Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Evolutionary Biology

The European Society of Evolutionary Biology (ESEB; eseb.org), in cooperation with Wiley Blackwell Publishers, is looking for an established evolutionary biologist with a position in a major research institution to lead the Journal of Evolutionary Biology (JEB; onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14209101) as Editor-in-Chief (EiC) from mid-2021. Established in the 1980s, JEB is a long-standing international Society journal publishing cutting-edge papers in the field of evolutionary biology at large, with a major focus on the micro- & macro-evolution of all organisms at all levels (molecules to communities).

The EiC represents and oversees running the journal with focus on its scientific content. In close collaboration with the dedicated JEB Editorial Manager and a Wiley Publishing Manager, the EiC is responsible for:

• managing, recruiting and interacting with a large board of dedicated Handling and Deciding Editors to guarantee high quality publications in JEB;
• making policy decisions on publication strategy and quality control, in liaison with the publisher Wiley Blackwell and as part of ESEB’s governing board;
• making final publication decisions based on scientific merit, and acting as Deciding Editor;
• co-organizing and attendance of the bi-annual ESEB conference from which symposium-based special issues for JEB are derived;
• soliciting or commissioning suitable manuscripts, Special Issues and other publishing opportunities from various sources;
• promoting important JEB content to the public.

An estimated average of 10-15% of weekly time is dedicated to this position. Appointments are for a 4-year term. Location is flexible as most communication occurs electronically. An appropriate honorarium compatible with local employment regulations is paid. ESEB membership is required. Academic publishing is undergoing significant changes, and we would wish the candidate to be enthusiastic in support of a Society journal and its aims by pursuing opportunities to improve its impact and strength during this transition period.

We encourage interested candidates to contact informally one or more of the last three Editors in Chief for JEB for more information about what is involved (Allen Moore: ajmoore@uga.edu; Mike Ritchie: mgr@st-andrews.ac.uk; Wolf Blanckenhorn: wolf.blanckenhorn@uzh.ch). Your interest can also be discussed any of the current ESEB officers. A formal application/expression of interest should be sent to the ESEB secretary, John Pannell (john.pannell@unil.ch) by 30 November 2020. Your letter should provide a brief outline of your vision for the journal over the next few years and an explanation for why you would be interested in editing JEB at this point in your career. It should also include an appended CV.

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John Pannell, Secretary of ESEB