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### NEWS

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#### Election of new officers

We are pleased to announce the election of **Astrid Groot** (Netherlands) as ESEB's next President (from 2021 till 2023) and **Sara Magalhães** as Vice-President (2019-2021), and the approval of **Koen Verhoeven** (Netherlands) as Secretary (2019-2023). Note that **Ophélie Ronce** (France) will take the reigns as President at the Turku congress in August.

#### New and current Council members

Welcome to the new ESEB members elected to Council for the period 2019-2023: Troy Day, Canada; Michael Jennions, Australia; Sara Magalhães, Portugal; Catherine Peichel, Switzerland; Rhonda Snook, Sweden; Mehmet Somel, Turkey; Biljana Stojković, Serbia; Aurelien Tellier, Germany; Hildegard Uecker, Germany; Beatriz Vicoso, Austria; Franjo Weissing, Netherlands.

Lukáš Kratochvíl, Czech Republic, will also serve on Council from Aug 2019 as the next Congress Organiser.

A list of Current Council members can be found [here](#).

## John Maynard Smith Prize 2019



We are delighted to announce that

### **Karl Grieshop,**

University of Toronto / Stockholm University, is the winner of this year's John Maynard Smith Prize.

Karl's prize will be celebrated at the ESEB congress in Turku, Finland, where he will give the John Maynard Smith Prize Lecture on "Sexual conflict and the maintenance of genetic variance in fitness".

## Stearns Graduate Student Prize 2018



JEB & ESEB are delighted to announce that the winner of the Stearns Prize 2018 for a paper published in JEB by a graduate student is

### **James Santangelo,**

for his paper "Herbivores and plant defenses affect selection on plant reproductive traits more strongly than pollinators" (<https://doi.org/10.1111/jeb.13392>).

James will present some of his work at this year's ESEB congress in Turku, Finland.

Runners-up with links to their publications: [Eva Troianou](#), [Peter Moran](#), [Urtzi Enriquez-Urzelai](#), [Joshua Alpern](#), and [Casper van der Kooi](#).

## ESEB Membership

### *A message from Wiley*

A number of members faced frustrating difficulties when renewing their membership this year, largely the result of a move to software and database. We apologize for these teething problems, which we explain briefly below.

Over the last few years, Wiley had identified the need to future-proof its database and financial systems across the business. Consequently, we replaced a number of standalone technologies with the industry-recognized SAP ERP software. This enabled our membership service to have better financial reporting, plus the automation of the online-access authentication process.

The second release of this new software and process, in May 2018, included replacing the technology that the ESEB membership database was held on. Wiley took a cautious approach to sending the renewals, ensuring that the output and prices were all checked before sending these to members. This series of checks highlighted a number of product set-up problems that required further technology fixes and delayed the ESEB renewals to early January 2019.

The integration of the Wiley Online Library ordering pages with SAP has had some teething issues. The Wiley technology teams implemented the required changes and a dedicated customer service team was also established to identify and resolve any orders that needed attention. The technology fix was released in early May, and all outstanding orders have been processed.

This has been an unprecedented time of change and Wiley and we regret the impact this

has had on the service to members. We are confident that that the new system will embody substantial improvements to the member experience in the months ahead.

## ESEB Membership Discounts

Are you still aware of the discounts from which you might benefit as an ESEB member?

- 50% discount on the Open Access publication fee of our Society's *Journal of Evolutionary Biology (JEB)*. Visit the [JEB website](#) to find out more.
- 28% discount on the article publication charge for *Evolution Letters*. Visit the [Evolution Letters website](#) to find out more.
- 10% discount on the article publication charge for *Evolutionary Applications* (direct submissions). Visit the [Evolutionary Applications website](#) to find out more.
- 10% discount on the article publication charge for *Ecology and Evolution* (direct submissions).
- 25% discount on all books published by Wiley-Blackwell.
- 20% discount on Ecology & Evolution books from Oxford University Press.
- Reduced subscription fees for selected Wiley journals such as *Acta Zoologica*, *Molecular Ecology and Molecular Ecology Resources*, *New Phytologist*, and *Zoologica Scripta*.

Detailed information on how to get these discounts is available at the ESEB website [eseb.org/society/discounts/](http://eseb.org/society/discounts/)

## EMPSEB 2019

The European Meeting for PhD Students in Evolutionary Biology sets a friendly environment for PhD students at all stages of their work, allowing them to present their projects and exchange ideas with their peers and invited speakers. The 25th edition of this event took place in Pedrógão Pequeno, Portugal. It was a great meeting, with talks from 58 delegates and subjects ranging from sexual selection to social biology. This year Alison Duncan, Andrés López Sepulcre, Josefa González, Liam Dolan, Maurijn van der Zee, and Tom van Dooren joined the students, not only to present their own work but also to give them feedback and career advice.

Websites of EMPSEB XXV: <https://empseb25.wixsite.com/pedrogao>; <https://twitter.com/empseb25?lang=en>

The next EMPSEB meeting will be held in Ireland, organized by Ronan O'Sullivan, Sarah Ryan, Floriane Leseur (University College Cork), Elise Fruitet (Max-Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Jena), Manon Villa (Montpellier University), and Doko-Miles Thorburn (Queen Mary University of London).

More details will be available later this year at the [ESEB news section](#) or follow us on Twitter [@eseb\\_org](#).

## ESEB and EvoKE Partnership

*Written by: Olaf R.P. Bininda-Emonds, EvoKE board member*

Building on an informal relationship that goes back to 2013, ESEB and the EvoKE Project (Evolutionary Knowledge for Everyone; <https://evokeproject.org/>) have officially become partners to further their aims of improving the public understanding of evolution. Beyond the benefits of speaking with a common voice, both organizations are also committed to supporting the members of the other. For instance, ESEB has agreed to contribute towards the biannual EvoKE meetings and, in return, EvoKE has agreed to reserve some places at these meetings for ESEB members. EvoKE will also be providing ESEB members with professional training in communicating evolution through workshops associated with the ESEB meetings. Through these and other joint efforts, the partnership will facilitate the efforts of both ESEB and EvoKE to improve scientific literacy in and acceptance of evolution throughout Europe.

# Petition for EU-UK Research and Innovation Agreement

We would like to inform you that **EU-LIFE**, **EuroScience** and **Wellcome Trust** have launched a [petition](#) calling for the UK and EU to sign a research and innovation agreement.

This should include:

- A commitment by European countries to work together to make the European Research Area a world leader in science;
- Full researcher mobility between the UK and the rest of Europe for all levels and career stages;
- A commitment to collaboration, including UK associate membership of Horizon Europe;
- Co-operation on regulations that support science.

Please circulate this information to your colleagues and don't hesitate to sign the petition by following this link: <https://www.openpetition.eu/petition/online/keep-the-eu-and-uk-collaborating-in-science-dealforscience#petition-main>

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## CONGRESSES

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### ESEB Congress 2019



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

For further information and updates, visit the ESEB 2019 congress website at [eseb2019.fi](http://eseb2019.fi)

### ESEB Congress 2021



In 2021, the ESEB congress will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, from August 22 to 27, organized by Lukáš Kratochvíl.

Visit the ESEB 2021 congress website at <http://eseb2021.cz/>

## Bids for Future ESEB Congresses

ESEB welcome proposals for future ESEB congresses in 2023 and beyond. The proposal must come from a scientist (as the main organizer) in the field of evolutionary biology or related, with support from the local scientific community. (Bids solely submitted by professional-event organizations are not eligible.) Written proposals for the 2023 congress will be accepted until mid-July 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](mailto:office@eseb.org)). For further information, please contact the ESEB Secretary, John Pannell ([john.pannell@unil.ch](mailto:john.pannell@unil.ch)).

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## ESEB'S JOURNALS

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## *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*

The society's *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* (*JEB*) is a peer-reviewed, international journal that covers both micro- and macro-evolution of all types of organisms. The aim of *JEB* is to integrate perspectives across molecular and microbial evolution, behaviour, genetics, ecology, life histories, development, palaeontology, systematics and morphology.

The *JEB* Editor-in-Chief, Wolf Blanckenhorn (University of Zurich), is supported by eleven Deciding Editors and a newly established editorial office based at Wiley in Oxford.

## *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 2018, *Evolution Letters* successfully published six issues with a total of 28 articles.

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## ESEB INITIATIVES

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### ESEB Outreach Initiative Funds

**Deadline: Sept 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: Oct 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 EO Congress Attendance Aid Grants

**Next deadline to be announced in autumn 2019**

In 2020, the congress attendance aid grants will be for scientists wishing to attend the EMPSEB meeting. Follow this link for more detailed information:

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## ESEB Conference Travel Award

Next deadline to be announced in autumn 2019

In 2020, the travel stipends will be for young scientists based in countries with a low GDP wishing to attend the Evolution meeting in Cleveland, OH. Follow this link for more detailed information:

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## ESEB Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Award

Next deadline to be announced in autumn 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 that differ from the applicant's regular research topic are preferred. Follow this link for more detailed information:

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## ESEB John Maynard Smith Prize 2020

Next deadline to be announced in autumn 2019

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

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## ESEB Progress Meeting in Evolutionary Biology

Next deadline to be announced in autumn 2019

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

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## ESEB Special Topics Networks

Next deadline to be announced in autumn 2020

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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# SUNDRIES

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## Funding opportunity



The [Moore Foundation's Symbiosis in Aquatic Systems Initiative](#) has two upcoming calls for proposals. The first will open on June 24 and will invite pre-applications for developing experimentally tractable model systems in aquatic symbiosis. A second call, jointly by the Moore Foundation and the [Simons Foundation](#), will open on July 9, with a focus on the origin of the eukaryotic cell. If you are interested in receiving the latest information on funding opportunities, please sign up using this [SmartSheet](#) link. For specific questions about the initiative, please email [symbiosis@moore.org](mailto:symbiosis@moore.org).

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