

## Division of Neurobiology

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### **Message from the Chair**

*James Murray*

We are all looking forward to the annual meeting in Seattle to enjoy posters, talks, coffee, and SCUBA diving.

I'll add a plug for a graduate course in neuroethology being taught by Shaun Cain and myself at the Friday Harbor Labs in summer 2010 [<http://depts.washington.edu/fhl>]. Please spread the word to interested grad students and advanced undergrads.

I have arranged for a member of DNB to borrow for 1-2 years equipment for neurophysiological recording from ADInstruments. I will be arranging the details of this competition soon and we will be sending out a Request for Proposals.

We are still seeking nominations for officers. I hope some of you will consider running for DNB office. Please contact me with ideas.

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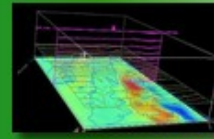
### **Message from the Program Officer**

*Duane McPherson*

#### **SICB 2010 in Seattle**

A total of 1318 abstracts were submitted for the 2010 meeting, which makes it one of the largest SICB meetings ever. In the Division of Neurobiology, the number of abstracts is up from last year by about 30%. As in Boston, the posters will be spread across three days, in groups of 12-15. The contributed oral presentations are organized into two all-morning sessions on Monday and Tuesday. In addition, there are a number of other neuro-related presentations in other sessions.

As always, we need volunteers to act as judges for the Best Student Presentation awards! If you are willing, please contact one of



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the program officers. You can also very easily sign up for judging when you register on-line for the meeting.

The business meeting for DNB is scheduled for Monday afternoon January 4 at 5:15 p.m. We expect that meeting to be completed by 5:45 or so, and our social is scheduled to take place in the Sheraton hotel beginning at 6:00. We are hosting our social in conjunction with Animal Behavior, by which we hope to bring our related groups closer together.

Special Note: there will be a workshop on Wednesday, related to the Grand Challenges for Organismal Biology. These Grand Challenges were developed by SICB members during the past year. The National Science Foundation has taken interest in these and there is a prospect that NSF may reorganize its priorities with greater attention toward the importance of the organism in biological studies. To promote discussion of how the Grand Challenges may be implemented, the Executive Officers of SICB, and in particular Program Officer-Elect Brian Tsukimura, have organized this workshop to initiate discussions with the authors of the Grand Challenges papers (published in the last four issues of *Integrative & Comparative Biology*). There will also be officers from several external societies present to enhance the discussion. Societies that have agreed to participate are Sigma Xi, Ecological Society of America, Society for Developmental Biology, American Physiological Society, Animal Behavior Society, and American Soci-

ety for Cell Biology. We hope you will be able to attend this important event. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3:00 p.m.

### **SICB 2011 in Salt Lake City**

The two DNB-sponsored symposia proposed for SICB 2011 were approved by the SICB Program Committee at their meeting in Seattle on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The topics of the symposia are Neuroecology, organized by Charles Derby, and Neuronal Mechanisms of Central Pattern Generators, organized by Duane McPherson. This is good news for DNB and should make the 2011 meeting very attractive for neurobiologists. Please spread the word and continue to encourage your neuro-oriented colleagues to submit their abstracts to SICB.

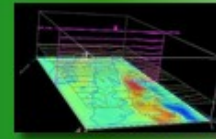
### **SICB 2012 in Charleston, S.C.**

Now is the time to begin planning symposia for the 2012 meeting in Charleston. If you have ideas, please share them with your divisional officers and/or bring them to discuss when we meet in Seattle.

### **Damaged Journal Issues**

If your copy of ICB is damaged in the mail, call the SICB office for prompt replacement:

800-955-1236. Don't bother calling Oxford Press about it, as they will be unable to help you.



## Message from the Secretary

*Tom Pirtle*

Greetings to all members of the Division of Neurobiology and other interested readers. We look forward to the January 2010 meeting in Seattle, Washington. The Welcome Seattle Reception and Opening Plenary Session are scheduled for January 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are several symposia this year, two of which are cosponsored by the Division of Neurobiology. These two symposia are: Integrative Migration Biology and Contemporary Approaches to the Study of the Evolution of Fish Body Plan and Fin Shape. We anticipate many student presentations and posters within the DNB and this means that we will need some volunteers to help judge the presentations! It's important and not too difficult. Some additional important dates to keep are the Graduate Student/Post Docs welcome on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Graduate Student Workshop on January 6<sup>th</sup> and the SICB Society-Wide Social in Honor of Students and Post Docs on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the early fee registration deadline is November 30, 2009. Please visit [www.sicb.org/meetings/2010/registration.php3](http://www.sicb.org/meetings/2010/registration.php3) for additional information regarding the 2010 SICB meeting in Seattle. See you in Seattle.