

## Activities Report 2019

### 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 2019, the steering committee of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology consisted of the following members, of whom the officers indicated with an asterisk form the executive board:

- Wolf Blanckenhorn\*
- Astrid Groot,
- Lukas Kratochvil
- Sara Magalhães
- John Pannell\*,
- Michael Ritchie\*,
- Ophélie Ronce\*,
- Koen Verhoeven\*,
- Nina Wedell

### ESEB performed the following activities during 2019

In accordance with the foreseen activities in the Policy Plan 2019-2021 the following activities have been realised. See the accompanying Annual Report 2019 for the detailed accounting of these activities.

- Publication of the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* and *Evolution Letters*
- Organisation of the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology 2019 in Turku, Finland.
- Preparation for the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Prague in 2021 and the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Barcelona 2023.
- Call for bids for the organisation of the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in 2025.

- Sponsoring of the annual meeting of European PhD students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) (2019 budget € 15,000)
- Supporting the EvoKE Network (2019 budget € 10,000)
- Managing the Society's Conference Travel Award Initiative (2019 budget € 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Equal Opportunities Initiative (2019 budget € 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Awards Initiative (2019 budget € 10,000)
- Managing the Society's Global Training Initiative (2019 budget € 12,000)
- Managing the Society's JMS Prize (2019 budget € 5,000)
- Managing the Society's Outreach Initiative (2019 budget € 20,000)
- Managing the Society's Progress Meetings Initiative (2019 budget € 15,000)
- Managing the Society's Stearns Graduate Students Prize (2019 budget € 3000)
- Managing the Society's Special Topic Networks Initiative (2019 budget € 120,000)

**These activities will be continued in 2020 in accordance with the Policy Plan 2019-2021**

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 2020, and a long-term spending plan; deciding on the reserve for unforeseen or unexpected events such as ad hoc sponsoring of small meetings.
- Managing the ESEB office
- Running of the elections of new board members in 2019.
- General other businesses associated with the Society


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*May/June 2020*

**Name**

**Signature**


Ophélie Ronce



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ESEB President

Koen Verhoeven



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ESEB Executive Vice-President


Wolf Blanckenhorn



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*JEB* Editor-in-Chief


Mike Ritchie



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