

Activities Report 2025

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 2025, 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:

- Mike Ritchie*,
- Jonna Kulmuni*,
- Aurélien Tellier,
- Tracey Chapman,
- Deepa Agashe,
- Max Reuter,
- Sara Magalhães,
- Rhonda Snook,
- Kees van Oers*

ESEB performed the following activities during 2025

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

- Publication of the Journal of Evolutionary Biology and Evolution Letters.
- Organisation of the ESEB Congress in 2025 in Barcelona.
- Preparation for the ESEB 2027 congress as hub meeting in four locations and preparation for this meeting.
- Preparation for the organisation of the Joint Congress in Evolutionary Biology in Ghent in 2029.

- Commitment to sponsor the annual meeting of European PhD students in Evolutionary Biology (EMPSEB) with € 12,000. The 2025 meeting took place in Czechia.
- Managing the Society's Conference Travel Award Initiative (annual budget € 15,000). Two awards have been granted for EMPSEB and nine for the ESEB2025 congress.
- Managing the Society's Environmental Impact Committee.
- Managing the Society's Equal Opportunities Initiative (annual budget € 15,000). Two EO funds and 27 Congress Attendance Aid grants were granted in 2025. Two researchers received the ESEB Under-represented ECR Achievement award in 2025.
- Managing the Society's Godfrey Hewitt Mobility Awards Initiative (annual budget € 12,000). Seven new projects were granted in 2025.
- Managing the Society's Global Evolutionary Biology Initiative (annual budget € 15,000). No project received funds in 2025.
- Managing the Society's JMS Prize 2025 (annual budget € 5,000). The prize was awarded to Dr Hiroshi Arai in 2025.
- Managing the Society's Policy Committee (no annual budget).
- Managing the Society's Outreach Initiative (annual budget € 12,000). Three new projects were granted in 2025.
- Managing the Society's Stearns Graduate Students Prize 2024 (annual budget € 1000). Four researchers received the prize in 2025.
- Managing the Society's Special Topic Networks Initiative (annual budget € 20,000). Eight STNs were continued and two new STNs approved in 2025.

All activities will be continued in 2026 in accordance with the Policy Plan 2025-2027.

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 2026, 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 2026 in line with the Policy Plan 2025-2027.

Date:

Name

Signature

Mike Ritchie

President

Tracey Chapman

Past President

Sara Magalhães

President elect

Deepa Agashe

Vice-President

Kees van Oers

Executive Vice-President

Max Reuter

JEB Editor-in-Chief

Rhonda Snook

EL Officer

Jonna Kulmuni

Secretary

Aurélien Tellier

Congress Organiser