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NEWS

2018 draws to a close ...

As 2018 draws to a close, we would like once again to express the Society's gratitude to the organising team of the 2nd Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology in Montpellier in August, particularly Ophélie Ronce, our president elect, and Yannis Michalakis. The Joint Congress brought ESEB members together with those of the [American Society of Naturalists](#), the [Society for the Study of Evolution](#) and the [Society of Systematic Biologists](#) for a week of talks on the latest advances in evolutionary biology and opportunities for networking with friends and colleagues from across the world. We now look forward to ESEB 2019, which will be taking place in Turku in Finland next August, organised by Craig Primmer and his team (details below).

Constitution

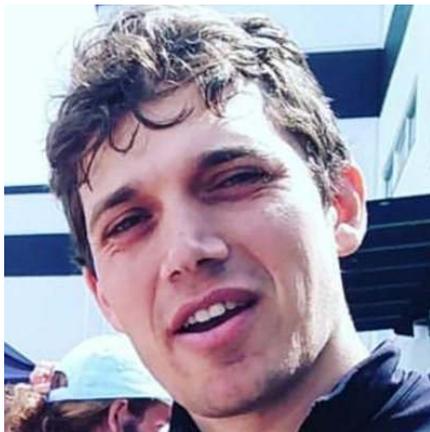
ESEB's constitution has been amended with respect to the co-publishing of "Evolution Letters", and to comply with new legal requirements. After the positive vote by the ESEB membership this summer, the amended constitution became officially effective in November.

The English version of ESEB's constitution is available at <https://eseb.org/society/>

ESEB Student Representatives

Two ESEB student representatives were elected at the last EMPSEB meeting in September 2018. Starting this year, student representatives will be elected for a two-year term and will attend the ESEB council meetings to strengthen communication between the ESEB board and our student membership. The next representative will be elected at the 2019 EMPSEB meeting.

Please feel free to email them for any questions, suggestions, and/or ideas.



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Ben is a first-year PhD student at Wageningen University studying the genetic basis of how fungal individuals are defined, and the evolutionary consequences when these definitions break down. Ben is originally from Vancouver, Canada, and lives in the Netherlands with his wife and two cats.



Katarina Matvijev, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Email: kmatvije@ulb.ac.be

Katarina is a PhD student at the Department of Evolutionary Biology and Ecology at the Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, studying ecological and evolutionary differentiation in the tropical African genus *Staudtia*, with a focus on morphological and phenological divergence, the presence of possible reproductive barriers, and rates and patterns of introgression among species.

EMPSEB 2018

This year, the 24th edition of the European Meeting of PhD Students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) took place in September near Granada, Spain. The organising team, chaired by Maria Martin Pecina and Carolina Osuna Mascaró, offered a program that included plenary talks on key topics in evolutionary biology given by A. Andres, D. Ebert, E. Gomez-Diaz, R. & P. Grant, K. Levecque, F. Schiestl, and T. Uller. In addition, two workshops had been organized, one on metabarcoding and one on depression and mental health of PhD students. The perfect weather, various outdoor activities, and the pleasant atmosphere at the meeting fostered interactions and scientific discussions and led to an unforgettable week!

EMPSEB XXV will be held from 26 May to 1 June 2019 in Portugal. Visit the meeting website at <https://empseb25.wixsite.com/pedrogao>

What Scientists Wear

by *Dusan Misevic*

“What should I wear?” is often asked in labs around conference season, but the answers remain vague and often unhelpful. Without telling anyone what to do, the action “What Scientists Wear” showcases the diversity of what over 150 mostly early-career, female scientists wore to this year’s joint evolution meeting in Montpellier. Survey outcomes available at www.WhatScientistsWear.org.

CONGRESSES

ESEB Congress 2019

The next congress will be held in Turku, Finland, from August 19 to 24, 2019, organized by Craig Primmer (chairman of the organisation team).

IMPORTANT DATES

- **15 JAN 2019** - Announcement of successful symposia & call for contributed talks/posters
- **30 MAR 2019** - End of call for contributed talks/posters
- **30 APR 2019** - Communication of selection of contributed talks/posters & Registration for accepted presenters opens
- **10 MAY 2019** - Final date for presenters to register
- **15 MAY 2019** - General early bird registration opens
- **31 MAY 2019** - End of early bird registration to the meeting
- **15 JUN 2019** - Final deadline for registration to the meeting

For further information and updates, visit the ESEB 2019 congress website at 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

by Wolf Blanckenhorn, Editor-in-Chief

The [Journal of Evolutionary Biology](#) (JEB) is completing its first full calendar year under the new Editor-in-Chief (EiC) Wolf Blanckenhorn, with a total of 160 publications in 2018. JEB's long-term editorial assistant Lianne Baker (St. Andrews) finally stepped down officially last summer, to be replaced by Jack Bromley at Wiley's Oxford office in England. Kevin Flores in the Manila (Philippines) office continues to assist with the placement and handling of new submissions.

Several Deciding Editors (DE) of JEB recently completed their term to step down: we cordially thank Judith Mank (University College London), Tanja Schwander (University of Lausanne) and Michael Jennions (Australian National University Canberra) for their excellent service to the journal over the last few years. At the same time, the board has been joined by a number of new DEs, most with long-term previous experience as reviewing editors for JEB: Trine Bilde of Aarhus University; Trish Moore of the University of Georgia; Julia Schroeder of Imperial College London; and Mitch Cruzan of Portland University; Bengt Hansson of Lund University; and Nicola Nadeau of the University of Sheffield. Welcome on board! We shall have to replace even more outgoing DEs in 2019.

In January, 2019, JEB will also feature a new journal design to provide a better and more efficient service. Several other changes of JEB's web and its Scholar One submission site have been implemented by Wiley at the same time. The journal's editors are also discussing various new initiatives or standards, among them the potential fast-track acceptance of so-called "registered reports" to augment the reproducibility of science, Europe's Open Access Plan S, or the expansion of JEB's scope.

Evolution Letters

by Jon Slate, Editor-in-Chief

A reminder that the journal [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 second year, *Evolution Letters* successfully published 48 articles. The journal is now indexed on Web of Science and PubMed, and it is completely compliant with Plan S. Members of both societies receive discounts on the Article Processing Charge. There are further discounts for members of *both* societies. We actively promote all of the papers that we publish through social media, blog posts etc. The editor, Jon Slate, welcomes manuscript enquiries (j.slate@sheffield.ac.uk)

ESEB INITIATIVES

ESEB Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Award

Deadline: Jan 14, 2019

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

Deadline: Jan 15, 2019

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 Outreach Initiative Funds

Deadline: Mar 15, 2019

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: Mar 31, 2019

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 Special Topic Networks

Deadline: Mar 31, 2019

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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ESEB Congress Attendance Aid Grant

Deadline: Apr 15, 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 Conference Travel Award

Next deadline to be announced in early 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 Progress Meetings in Evolutionary Biology

Next deadline to be announced in fall 2019

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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