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Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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SORTEE leadership for 2025 - Board of Directors

Thanks to all the SORTEE members who volunteered to run for three-year terms on the board of directors for 2025-2027, and congratulations to those elected! These newly elected board members are:

Student seat:

[**Marija Purgar**](#) is a PhD student in Oceanology at the Faculty of Science and a research assistant at the Ruđer Bošković Institute, Zagreb.

Open seats:

[**Michael Bertram**](#) is an Assistant Professor at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, where he investigates the impacts of human-induced environmental change on wildlife populations.

[**Stephanie Flaman**](#) is a MSc student at the University of Regina in conjunction with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Our new board members listed above will replace the following board members whose terms are coming to end. Fortunately, both of these dedicated SORTEE members will continue in important leadership roles:

Kaija Gahm (Secretary) is a PhD student at UCLA, studying spatiotemporal dynamics of vulture social networks in the Pinter-Wollman lab. Kaija will remain in her post as SORTEE Secretary for 2025.

Alexa Fredston (Treasurer) is a quantitative ecologist and Assistant Professor at the University of California Santa Cruz. Alexa will remain in her post as SORTEE Treasurer for 2025.

SORTEE leadership for 2025 - Executive Committee

Executive committee positions are selected by the members of the Board of Directors. For this coming year, the positions will be as follows:

President: Ed Ivimey-Cook
Past-president: Rose O'Dea
Treasurer: Alexa Fredston
President-Elect: Marija Purgar
Secretary: Kaija Gahm

SORTEE leadership for 2025 - Committee chairs

SORTEE runs on the work of volunteers, and we are fortunate that multiple highly capable SORTEE members have volunteered to lead our committees, where the bulk of SORTEE's work gets done. Our 2025 committee chairs will be as follows:

Advocacy: Joel Pick
Awards: Hannah Dugdale
Conference: Juliette Tariel-Adam
Diversity, equity, inclusion co-chairs: Brooke Long-Fox, Friederike Hillemann
EcoEvoRxiv co-chairs: Dan Noble, Stefan Vriend
Education and outreach: Saoirse Kelleher
Fundraising: Matthieu Paquet
Media: Tim Parker
Member engagement: Natalie van Dis

SORTEE needs a website editor

After three years of maintaining the SORTEE website, our volunteer website editor is moving on to other service activities (**thank you Eleanor!**). If you think you might be available to edit the website, we'd love to hear from you. The time commitment is generally modest (on the order of one or two hours per month) - it usually involves posting blogs, news, and updating contents of the web pages, as needed. The website content is in RMarkdown and is edited on GitHub, then automatically deployed as a GitPage via Netlify. Please contact Media Committee chair Tim Parker (parkerth@whitman.edu) if you are interested in volunteering for this role!

SORTEE representation at conferences

If you're attending a conference we can support you to present a SORTEE poster and/or organise a meetup with other people interested in open science; see <https://www.sortee.org/meet-ups/> for more information, and submit an expression of interest [here](#).



ISBE Conference, Melbourne, Australia, October 2024



Ecological Society of America Conference, Long Beach, USA, August 2024



Ecological Society of Australia Conference, Melbourne, Australia, December 2024

SORTEE Commendation Awards

The SORTEE Commendation Awards aim to highlight projects that align with the aims and values of the society. A project is defined as any work that is an initiative benefiting the eco-evo community by fostering open science values or practices (e.g., journal clubs, workshops, seminar series, websites, repositories, tools, educational materials, public talks, podcasts, etc.). The SORTEE Commendation Awards recognise that projects are often team efforts. As such, the contributions of all project members, rather than individuals, will be highlighted. SORTEE warmly encourages diverse nominations in terms of team membership. Project nominations can be submitted year-round until two months before the SORTEE conference. For further information see the [SORTEE awards website](#).

SORTEE on LinkedIn

Follow SORTEE on [LinkedIn](#) and invite your contacts to follow us. Our [LinkedIn](#) profile is growing quickly but we need your help to continue spreading the word about open, reliable, and transparent science!

EcoEvoRxiv updates

Our preprint service continues to thrive. At the time of this writing, there are 1931 approved preprints on EcoEvoRxiv. We've had a great response to a call for language volunteers with over 20 volunteers covering our existing languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French) and expanding to Greek, Japanese, German, Dutch, and Italian. We're always looking for more languages and anyone who can contribute to others is encouraged to fill out the survey <https://forms.gle/y9pKNJC7AUTy6Nit5>. We're hoping to roll out a new language approach early next year.

Our policy information can now be found at <https://sortee.github.io/ecoevorxiv/>. Our prior policy page (ecoevorxiv.com) was hosted at Weebly, and when their policies changed, we decided to rely on GitHub instead for longer term continuity without costs.

Add links to sortee.org on your website

If you have a website, please consider adding a link to sortee.org. The more websites that link to sortee.org, the higher our search engine rankings will be. This will help people searching on Google or other search engines find us more readily. Thanks!

Write a blog post

Do you have ideas about open, reliable, or transparent practices in ecology, evolutionary biology, or related disciplines? Do you have experiences with open, reliable, or transparent science that you'd like to share? Have you recently published a paper on these issues that you want to call attention to? SORTEE has a blog, and we welcome submissions from our members. We'd love to hear from you if you have an idea for a post. Please email us at sortee.media@gmail.com

Share your SORTEE story!

If you have not already appeared in the '[SORTEE Voices](#)' feature in the blog section of our website, please [fill out the survey](#) and show public support for SORTEE.

Submit to the SORTEE Newsletter

We welcome submissions to our newsletter. If you know of anything that SORTEE should or could announce (events, publications, announcements, ideas) in our newsletter, please let us know by sending an email to sortee.media@gmail.com (We do not advertise commercial services or products)

Notices from outside SORTEE

Metascience and research synthesis postdocs

<https://www.i-deel.org/opportunities.html>

Postdoctoral researcher opportunities in research synthesis, meta-analyses, methodology, and meta-research in ecology and evolution (3 years; also several fully funded PhD and MSc programs are available).

Place: The sunniest and coldest big Canadian city (Edmonton, Alberta), which is also very affordable to live in

Eligibility: Open to all (particularly encourage applications from the Global South and traditionally marginalised groups)

Salary: \$60K, including benefits with annual increment

Period: 1-year probation + 2 years after the probation (start any time - i.e. flexible, but paperwork and permit could take up to 6 months)

Deadline: 31 Dec 2024

Please go here for more details: <https://www.i-deel.org/opportunities.html>

2024 SORTEE leadership team

Rose O'Dea (President, Member Engagement Committee Chair)

Kaija Gahm (Secretary, Board Member)

Alexa Fredston (Treasurer, Board Member)

Dominique Roche (Past-President, Fundraising Committee Chair)

Ed Ivimey-Cook (Board Member)

Malgorzata (Losia) Lagisz (Board Member)

Matthieu Paquet (Board Member)

Patrice Pottier (Board Member)

Alfredo Sánchez-Tójar (Board Member)

Hannah Dugdale (Awards Committee Chair)

Brooke Long-Fox (DEI Committee Chair)

Iain Moodie (Education and Outreach Chair)

Daniel Noble and Stefan Vriend (EcoEvoRxiv Committee Chairs)

Tim Parker (Media Committee Chair)

Joel Pick (Advocacy Committee Chair)

Marija Purgar (Conference Committee Chair)