

Activities Report 2018

General information

The European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) 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 ESEB 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 2018, the board of ESEB consisted of the following members:

- Wolf Blanckenhorn,
- Jacintha Ellers,
- Laurent Keller,
- Anna-Liisa Laine,
- John Pannell,
- Craig Primmer,
- Michael Ritchie,
- Ophélie Ronce,
- Nina Wedell

ESEB performed the following activities during 2018

In accordance with the foreseen activities in the Policy Plan 2017-2019 the following activities have been realised. See the accompanying Annual Report 2018 for the detailed accounting of these activities.

- Publication of the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* and co-publication of *Evolution Letters*
- Organisation of the II Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology 2018, together with the American Society of Naturalists, the Society for the Study of Evolution, and the Society of Systematic Biologists in Montpellier, France.
- Preparation for the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Turku in 2019 and the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Prague in 2021
- Call for bids for the organisation of the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in 2023

- Sponsoring of the annual meeting of European PhD students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) with € 15,000
- Managing the Society's Conference Travel Award Initiative (annual budget € 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Equal Opportunities Initiative (annual budget € 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Awards Initiative (annual budget € 10,000)
- Managing the Society's Global Training Initiative (annual budget € 12,000)
- Managing the Society's JMS Prize 2017 (annual budget € 5,000)
- Managing the Society's Outreach Initiative (annual budget € 20,000)
- Managing the Society's Presidents' Award 2018 (awarded every six years)
- Managing the Society's Progress Meetings Initiative (annual budget € 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Stearns Graduate Students Prize 2016 (annual budget € 1000)
- Managing the Society's Special Topic Networks Initiative (annual budget € 60,000)

These activities will be continued in 2019 in accordance with the Policy Plan 2017-2019

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*
- Together with the sister society SSE, managing of the jointly owned journal *Evolution Letters*
- 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 2019, and a long-term spending plan; deciding on the reserve for unforeseen or unexpected events such as support of small meetings
- Managing the ESEB office
- General other businesses associated with the Society

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Place,	Date	Name	Signature
	Ausko day, 11.04.19	Nina Wedell	*** _____ President
		Jacintha Ellers	*** _____ Executive Vice President
		Wolf Blanckenhorn	*** _____ JEB Editor-in-Chief
		Mike Ritchie	*** _____ Evolution Letters Officer
		John Pannell	*** _____ Secretary