

## 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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**Place,**

**Date**

**Name**

**Signature**

Laurent Keller

Jacintha Ellers

Michael Ritchie

Hinrich Schulenburg

