

## **INFORMATION ABOUT POSTDOCTORAL SYMPOSIUM**

Since 2006, at the request of postdoctoral fellow members, the SDB Board of Directors (BOD) approved the introduction of the Postdoctoral Symposium, which is organized by postdocs who also select the eight speakers from the submitted abstracts. The winning abstracts by the best postdoctoral presenters at each SDB Regional Meeting are automatically entered into this pool for review and selection, forging a close connection among the SDB regional and annual meetings.

The Symposium co-chairs (2-3, selected by the Meeting Program Committee and BOD) will have the opportunity to learn about the peer-review process, session organizing and chairing skills. A BOD member volunteers to mentor this process. Principal investigators/ lab chiefs find this a very good occasion to evaluate potential candidates for positions in their laboratories.

This year's Symposium has received generous sponsorship from Genentech and the 8 selected postdoctoral speakers will each receive a Genentech Postdoctoral Award of \$400 to help defray meeting expenses. Only current (2009 membership dues paid) postdoctoral members at the time of abstract submission are eligible to request consideration for a short talk at the Postdoctoral Symposium.