



SORTEE

Society for Open, Reliable, and Transparent Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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Nominations open for SORTEE Leadership positions

Every November, SORTEE members elect three new members to the nine-member Board of Directors who govern the society. All board terms are three years in duration (**Concerned about a 3-year commitment? Don't be! See below.*) and begin the January following the election. This year, the available seats include:

1. Graduate student (student at the time of election)
2. Early career (<10 years of relevant experience post final degree)
3. Open (any SORTEE member is eligible)

We welcome any interested SORTEE member to stand for election to a seat on the Board of Directors. To do so, please fill in [this form](#).

We are also looking for volunteers to chair SORTEE committees in 2023. The current list of SORTEE committees includes Advocacy, Awards, Conference, DEI, EcoEvoRxiv, Education and Outreach, Fundraising, Media, Membership. If you wish to be considered for a position as a committee chair, please go to the [same nomination form](#) as above.

After the Board of Directors selects committee chairs, we will solicit volunteers for positions on each committee.

***Are you concerned about a three-year commitment?** We understand that many researchers face uncertain and unstable career situations, and it is always an option for a board member to step down before the end of their three year term. If you are keen and available in 2023 but not sure that you can make a longer commitment, please still apply!

Announcements:

Annual meeting

In keeping with our by-laws, SORTEE will hold its annual meeting for approximately one hour on Wednesday November 9th (time t.b.d.; look for email with time and link). The voting to elect three new board members will open to 2022 SORTEE members one week prior to the annual meeting and will conclude during the annual meeting. The newly elected board members will be announced at the meeting and the president will make an annual report on the activities and financial status of SORTEE.

Workshop and Webinar Series

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the [SORTEE Workshop and Webinar Series](#). We are offering online workshops and webinars free of charge in various aspects of open, transparent, and reliable science. Our first workshop was in September (*Authoring documents, websites, presentations, and more with Markdown*). Some upcoming events include:

October 20, 05:00 UTC

Workshop: *Creating reproducible workflows in R with the targets:: package*

Presenter: Elliot Gould

November 2, 14:00 UTC

Workshop: *An Ecologist's Introduction to Transitioning into Data Science*

Presenters: Alessandro Filazzola and Sophie Breitbart

December 5, 14:00 UTC

Workshop: *Open Educational Resources as a Tool for More Inclusive Teaching in E&E*

Presenter: Natasha Gownaris

If you would like to present a workshop or webinar, please [submit a proposal by clicking here](#).

If there is a topic you would like to learn more about, please [request a workshop or webinar on a particular topic by clicking here](#).

EcoEvoRxiv

EcoEvoRxiv ("Eco Evo Archive"), [launched in January 2019](#), is a free repository for manuscripts in ecology, evolutionary biology, conservation, and related fields. The repository welcomes empirical and theoretical work, reviews, and opinion pieces. Further, EcoEvoRxiv accepts pre-prints, post-prints, reports, and other documents.

We have two exciting announcements regarding the EcoEvoRxiv pre-print service. As of October 2022,

1. EcoEvoRxiv is officially a part of SORTEE.
2. EcoEvoRxiv is now hosted by the [California Digital Library](#). The official re-launch will happen during Open Access Week (Oct 24-30). For the brief period until the re-launch, EcoEvoRxiv will be unable to accept new pre-prints. The official CDL announcement of the re-launch will appear [here](#) on October 19.

In-person meet-ups

Over the past few months, SORTEE has begun hosting meet-ups at in-person conferences.



(above) SORTEE members at the Ecological Society of American / Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution (ESA/CSEE) meeting in Montreal in August 2022



(above) SORTEE members at the European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) meeting in Prague in August 2022.

If you plan to attend an in-person conference and would like to meet other SORTEE members, you can see the [list of upcoming meet-ups here](#), and if there is not yet a SORTEE meet-up for the conference you will be attending, [please propose one here](#).

SORTEE member Q&As

Since August last year we have been featuring Q&As with inaugural SORTEE members on our website (see [#SORTEEvoices](#) on twitter). Here's a list of the responses we've uploaded since the last newsletter:

[Alfredo Sánchez-Tójar](#)

[Owen Petchey](#)

[David Wilkinson](#)

[William Gearty](#)

[Nicholas Grebe](#)

[Tina Heger](#)

[Signe White](#)

[Szymon Drobniak](#)

[Adrienne Antonsen](#)

[Victoria Hemming](#)

[Daniel Hoops](#)

[Marko Bracic](#)

[Lauren White](#)

[Alkistis Elliott-Graves](#)

[Timothy Clark](#)

[Ana Benítez López](#)

[Matt Lloyd Jones](#)

[Verena Brauer](#)

[Juan Rocha](#)

[Tanya Strydom](#)

[Ineta Kačergytė](#)

[Gideon Deme Gywa](#)

[Angelica Beltran](#)

[Joseph Burant](#)

[Antje Girndt](#)

SORTEE Conference 2022 recap

The [2022 SORTEE Conference](#) ran continuously for 50 hours on 11-13 July facilitating participation from people interested in openness, transparency, and reliability from around the world. This event was organized and run by a dedicated team of volunteers and sponsored by six additional organizations including PeerJ, Company of Biologists, The American Society of Naturalists, The Living Data Project, eLife, and Whitman College.

The conference consisted of:

- 5 plenary presentations (all available on [Youtube](#), [transcripts for various languages are also available](#)) from speakers on four continents.
- 14 Workshops, ranging from 'Testing and Adjusting for Publication Bias' to an 'Introduction to Pre-Registration'.
- 7 Hackathons, including 'Peer Code Review' and 'Identifying and Mapping Open Source Datasets'.
- 8 Unconferences, including discussions about 'Increasing Methodological Transparency' and 'New Data Editing at Journals in Ecology and Evolution'.
- 17 Short Presentations across three different blocks, including talks by 4 [SORTEE award winners](#) from 2021 and 2022 (Shvani, Patrice Pottier, Korryn Bodner, Benjamin Paffhausen).

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