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- **Our new NLSEB website**

You might have noticed that our NLSEB website (nlseb.nl) was not reachable the past couple weeks. The reason is that we were updating our website. We are very happy that we can now present our new website at nlseb.nl!

- **Netherlands Evolutionary Biology 2022 Prize: Call for nominations!**

What is the best paper in evolutionary biology published in 2022 by a first or senior author affiliated with a Dutch research institution? NLSEB members can nominate a colleague – or themselves – for the Netherlands Evolutionary Biology Prize. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2023. The winner receives €500 in recognition of their achievement, plus the opportunity to present their paper in a plenary lecture at the NLSEB 2023 meeting on 16 May. For more information, see [here](#).

- **NLSEB Junior Board successfully organized the first rotating lab visit!**

On December 9th, the NLSEB Junior Board organized the first lab rotation event for evolutionary biologists at GELIFES in Groningen. Many enthusiastic participants listened to fascinating talks of PI and PhD speakers of GELIFES, got behind-the-scenes insights of the facilities, and socialized over lunch and drinks afterwards. A successful start of a series of lab rotations in the future!

- **NLSEB Junior Board comes to town**

First rotating lab visit 9 Dec! Save the date! On December 9th, the Junior Board of NLSEB organizes its first rotating lab visit at Groningen! The rotating lab visit is a fun event/meeting where you can showcase and learn about research in the NLSEB community (i.e. with topics relating to evolution) at different universities around the Netherlands. We kick off this series in Groningen (GELIFES), which harbours many diverse labs with exciting research. For a full afternoon (13.00 - 17.00) we plan to alternate between scientific talks given by senior and junior speakers as well as tours through some of GELIFES research facilities. To further get to know your peers, we also plan for a social gathering in the form of a borrel. More information will soon follow!

- **NLSEB round table on education in evolutionary biology in Jan 2023**

25 January 2023, we organize a round table afternoon on education in evolutionary biology at Utrecht University. The aim will be to identify knowledge gaps in current bachelor courses in

evolutionary biology at Dutch universities, and to develop ideas for short shared knowledge clips to fill these gaps. If you are interested, please register via [this link](#) before 10 January!

- **Joint NLSEB and BioSB symposium on evolution of microbial communities in Feb 2023**

15 February 2023, NLSEB and BioSB will join forces and co-organize a symposium on evolution in and of cell communities at the VU Amsterdam. Prof. Paul Rainey (MPI for Evolutionary Biology, Plön) and 8 other speakers will shed their light on evolutionary processes operating within and among microbial communities, as well as in developing cancer lineages, and participants may present a poster. If you are interested, you can check the program and register until 1 February via [this link](#)!

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- **Registration and abstract submission are now open for the first NLSEB lab rotation, hosted by GELIFES!**
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The Netherland's Society for Evolutionary Biology (NLSEB) junior board is organizing a series of events at various Dutch universities, which aim to inform participants of the diversity of exciting evolution-based research in the Netherlands. The first edition will be hosted at the University of Groningen on 9th December, presenting GELIFES to students of evolutionary biology from all Dutch universities. It will entail an afternoon of talks by senior and junior evolutionary biologists from the University of Groningen, as well as a tour through some of the research facilities. Afterwards, we will round off the evening by having a social gathering in the form of a *borrel*! Already confirmed as invited speakers are three GELIFES research group leaders: Leo Beukeboom, Sander van Doorn, and Simon Verhulst.

## **Preliminary program**

- 12:00 – 13:00:** Arrival & lunch  
**13:00 – 14:15:** Talks by invited speakers:  
**Leo Beukeboom**  
**Sander van Doorn**  
**Simon Verhulst**  
**14:15 – 14:30:** Coffee & tea break  
**14:30 – 15:30:** Talks by junior researchers  
**15:30 – 15:45:** Coffee & tea break  
**15:45 – 17:00:** Tour through GELIFES facilities  
**17:00 onwards:** *Borrel* & socializing

We hope you will join us for an exciting afternoon with evolutionary biologists from across the Netherlands! To register, please fill out this [form](#). Registration will close on the 30th of November, but there is limited space: spots will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you have questions, feel free to contact us via [junior\\_board@nlseb.nl](mailto:junior_board@nlseb.nl).

## **Important dates:**

Deadline for registration: **30th of November 2022**  
Lab rotation event: **9th of December 2022**

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th of December!

The NLSEB junior board

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# NEWSFLASH October 2022

- **Meet our two new board members**
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- **Meet the new board members**

## **Barbara Gravendeel**

I am a group leader at Naturalis Biodiversity Center. I am a botanist and fascinated by the emerging field of research of evolution and development in an ecological context (eco-evo-devo). I investigate how molecular mechanisms determine the morphological diversity of plant organs, focusing on evolutionary development in ancient biomes (vegetation zones) as well as in modern environments, especially in cities.

## **Vasilis Kokkoris**

I am an Assistant Professor at the Amsterdam Institute for Life and Environment (A-LIFE) – (research group of Ecology and Evolution) at Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam. My research focuses on better understanding the evolutionary significance of the arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi unique nuclear dynamics across scales, and specifically, how they affect the function and fitness of the interconnected fungi and plants, in diverse abiotic and biotic conditions.

- **Brief look back at the NLSEB meetings 2022**

In June we could finally meet again in person after three years! 27 June, the first in-person NLSEB PhD/postdoc meeting was organized, followed by the main meeting on 28 June, both in our traditional venue, Akoesticum in Ede. Although with a slightly smaller audience than usually, both meetings were very successful, given the many positive comments we received. See [here](#) for a brief impression.

- **NLSEB meeting 2023: mark your calendars!**

We are excited to share the date for the NLSEB 2023 meetings, which will take place on Monday 15 (PhD/postdoc meeting) and Tuesday 16 May 2023 (main meeting) at the Akoesticum, Ede.

- **NLSEB Junior Board comes to town**

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- **The Junior Board of NLSEB is looking for new members!**

The Junior Board aims to connect junior members (PhDs/Postdocs) of the NLSEB community through a wide range of academic activities and events. If you are interested, or know of people in your group/department who may be interested in joining the junior board, let us know: [junior\\_board@nlseb.nl](mailto:junior_board@nlseb.nl)

- **NLSEB round table on education in evolutionary biology in Jan 2023**

Keep your eyes open for further announcements!

- **Joint NLSEB and BioSB symposium on evolution of microbial communities in Feb 2023**

In the first half of February 2023, NLSEB and BioSB will join forces and co-organize a symposium on evolution in microbial communities. The aim of the workshop is to present experimental systems and theoretical models to study evolution of microbial communities, and the tension between selective forces within and between communities. Also here, keep your eye open for further announcements!

# NEWSFLASH June 2022

- **Last chance to register for 2022 meeting**
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- **NLSEB 2022 meeting**

The 2022 NLSEB meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 JUNE at the Akoesticum in Ede.

Deadline for registration is June 10th 2022.

The meeting brings together scientists from all disciplines working on evolutionary questions. This yearly meeting aims to build a broad community of evolutionary biologists based in the Netherlands. We have exciting plenary talks by Eric Snijder (LUMC), Jaap Kaandorp (UvA) and Katja Peijnenburg (Naturalis), and by the winner of the 2021 Netherlands Evolutionary Biology Prize. We are looking forward to see you in Ede!

- **NLSEB 2022 PhD/Post-Doc meeting**

Registration for the first on-site NLSEB PhD/Postdoc meeting is also now open! The meeting will take place in the afternoon of Monday 27 JUNE at the Akoesticum in Ede.

Our aim is to bring together early-career researchers for networking, skill building opportunities and social interactions. To achieve this goal, we offer an afternoon program in which participants can pitch their research interests to facilitate networking conversations, join diverse workshops for improving both transferable and specialised skills, and listen to an exciting plenary talk by Nico van Straalen.

Important: The registration for the PhD/Postdoc meeting is independent from the main NLSEB meeting. If you want to attend both events, you must register through both links!

[Register here](#). Registration closes on June 10.

# NEWSFLASH March 2022

- **NLSEB 2022 meeting**
- **NLSEB 2022 PhD/PostDoc meeting**
- **Knowledge Utilization in Evolutionary Research workshop \*Deadline for registration tomorrow March 25th\***

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Check out the [program](#) for more information. Deadline for abstract submission is 2 May 2022.

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- **Knowledge Utilization in Evolutionary Research workshop**

The relevance of evolutionary biology for societal issues is increasingly recognized, yet developing convincing knowledge utilization plans in grant applications can be challenging. For all of us who struggle with this problem, NLSEB organizes an workshop on knowledge utilization in evolutionary research.

Date: Tuesday 29 March 13:30-17:00