tampa Convention Center, and the main meeting hotel is the Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel & Marina, which is adjacent to Convention Center and only steps from the Tampa Riverwalk, Florida Zoo, Channelside Tampa, Amalie Arena and Water Street Tampa. We were informed that there is a high probability of witnessing dolphins, manatees, and rays in the nearby waters if you're observant.

Tampa International Airport (TPA) is just 8.3 miles away so it should be a relatively quick (~20 min) trip once you arrive. SuperShuttle/ExecuCar is offering airport transportation with rate of \$12.00 one-way and \$20.00 round trip from Tampa International Airport.

You can find out more about hotel accommodations and transportation to and from the meeting this year at [www.sicb.org/meetings/2019/travel.php](http://www.sicb.org/meetings/2019/travel.php). Please be aware that SICB has learned that some travel companies not officially affiliated with the society are contacting attendees to assist with hotel reservations for the meeting. If you are contacted by travel booking agencies, SICB strongly urges you NOT to utilize their services; book hotel accommodations through the SICB web page or contact the hotel directly.

Be sure to attend the DEDE Division Business Meeting held on Friday, January 4th, from 5:45-6:30pm. Also, be sure to catch the Bern Lecture on Saturday, January 5th, followed by our social at 8:00pm. DEDE is once again partnering with the Divisions of Comparative Endocrinology (DCE), Animal Behavior (DAB) and Neurobiology, Neuroethology, and Sensory Biology (DNNSB) for our social. It will be held at Tampa Convention Center and should be an enjoyable way for our members to meet and promote broader interactions across our related research interests.

One last note about the meeting, while we do our best to match talks with sessions, occasionally presenters feel their talks would have fit better in a different session. If so, we ask for your help to address this issue for future meetings. Talks are organized into sessions primarily based on the topics selected during the abstract submission process, and not with respect to your divisional affiliation. Please make sure the topics you select accurately represent the session you would like to be part of. Looking forward to another great SICB meeting. See you in Tampa!



## Message from the Secretary

Jim Adelman, [Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org](mailto:Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org)

I join my fellow officers in looking forward to seeing you all in Tampa! And I'd like to offer a quick welcome to both Laura Zimmerman, who will soon become our new Chair-elect and Ashley Love, who is taking over as the Graduate Student/Postdoc Representative. In addition, sincere thanks to those who ran in our recent election — we are a strong division because of your involvement and willingness to serve. And to Laura Schoenle, who is departing as Graduate Student/Postdoc Representative, thank you so much for your work. It was great to have you on board, and we wish you the best of luck in your new position!

I'll also echo Travis Wilcoxon's call that we'll be electing new Secretary-Elect and new Program Officer-Elect positions in spring of 2019. Those positions would start (as –elect officers) in 2020, assuming full responsibilities in 2021. Please see any of the current officers and officers-elect if you're interested in running for either position. On that note, I'd like to thank all the fellow officers, past and present, for their hard work during my term as Secretary. It's been an honor and a pleasure to work with you and with all of the division members.

Finally, my standard reminder that, although our newsletter only comes twice a year, you can always use the Monthly Member Updates to share information about meetings, workshops, or other opportunities for in ecoimmunology and disease ecology. If you have announcements or information you'd like to share with DEDE members, please send it to me ([Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org](mailto:Secretary.DEDE@sicb.org)) no later than the 4th of any given month. I'll make sure that gets into the Monthly Member Updates.

Looking forward to Florida!

## Message from the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative

Laura Schoenle ([Laura.Schoenle@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.Schoenle@gmail.com))

SICB 2019 in Tampa is right around the corner! Here is a quick of review of meeting information that's particularly relevant for graduate students and postdocs. Visit the [meeting web site](#) for more details.

## Before the meeting

- Don't forget to [register online](#). **The deadline for presenters is November 6, 2018.**
- Information about the meeting hotel and transportation to and from the airport can be found [here](#).
- Need a roommate? Check out SICB's automated [roommate matching service](#).
- We will be organizing our annual *Lunch with an Ecoimmunologist/Disease Ecologist*. Stay tuned to email, Facebook, and Twitter to for updates about the sign-up process.

## At the meeting

- New attendees should consider attending the Training Session and First-Timer's Orientation on January 3rd, 5:30-6:30 pm. The meeting is mandatory for Charlotte Magnum funding recipients.
- The Student-Postdoctoral Affairs committee is hosting a brown bag workshop on designing and presenting posters on January 4th (12-1:30 pm).
- In addition to the SICB-wide symposia, DEDE is sponsoring two symposia:
  - [The scale of sickness: how immune variation across space and species affects infectious disease dynamics](#) (January 4th)
  - [Chemical responses to the biotic and abiotic environment by early diverging metazoans revealed in the post-genomic age](#) (January 6th)
- Other workshops and programs at the meeting, including [Sketchnotes: a hands-on visual note taking workshop](#), are posted [here](#).
- Don't forget to attend the DEDE social! Keep an eye on the web site and social media for the date and location.
- Follow and live-tweet the meeting on Twitter using #SICB2018