

President's Corner

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There is little rest for the weary, so after a very successful meeting in Philadelphia in late July, the SDB is turning its attention to the 2009 and the next annual meeting, which will be held in lovely San Francisco July 23-27. 2009 represents a landmark year for the society for a number of reasons. First, it is the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Society for the Study of Development and Growth, in North Truro, MA, by the editors of the journal *Growth*, at the end of the First Symposium on Growth and Development. The name was changed to Society for

Developmental Biology in 1965 to reflect the broader context of the discipline. To highlight this historical event, the meeting will include a symposium focused on the history of developmental biology to give context on how the subject matter has evolved and changed over the past 200 years or so.

Second, it is the 50th anniversary of the society's journal, *Developmental Biology*, initially published by Academic Press and then under the auspices of SDB in 1966. To celebrate this important event, the meeting will have a *DB* sponsored Symposium on Evolution of Developmental Regulatory Systems that parallels a new section of the journal with this focus. In addition, past and present *DB* journal editors will actively participate in many aspects of the program. We will also have commemorative lectures at the 2009 SDB Regional Meetings.

Third, this is the 150th anniversary of publication of Darwin's "Origin of Species." Thus, we will use this forum to emphasize science education/literacy and importance of evolution in understanding how our planet works.

I encourage all of you to plan your schedules so that you can attend this great upcoming meeting that both reflects upon our past and looks toward our future. Remember to keep your membership current, and encourage your students and colleagues to join the society, as travel awards and consideration for short talks require SDB membership in good standing. Hope to see you in San Francisco!

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