

March 22, 2012  
SSB Mid-Year Council Report  
Bryan Carstens, Program Chair

A report on the Program front:

- 1) Our three symposia are scheduled for the Oklahoma meetings:

**New phylogenetic methods for quantitative trait evolution**

Organizers: Cécile Ané (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Liam J. Revell (University of Massachusetts Boston)

**Predictive approaches for assessing the fit of evolutionary models**

Organizer: Jeremy M. Brown (Louisiana State University)

**The Ernst Mayr Symposium. Organizer:**

Sydney Cameron

- 2) The final schedule for the meeting has not been released as of today. However, the meeting organizers have been informed of the business meetings, presidential address, and symposia.

- 3) Looking forward to 2013.... The 'call for symposia' will be posted on evoldir, ecolog, taxacom, the SSB Forum, and the SSB website by the end of May, with a closing date of October 2011. I will also send out announcements to the SSB membership, and post it on the SSB website. As a reminder, we changed the date for symposium proposal deadline from May to early October so that we could solicit potential leaders at the meetings in June.

- 4) I am serving in my first year as program director. Kelly Zamudio is helping to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Sincerely

Bryan Carstens