The European Society of Evolutionary Biology (ESEB; eseb.org/) is seeking to appoint a biologist with a strong interest in evolutionary biology to help run the editorial office of the Society’s Journal of Evolutionary Biology (JEB; onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14209101), and to increase public awareness of the Society’s activities. The successful person would work with, and under the guidance of, the ESEB Executive and the Editor in Chief (EiC) of JEB, but would have substantial autonomy and work flexibility. The position is envisaged as 80% to fulltime, and the appointee will work largely remotely. The post is likely to be attractive to evolutionary biologists with recent experience in research but with a desire to move into the world of academic publishing.

In the context of the appointee’s role as the JEB Managing Editor, s/he would, inter alia: assist the EiC in the allocation of submitted manuscripts to the editors; tend to, improve and maintain the submission web site (Manuscript Central in ScholarOne); interact with authors and editors; contribute to the development of journal content and maintain contact with authors and referees from around the world; contribute to soliciting or commissioning manuscripts from WWW repositories; represent the journal within the researcher community, including travel to and presentations at scientific conferences and editorial board meetings; work closely with ESEB’s Publisher, Wiley, to broaden the journal’s reach, increase submission flow, promote the journal to authors, funders and the community of researchers, and enhance the author experience of submission to and publication in JEB; and discuss and publicize important JEB results via social media.

In the context of the appointee’s role as Publicity Officer and assistant to the ESEB Executive, s/he would be charged with working closely with the ESEB office manager to advance the ESEB’s mission by promoting and publicizing articles published in its journals and its other activities among its members and evolutionary biologists around the world, especially in Europe. This would include attendance of, and activities at, ESEB’s regular European conferences.

The successful candidate will ideally: have a Ph.D. in ecology, evolution or related disciplines, with relevant publication experience; have experience or a strong interest in science journal publishing and peer review management; understand the ethical issues and financial drivers in journal publishing; possess strong negotiation/interpersonal skills to interact effectively with editors, authors, reviewers, and noted scientific authorities; have the flexibility to travel within Europe; have excellent organizational skills and the ability to work under pressure to meet deadlines; be curious, inquisitive and interested in science communication; have an excellent command of English; be familiar with social media tools; and have the right to live and work in a European country (whether EU or non-EU).

The appointee will receive a salary comparable to that of a senior postdoc in his or her country, with benefits according to local employment regulations.

Applications should be submitted as a single pdf and should include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees, and should be sent by email to the ESEB secretary, John Pannell: john.pannell@unil.ch. Applications received by 30 November, 2019 will receive full attention.