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The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

“Organizational Meeting”

- Biology welcomes new Assistant Professors: Drs. Mary-Pat Stein and Liyun Liu
- *Serving the Community*: Professor Pete Edmunds was featured in an interview for the OceanChannel.com; Professor Jennifer Matos assumes three-year term as President of CSUN’s Faculty Senate
- *Research Funding*: As reported in the *LA Daily News*, Professor Steve Oppenheimer received a four-year \$400K grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences for his research on the mechanisms of cell adhesion
- *Publications*: Professor Pete Edmunds published papers in *Ecology* (coauthored with his former graduate student Robin Elahi), the *Royal Society of London* (featured on the cover), and *Marine Biology*; Assistant Professor Cindy Malone published papers in the *Journal of Molecular Biology* and *Mutation Research*
- *Student Awards*: Graduate student Ray Hernandez (Advisor: Dr. Espinoza) received a best oral presentation award at the Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in New Orleans, LA; graduate student April Ochoa (Advisor: Dr. Cohen) was awarded a Graduate Equity Grant (\$2000)
- *Travelers Near and Far*: Associate Professor Fritz Hertel returned from a month of research in Perú; Professor Polly Schiffman visited the Gregor Mendel Museum at the Augustinian Abbey in Brno, Czech Republic; Professor Paul Wilson collected 340 moss specimens in the eastern Sierra Nevada
- *New Monikers*: a newly described lizard from Argentina (*Liolaemus espinozai*) and an oral bacterium from a San Fernando Valley cat (*Conchiformibius kuhniae*) were recently named after Associate Professor Bobby Espinoza and Emeritus Professor Daisy Kuhn, respectively
- The Biology Ecology & Evolution Reading group meets this Friday at 3:30 PM in LO 1322. First meeting = free soft drinks and pizza!