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Dear ESEB Member,

Below you will find your personal link to the ESEB on-line ballot for the election of the ESEB President (to serve August 2017 - August 2019) and the ESEB Vice-President (to serve August 2015 - 2017). There are two candidates for each position, nominated by the Election Committee (Erik Svensson, Thomas Lenormand, and Tanja Schwander).

Furthermore, the ballot also includes an approval vote for the new ESEB Executive Vice-President (to serve August 2015 - August 2019). Following the ESEB Constitution there is only one candidate, who has been nominated by the Executive Committee and needs to be approved by the membership.

Biographies of all candidates are shown below and in the ballot.

To access the poll [CLICK THIS LINK.](#)

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Note that after you have submitted your vote you will have to click once more to confirm it.

The poll will close on 8th May 2015, 18.00 CEST.

All the best,
Hinrich Schulenburg
Secretary, European Society for Evolutionary Biology

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE CANDIDATES

ESEB President (2 candidates)

(to serve as President-Elect 2015-2017, President 2017-2019, Past President 2019-2021)

JON ÅGREN

Jon Ågren is Professor and Head of the Department of Plant Ecology and Evolution at the Evolutionary Biology Centre, Uppsala University. He obtained his PhD at Umeå in 1987, and was a post-doc with Doug Schemske at the University of Chicago, and University of Washington, Seattle. From 1990 he worked at Umeå University, before moving to Uppsala in 1999 as chair of Plant Ecology. He has extensive experience from studies of the ecology and evolution of plant adaptation. He has studied the ecological and evolutionary consequences of plant-pollinator and plant-herbivore interactions, and the functional and genetic basis of plant adaptation along climatic gradients in a number of different systems. His research stands out because of its reliance on powerful experimental approaches to identify both targets and agents of selection, and the genetic basis of adaptive evolution at the sites of ecologically well-characterized natural populations. He has served as associate editor of Ecology, Evolution, Journal of Ecology, and Oecologia, and is currently serving on the ERC grant evaluation panel in evolutionary, population and environmental biology. Jon has paid service to ESEB in several functions: Council member

1999-2001, Executive Vice President 2001-2005, Congress Organizer (together with Jacob Höglund and Mats Björklund) 2007, Election Committee 2011.

NINA WEDELL

Nina Wedell is a Professor of Evolutionary Biology at the University of Exeter. She is interested in the evolutionary ecology of sex, in particular the role of selfish genetic elements in sexual selection and sexual conflict. Her current research explores the potency of selfish genes in shaping the reproductive biology, mating system and even the sex of their host and the ramifications of this for sex differences and viability of populations, particularly in insects. She enthusiastically promotes women in science, and is keen to advance the idea of applying evolutionary biology to current environmental and health problems and suggests that ESEB may have a role to play in informing funding agencies and the wider society of the impact potential of this approach. She is a supporter of the work of ESEB having been on the organising committee of the 9th ESEB congress in 2003, served as a councillor from 2009-2013, and has overseen the ESEB travel stipend awards since 2010. She received her PhD from Stockholm University in 1993. Following several post-doc and fellowship positions at the University of Liverpool and Stockholm University, Nina held a Royal Society Research Fellowship, initially at the University of Leeds from 2000 and later at the University of Exeter in 2004. She has held a Royal Society Wolfson Merit Award since 2011 and became a member of EMBO in 2014.

ESEB Vice-President (2 candidates)

(to serve 2015-2017)

SPENCER BARRETT

Spencer C.H. Barrett is University Professor and Canada Research Chair in Evolutionary Genetics in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto. Born in the UK, he received his BSc from the University of Reading and PhD from the University of California at Berkeley. He has served on the editorial board of JEB and is currently a member of the Global Training Initiative Committee of ESEB. Barrett's research focuses of the evolution and ecology of plant reproductive systems, particularly the selective mechanisms responsible for evolutionary transitions in mating systems and the selection of combined versus separate sexes, and he has also worked on the genetics of biological invasions. For his contributions to plant evolutionary biology he was elected to the Royal Society of Canada (1998), the Royal Society of London (2004) and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2009). He has been a recipient of the Sewall Wright Award (2008), given annually by the *American Society of Naturalists*. Barrett is the current Editor-In-Chief of the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B* and on the editorial boards of *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society Series B* and *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*.

JUHA MERILÄ

Juha Merilä received his PhD in Animal Ecology in 1996 at Uppsala University, Sweden. He is currently a professor at the Department of Biosciences, University of Helsinki, Finland. His long-standing research interests include comparative studies of population differentiation using various kinds of genetic markers and quantitative traits, as well as evolutionary quantitative genetic and genomic studies on wild vertebrate populations. Understanding of evolution in response to climate change, fisheries induced evolution, as well as local adaptation in marine fish populations have been topics of his recent interest. He has served as an Editor in Chief for the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* (2003-2007), *Annales Zoologici Fennici* (2002-2005), and as an associate editor for *Evolution* (2001-2004). He is a member of editorial boards of *Evolutionary*

Applications (2006 -) and The Year in Evolutionary Biology (2006 -). He is also a governor of Peerage of Science (2011 -), and an expert panel member of several national and international scholarly organizations. He has published +300 peer reviewed papers and mentored 33 postdoctoral fellows and 19 PhD students to completion.

Web: <http://www.helsinki.fi/biosci/egru/index.html>

Executive Vice-President (1 candidate)

(to serve 2015-2019 or 2021)

JACINTHA ELLERS

I studied biology at Utrecht University, where I obtained my Masters in 1993, followed by a PhD at Leiden University 1998. Subsequently, I took up a postdoc position at Stanford University. In 2002 I returned to the Netherlands where I am now Professor of Evolutionary Ecology in the Department of Ecological Sciences at the VU University Amsterdam, and head of the Animal Ecology Group. My research interest revolves around the interplay between genes and environment. During the last decade much of my research has addressed the evolution of phenotypic plasticity in a variety of study systems, including Collembola, Drosophila, and parasitoids. Currently, I increasingly apply molecular and genetic tools to expand our view on the evolutionary trajectories leading towards trait loss and its importance in ecological interactions, for which I received a VICI fellowship. I am an editor of Journal of Insect Physiology. I have previously already served as ESEB councillor and on the editorial board of Evolutionary Ecology. In my free time I enjoy running, birdwatching and good food.