

Denver Conference Preview

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Must-See Programs for Denver 2007

The Division's 2007 Programming Committee has created a wonderful line-up of stimulating sessions and continuing education, plus a not-to-be-missed tour for the Denver conference. Here are some of the highlights of sessions for which DBIO is the lead division:

Saturday, June 2

The PhD Experience: A full-day Continuing Education course, led by **Dr. Michele Tennant and Dr. Kevin Messner**, introduces participants to the training and activities of basic biomedical science researchers. The scientific method, nature of "research", and models of graduate programs will be addressed. Basic science disciplines (e.g. molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, etc.), model organisms and clinically-relevant technologies will be described. Ph.D. and M.D. training programs will be compared and contrasted. Attendees will explore the role that special libraries and librarians have in serving the needs of such researchers.

Sunday, June 3

Vendor Networking Breakfast: Enjoy a free breakfast while hearing about the latest innovations and products from vendors of interest to Division members.

DBIO Reception and Poster Presentations: Meet and mingle over hors d'oeuvres, while viewing your colleagues' poster presentations.

Monday, June 4

Issues and Innovations in Biomedical and Life Sciences Librarianship: DBIO Contributed Papers: Another free breakfast and the opportunity to learn about innovative projects your colleagues are undertaking.

First, Do No Harm—Information, Teamwork and Patient Safety: Medical Section program: Errors are inevitable in fast-paced, complex settings like hospitals. Information professionals can play a pivotal role in creating a culture of workplace safety; facilitating effective information and knowledge sharing through increased understanding of skills, including: teamwork, communication, assertiveness, decision-making, leadership. Although applicable in a variety of settings, the primary focus of the talk will be on patient safety. **Speaker: Dr. Michael Leonard, Kaiser Permanente.**

Tuesday, June 5

Mad Deer! Prions and Chronic Wasting Disease: Prions are infectious proteins that cause many diseases, in both humans and animals, called spongiform encephalopathies. Two of the best known are bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease) and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease. This program will address how prions are created, as well as the impact of resulting disease, notably chronic wasting disease, on wildlife in Colorado and other regions. **Speaker: Dr. Mike Miller, Colorado Division of Wildlife.**

Coexisting with Wildlife: What's that coyote doing with my cat?: Bears in our gardens, skunks under our houses, raccoons rumbling our garbage, deer munching our roses; it's becoming very common to encounter wildlife in our own backyards and towns. As our cities and suburbs expand, wildlife are being displaced or are moving into new habitats. Panelists will discuss their research and programs to help us coexist with the wild things. **Speakers: Dr. Stewart Breck, USDA Animal Health Inspection Service's National Wildlife Research Center; Dr. Kenneth Logan, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Montrose, Colorado; Stephen Vantassel, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.**

Wednesday, June 6

Future Shock! Libraries for Next-Gen Science and Scientists: Academic Sci-Tech librarians' roundtable: Facilitated discussions will focus on academic libraries and their roles in leading-edge science and the new generation of scientists.

Living the High Life: High Altitude Medicine: This session will explore what impact the high altitude of Denver has on visitors (such as conference-goers) and on people who live there full time. **Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Honigman, CCAMP (Colorado Center for Altitude Medicine and Physiology).**

Thursday, June 7

Tour: Denver Museum of Nature and Science: You definitely won't want to miss the chance of a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum, located in the heart of beautiful City Park. This enormous facility just completed an incredible expansion and now includes a state-of-the-art Planetarium! We will experience nearly ninety wildlife exhibits from around the world in diorama form. A hands-on experience in the "Hall of Life" Experimental Gallery allows you to explore fitness, nutrition, genetics, stress and substance abuse. Prehistoric Journey is an exhibit not to be missed—take a 3.8-billion-year journey through the history of life, including the Museum's famous dinosaurs. The cost for this tour is only \$20, which includes transportation to and from the museum. This is a half-day tour in the morning.

Other events you won't want to miss include the business meetings at which you can learn more about the Division's plans for the future. These meetings are the Division's Business Meeting, Tuesday morning at 7:00, and the Open Board meeting on Wednesday, also at 7:00. Members of the Natural History Caucus will meet on Monday afternoon.

Among the sessions the DBIO is co-sponsoring are two continuing education courses, a session featuring Roy Tennant and a session on "designer drugs." More details on these will be found on the online planner and in the spring issue of *Biofeedback*.

Many thanks to all the members of the committee for their hard work in putting together these great programs. We all look forward to seeing DBIO members in Denver!