

## Activities Report 2024

### 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 2024, 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:

- Tracey Chapman\*,
- Ellen Decaestecker\*,
- Toni Gabaldon,
- Astrid Groot,
- Josefa Gonzalez,
- Max Reuter\*,
- Michael Ritchie,
- Rhonda Snook\*,
- Kees van Oers\*

### ESEB performed the following activities during 2024

In accordance with the foreseen activities in the Policy Plan 2023-2025 the following activities have been realised. See the accompanying Annual Report 2024 for the detailed accounting of these activities.

- Publication of the Journal of Evolutionary Biology and Evolution Letters.
- Organisation of the Joint Congress in Evolutionary Biology in 2024 together with the American Society of Naturalists, the Society of Systematic Biologists and the Society for the Study of Evolution.
- Preparation for the ESEB 2027 congress as hub meeting in four locations and preparation for this meeting.



- Call for bids for the organisation of the European Congress of Evolutionary Biology / Joint Congress in Evolutionary Biology in 2029.
- Commitment to sponsor the annual meeting of European PhD students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) with € 12,000. The 2024 meeting took place in Austria.
- Managing the Society's Conference Travel Award Initiative (annual budget € 15,000). Two awards have been granted for EMPSEB and five for the Joint Congress in Evolutionary Biology.
- Managing the Society's Environmental Impact Committee.
- Managing the Society's Equal Opportunities Initiative (annual budget € 15,000). Two EO funds and twelve Congress Attendance Aid grants were granted in 2024. Two researchers received the ESEB Under-represented ECR Achievement award in 2024.
- Managing the Society's Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Awards Initiative (annual budget € 12,000). Eight new projects were granted in 2024.
- Managing the Society's Global Evolutionary Biology Initiative (annual budget € 15,000). Five projects received funds in 2024.
- Managing the Society's JMS Prize 2024 (annual budget € 5,000). The prize was awarded to Dr Magdalena Bohutínská in 2024.
- Managing the Society's Policy Committee (no annual budget).
- Managing the Society's Outreach Initiative (annual budget € 12,000). Four new projects were granted in 2024.
- Managing the Society's Stearns Graduate Students Prize 2023 (annual budget € 1000). Three researchers received the prize in 2024.
- Managing the Society's Special Topic Networks Initiative (annual budget € 20,000). Nine STNs were continued in 2024.

All activities will be continued in 2025 in accordance with the Policy Plan 2023-2025.

**In addition, (the Executive Board of) ESEB has been involved in:**

- Managing JEB published by Oxford University Press.
- Managing, together with the sister society SSE, the jointly owned journal EL. Therefore, established an Oversight committee including two SSE representatives, two ESEB representatives, and one independent member.
- 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 2025, and a long-term spending plan.
- Managing the ESEB office and the JEB editorial office.
- General other businesses associated with the Society.

These activities will be continued in 2025 in line with the Policy Plan 2023-2025.

Date: 22-04-25

Name

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President

Astrid Groot

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