Activities Report 2022

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
1. The object of the society is to promote the study of organic evolution.
2. The society seeks to achieve this object by, among other things:
   a. Publishing the professional journals, The Journal of Evolutionary Biology (JEB) and Evolution Letters (EL);
   b. Organizing congresses and scientific meetings;
   c. Rendering financial and other support to research into organic evolution;
   d. Supporting activities to foster a scientifically based understanding of organic evolution in teaching and research;
   e. Doing anything related to the above, directly or indirectly, or incidental thereto, all in the broadest sense.

Board
On December 31 2022, 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:

- Andrea Betancourt,
- Tracey Chapman,
- Ellen Decaestecker*,
- Astrid Groot*,
- Toni Gabaldon,
- Max Reuter*,
- Michael Ritchie*,
- Ophélie Ronce,
- Koen Verhoeven*

ESEB performed the following activities during 2022

In accordance with the foreseen activities in the Policy Plan 2021-2023 the following activities have been realised. See the accompanying Annual Report 2022 for the detailed accounting of these activities.

- Publication of the Journal of Evolutionary Biology and Evolution Letters.
- Organisation for the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Prague, which was held in August 2022. As this congress has been postponed to 2022, consequently, and in light of the 2024 Joint Evolution Congress, the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in Barcelona has been postponed from 2023 to 2025.
• Preparation for the Joint Evolution Congress in 2024 together with the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE).
• Call for bids for the organisation of the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology in 2027.
• Commitment to sponsor the annual meeting of European PhD students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) with €15,000. The 2022 meeting took place in Finland.
• Commitment to sponsor the EvoKE network with €10,000 annually.
• Managing the Society’s Conference Travel Award Initiative (annual budget €15,000). 16 awards have been granted for either EMPSEB or the ESEB congress.
• Managing the Society’s newly established Environmental Impact Committee.
• Managing the Society’s Equal Opportunities Initiative (annual budget €15,000). Two EO funds and 17 Congress Attendance Aid grants were granted in 2022. A new prize named “ESEB Under-represented ECR achievement award” was established and awarded to two researchers in 2022.
• Managing the Society’s Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Awards Initiative (annual budget €15,000). Ten new projects were granted in 2022.
• Managing the Society’s Global Evolutionary Biology Initiative (annual budget €12,000). The first open call for proposals was launched in 2022 and will be evaluated in early 2023.
• Managing the Society’s JMS Prize 2022 (annual budget €5,000). The prize was awarded to Catalina Chaparro-Pedraza in 2022.
• Managing the Society’s Policy Committee (annual budget €10,000).
• Managing the Society’s Outreach Initiative (annual budget €20,000). Five new projects were granted in 2022. Seven projects that were granted between 2019 - 2021, are ongoing as several received an extension due to the Corona pandemic. Two projects granted in 2019 were withdrawn.
• Managing the Society’s Progress Meetings Initiative (annual budget €15,000). The projects granted in 2020 and 2021 had been postponed due to the pandemic and held successfully in 2022. One new project was granted in 2022.
• Managing the Society’s Stearns Graduate Students Prize 2021 (annual budget €1000). The Prize has been awarded to Juliette Aminian Biquet.
• Managing the Society’s Special Topic Networks Initiative (annual budget €60,000). Eight STNs are currently running as two have been extended without further funding until early 2023.

These activities will be continued in 2023 in accordance with the Policy Plan 2021-2023.

In addition, (the Executive Board of) ESEB has been involved in:
• Maintaining the Society’s contacts with Wiley Blackwell for publication of JEB.
• Managing, together with the sister society SSE, the jointly owned journal EL.
- Negotiating and signing a new publishing agreement for EL with Oxford University Press effective as of beginning of 2023.
- Negotiating and signing a new publishing agreement for JEB with Oxford University Press effective as of beginning of 2024.
- Managing the Society’s memberships.
- Managing the Society’s financial situation in terms of expenditures and income, as well as its bank accounts and investment portfolio.
- Preparing a budget plan for 2023, and a long-term spending plan; deciding to invest part of the capital of the Society.
- Managing the ESEB office and the JEB editorial office.
- General other businesses associated with the Society.

These activities will be continued in 2023 in line with the Policy Plan 2021-2023.

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