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NEWS

ESEB Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of the ESEB newsletter, which is circulated twice a year, with the aim of highlighting ESEB initiatives, drawing attention to opportunities for funding and their application deadlines, and bringing news to members' attention.

Amendment of the ESEB Constitution

The ESEB Executive, in conjunction with Council members, has been working on changes to the society's constitution. These changes were discussed and agreed to by the Council in February and the proposed amendment of the constitution has been officially announced to the ESEB membership on 14 May 2018 by email.

The membership will be asked to vote on the amendments to the ESEB Constitution on July 16, 2018, and thus will receive a voting email including the voting instructions. If you have been an ESEB member in April 2018 but did not receive the announcement, please contact the ESEB office (office@eseb.org).

EMPSEB and ESEB Student Representatives

The 24th European Meeting of PhD Students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) is organized by and dedicated to PhD students in evolutionary biology.

This year, the meeting will take place from **9 to 15 September** in Bubi3n, Granada (Spain). More information is available at the EMPSEB24 website: <https://congresos.ugr.es/empseb24/>

ESEB is also delighted to announce that the first two ESEB Student Representatives will

be elected during the EMPSEB meeting in 2018. Eligible students must be ESEB members and should attend all EMPSEB meetings during their term. The student representatives will be invited to the Council meetings, which take place at the biennial ESEB congresses, and will report at EMPSEB meetings. The first two representatives will be elected by the student participants of the 2018 EMPSEB meeting and will be invited to the ESEB council meeting in 2019.

ESEB Presidents' Award 2018



We are delighted to announce that the recipient for the 2018 Presidents' Award is **Professor Loeske Kruuk** of the Australian National University, Canberra.

Loeske will give a plenary at the II Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology in Montpellier in August 2018.

Please see the following website for more information and Loeske's biography:
<https://eseb.org/prizes-funding/presidents-award/>

Stearns Graduate Student Prize 2017



The *Journal of Evolutionary Biology (JEB)* & ESEB are pleased to announce that the winner of the 2017 Stearns Prize for a paper published in *JEB* by a graduate student is **Jack Colicchio**, for his paper "[Transgenerational Effects Alter Plant Defense and Resistance in Nature](#)"

Runners-up with links to their publications:
[Keely Brown](#), [Zacharia Grochau-Wright](#), [Ryosuke Iritani](#), [Kim Kirchhoff](#), and [Erin Morrison](#)

CONGRESSES

Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology in Montpellier, August 2018

The second joint congress of [ASN](#), [SSE](#), [SSB](#), and ESEB will be held in Montpellier, France, from 19 to 22 August 2018. As the capacity for participants had been reached in April, regular registration has been closed, but a waiting list is available. Information can be found at the Conference website: <http://evolutionmontpellier2018.org>

ESEB Congress in Turku, August 2019

In 2019, the ESEB congress will be held in Turku, Finland, from 19 to 24 August. The call for symposia will open in August 2018, and the call for abstracts in February 2019. More information is available at the Congress website: <https://eseb2019.fi/>

Bids for Future ESEB Congresses

ESEB welcome proposals for future ESEB congresses in 2023 and beyond. The proposal must come from a scientist (= main organizer) in the field of evolutionary biology or related, who is supported by the local scientific community. Bids solely submitted by professional event organizations are not eligible. Written proposals for the 2023 congress will be accepted until the end of March 2019 and should contain the preliminary budget as well as detailed information about the venue. The proposals should be sent by email to the ESEB office (office@eseb.org). For further information, please contact the ESEB Secretary, John Pannell (john.pannell@unil.ch).

ESEB'S JOURNALS

Journal of Evolutionary Biology

The society's flagship journal, *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* (*JEB*) has a new editor-in-chief. Wolf Blanckenhorn (University of Zurich) took over from Mike Ritchie (St. Andrews) last year. He is supported by the journal's assistant Lianne Baker at St. Andrews and eleven Deciding Editors, who remain largely unchanged through the transition – except that Luke Holman (Canberra) has taken over from Hanna Kokko (Zurich) as Reviews Editor. *JEB* is also currently expanding its board of Reviewing Editors.

With the scientific publication business in a state of transition into the era of open access web publishing, several changes are being implemented in *JEB*'s submission and publication process, including a "fast-track" submission possibility and new instructions for authors regarding data and methods transparency.

Evolution Letters

Evolution Letters is jointly owned by ESEB and our North American sister society, the Society for Study of Evolution (SSE), and serves as an umbrella for both societies and their respective society journals, *JEB* and *Evolution*, to publish open-access online papers of cutting-edge research, as well as comments and opinion articles. In its first year, *Evolution Letters* successfully published six issues with a total of 28 articles.

ESEB INITIATIVES

ESEB Outreach Initiative Funds

Deadline: Sept 15, 2018

Would you like to spread your knowledge on evolutionary biology generally? Apply for an ESEB outreach initiative fund to support your public event, your YouTube video, your book

for children, or the translation of "[Evolution Matters](#)" into your native language! Please follow this link for more detailed information:

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ESEB EO Initiative Funds

Deadline: Oct 31, 2018

The Equal Opportunities Initiative funds are available to support activities that increase awareness of the issue and possible solutions. Projects may include, but not limited to, short workshops, data collection, and publication activities. Read more about the application procedure and current funded projects at the EO Initiative website:

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ESEB Conference Travel Award

Next deadline to be announced in spring 2019

These conference travel awards are for students and young scientists to attend the ESEB congress (<https://eseb2019.fi/>) in Turku, Finland. Follow this link for more detailed information:

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ESEB Congress Attendance Aid Grant

Next deadline to be announced in spring 2019

In 2019, the congress attendance aid grants will support scientists who wish to attend the ESEB congress in Turku, Finland. Follow this link for more detailed information:

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ESEB Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Award

Next deadline to be announced in fall 2018

The mobility award intends to support the career of a PhD student or postdoctoral fellow by sponsoring fieldwork or lab visits. Proposals of new ventures apart of the regular research topic are preferred. Follow this link for more detailed information:

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ESEB John Maynard Smith Prize

Next deadline to be announced in fall 2018

The JMS Prize is awarded annually to an outstanding young evolutionary biologist in the field of evolutionary biology and related. Nominations and self-nominations are accepted. Follow this link for more detailed information:

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ESEB Progress Meetings in Evolutionary Biology

Next deadline to be announced in fall 2018

Our most recent initiative supporting short meetings on focused topics in the field of evolutionary biology with the objective to produce either a Special Issue or Target Review for the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*. More information:

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ESEB Special Topic Networks

Next deadline to be announced in fall 2018

Small meetings or other networking opportunities in focused and currently active research areas are supported through the Special Topic Networks Initiative. Follow this link for more detailed information:

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