

Activities Report 2015

General information

The European Society for Evolutionary Biology was founded in the year 1987. On January 27, 2010 the society placed its constitution on record in a notarial act. The society is registered at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce with registration number 09216606.

Purpose

The purpose of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology is to support the study of organic evolution. For this reason, the society:

- releases the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*;
- organizes congresses and scientific meetings;
- supports scientific research concerning organic evolution;
- supports activities to promote a scientific view of organic evolution in education and research.

Steering Committee

On December 31 2015, the board of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology consisted of the following members:

- Leo W. Beukeboom,
- Roger K. Butlin,
- Jacintha Ellers,
- J. Hinrich Graf von der Schulenburg,
- Laurent Keller,
- Juha Merilä,
- Michael G. Ritchie,
- Nina Wedell.

ESEB performed the following activities during 2015

In accordance with the foreseen activities in the Policy Plan 2013-2015 the following activities have been realised. See the accompanying annual Budget Plan for the detailed accounting of these activities.

- Publication of the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*
- Preparation for the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Groningen in 2017
- Preparation for the joint congress of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) and the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE) in Montpellier in 2018
- Selection of the venues of the ESEB Congress in 2019 (Turku, Finland) and 2021 (Prague, Czech Republic)
- Sponsoring of the annual meeting of European PhD students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) with €15,000

- Selection of the JMS Prize winner 2015 (Budget € 5,000)
- Managing the Society's Conference Travel Award Initiative (Budget € 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Awards Initiative (Budget € 10,000)
- Managing the Society's Global Training Initiative (Budget € 12,000)
- Managing the Society's Outreach Initiative (Budget € 20,000)
- Managing the Society's Special Topic Networks Initiative (Budget € 60,000)
- Managing the Society's Stearns Graduate Students Prize (Budget € 1,000)
- Established the Society's Equal Opportunities Initiative (€ 15,000)

These activities will be continued in 2016 in accordance with the Policy Plan 2015-2017

In addition, (the Executive Board of) ESEB has been involved in

- Maintaining the Society's contacts with Wiley Blackwell for publication of the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*
- An agreement with our North American sister society, the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE), on the launching of a new journal "Evolution Letters" in 2017
- Managing the Society's memberships
- Managing the Society's financial situation in terms of expenditures and income, as well as its bank accounts
- Preparing a budget plan for 2016 and a long-term spending plan
- Managing the ESEB office
- Organization of the Elections of new board members
- General other businesses associated with the Society

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Date

Name

Signature

Laurent Keller

Jacintha Ellers

Michael Ritchie

Hinrich Schulenburg

