

## Activities Report 2016

### 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*
- co-publishes the journal *Evolution Letters*
- 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 2016, the board of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology consisted of the following members:

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

### ESEB performed the following activities during 2016

In accordance with the foreseen activities in the Policy Plan 2015-2017 the following activities have been realised. See the accompanying Annual Report 2016 for the detailed accounting of these activities.

- Publication of the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* and *Evolution Letters*
- Preparation for the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Groningen in 2017
- 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
- Selection of the venues of the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in 2019 and 2021
- Sponsoring of the annual meeting of European PhD students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) with €15,000





- Managing the Society's Conference Travel Award Initiative (€ 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Equal Opportunities Initiative (€ 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Awards Initiative (€ 10,000)
- Managing the Society's Global Training Initiative (€ 12,000)
- Managing the Society's JMS Prize 2016 (€ 5,000)
- Managing the Society's Outreach Initiative (€ 20,000)
- Managing the Society's Stearns Graduate Students Prize 2015 (€ 1000)
- Established and managing the Society's Equal Opportunities Initiative (€ 15,000)
- Launched and managing the Society's Special Topic Networks Initiative (Budget € 60,000)

**These activities will be continued in 2017 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*
- The agreement with our North American sister society, the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE), on the launching of the jointly owned journal "Evolution Letters" in 2016
- 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 2017 and a long-term spending plan
- Managing the ESEB office
- Preparation of the elections of new board members in 2017
- General other businesses associated with the Society

**These activities will be continued in 2017**

| <i>Place,</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i>         | <i>Signature</i>  |
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| Groningen     | 20.08.17    | Jacintha Ellers     | <br>ESEB Executive Vice President |
|               |             | Laurent Keller      | <br>ESEB President                |
|               |             | Michael Ritchie     | <br>JEB Editor-in-Chief           |
|               |             | Hinrich Schulenburg | <br>ESEB Secretary                |