

Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology (NLSEB) policy plan 2019

The Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology (NLSEB) is an academic society that aims to further the scientific study of the organic evolution of life.

The society seeks to achieve this by the following objectives:

1. To build a community of all researchers who have an interest in evolutionary processes, in any field of science, thereby stimulating the development of evolutionary biology in the Netherlands.
2. To represent the evolutionary community with (inter)national policy and funding agencies, and other governmental and societal institutions.
3. To inform its members about (inter)national developments in the field.
4. To organizing congresses and scientific meetings.
5. To support activities to foster a scientifically based understanding of organic evolution in teaching and research
6. To do anything related to the above, directly or indirectly or incidental thereto, all in the broadest sense

In 2019 the society will carry out the following activities:

1. Organize an annual scientific meeting, with scientific presentations on evolutionary processes, in any field of science, and with other activities aimed at community building, such as networking meetings and round-table discussions. In 2019 this will be the Second Conference of the Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology (NLSEB) in Ede.

NLSEB will sponsor the Conference by giving members a 20 euro discount.

2. Organize an annual PhD and post-doc meeting, aimed to foster interactions between the 'next generation of evolutionary biologists'. In 2019 this meeting will be organized for the first time, sometime in October/November.

NLSEB will allocate 1500 euro to the organization of this meeting.

3. Inform members about upcoming meetings, funding opportunities and community news relevant to the society via Twitter, Facebook, the NLSEB website and newsflashes.
4. Annually, award an outstanding young evolutionary biologist with the *TBD* Prize for the best peer-reviewed publication in the previous year as either first or last author, which consists of a financial award of 500 euros. The prizewinner delivers the *TBD* Lecture during the NLSEB conference. The Prize will be awarded for the first time in the spring of 2020, with a call at the end of 2019.
5. Other forms of community building, such as organizing networking opportunities. Examples include lunch meetings and workshops at the annual NLSEB meeting, the PhD/post-doc meeting and a get together for scientists from, or working in, the Netherlands at ESEB 2019.

NLSEB will allocate 500 euro to the ESEB get together.

6. Serve as a communication channel to NWO, KNAW, Universities and relevant institutions and societies (ESEB, NIBI, Origins Centre, Nationale Wetenschapsagenda, Topsectoren). In 2019 we will contribute to the organization of LIFE (an NWO congress) and we will actively approach NWO on a number of matters. We also aim to establish a more formal connection to ESEB, in addition to the already existing link where one of the NLSEB board members is also the executive vice-president of ESEB (who is always Dutch following the ESEB regulations).

7. Support education and outreach by publishing links to educational resources on evolution on the NLSEB website.