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The program for the 2003 meeting holds much to interest DSEB members. We especially want to highlight the symposium "Patterns and Processes in the Evolution of Fishes" organized by Francesco Santini and Gustavo Ybazeta. They have brought together a remarkable diversity of speakers and perspectives; there is certain to be something of interest for everyone, ichthyologist or not. In connection with this symposium, Francesco and Gustavo are organizing this year's installment of the popular "Phylogenetics for Dummies" workshop. Their topic is the problem of character identification. They will be presenting examples using morphological, molecular and behavioural data.

We want to congratulate and thank Jonathan Jeffery and Robert Guralnick. Their proposal for a symposium on the uses of sequence data was accepted at recent program officers meeting. This symposium will be presented at the 2004 meeting in New Orleans. The speakers will discuss analyses of many different kinds of sequences, including developmental patterns.

Now is a good time to begin developing your idea for a DSEB symposium for the 2005 meeting. Email your ideas, even primordial ones to Don Swiderski (dlswider@umich.edu).

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto.