

Activities report 2013

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 an 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.

Board

On December 31 2013, the board of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology consisted of the following members:

- B. Charlesworth,
- L.W. Beukeboom,
- M.G. Ritchie,
- R.K. Butlin,
- D. Ebert,
- J.H. Graf von der Schulenburg,
- N. Perrin,
- L. Keller

ESEB performed the following activities during 2013

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: 6 issues in 2013
- Organisation of the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Lisbon 20-25 August 2013: sponsoring with €125,000

- Preparation for the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Lausanne in 2015
- Selection of the venue of the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in 2017 and 2019
- Preparation for the joint congress of the European Society of Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) and the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE) in Montpellier in 2018
- Sponsoring of the annual meeting of European PhD students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) with €15,000
- Selection of the JMS Prize winner (€5,000)
- Managing the Society's Outreach Initiative (€15,000)
- Managing the Society's Global Training Initiative (€15,000)
- Managing the Society's Travel Award Initiative (€15,000)
- Installing the Godfrey Hewitt Travel Awards Initiative
- Installing the Best student's paper award
- Nomination of a distinguished fellow

These activities will be continued in 2014 in accordance with the Policy Plan 2013-2015

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
- A discussion with our North American sister society, the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE), on the launching of a new journal "Evolution Letters"
- Managing the Society's memberships: membership number for 2013 is 1730
- Managing the Society's financial situation in terms of expenditures and income, as well as its bank accounts
- Preparing a budget plan for 2014 and a long-term spending plan
- Managing the ESEB office
- Organization of the Election Committee for new Board Members

- A discussion on the establishment of an Equal Opportunities Committee
- General other businesses associated with the Society

These activities will be continued in 2014

<i>Place, Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Groningen, 22-05-2014	Leo Beukeboom	
Sheffield, 13 June 2014	Roger Butlin	
St Andrews, 16 June 2014	Michael Ritchie	
Kiel, 3.6.2014	Hinrich Schulenburg	