

The EOU: Future Directions and General Meeting

Tuesday 22 August 2017 at 16:45 in Turku, Finland

Agenda

1) Welcome by the President Barbara Helm

2) Attendance

3) Minutes of the General Meeting of 27 August 2015 in Badajoz, Spain

The minutes have been posted to members on 28th July, 2017. Members are asked to raise any matters arising from the minutes that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda of the current meeting.

The General Meeting is asked to approve these minutes as a correct record of the meeting.

4) Election of new Officers and Council members, headed by Tomasz Wesołowski

In Turku, we will elect our new President-Elect, to be moving on to presidency in 2021. We will also elect our Secretary and several new council members. Information on retrials and candidates for election is sent as an appendix to members, and been posted on our website on 28th July, 2017.

Those retiring or resigning from Council this year are:

Tomasz Wesołowski, Poland; Daniela Campobello, Italy; Graham Martin, UK; Alfonso, Marzal, Spain; Robert Matics, Hungary; Swen Renner, Austria; Arie van Noordwijk, The Netherlands.

We thank them all cordially for their dedication and support. In particular, we thank Tomasz for the 12 years of serving the EOU as President-Elect, President, and Past-President. We thank Alfonso Marzal for generously hosting us in Spain in 2015, Graham Martin for his great achievements as the 2015 Scientific Programme Chair, and Swen Renner for inviting the 1st Fledgeling conference to Vienna.

Candidates for election to fill all present vacancies:

The committee is pleased to ask the General Meeting to elect **Alfonso Marzal** (Spain) as the new President-Elect of the EOU.

The committee is pleased to ask the General Meeting to elect **Susi Jenni-Eiermann** (Switzerland) to continue her excellent work as Secretary of the EOU.

The committee is pleased to ask the General Meeting to elect, via paper ballot, four persons as new **members of Council**. **Delegates are encouraged to embrace the EOU's** aims of a well-balanced Council both geographically and with respect to gender. The following candidates stand for election:

Alexandre Roulin (Switzerland)
András Liker (Hungary)
Blandine Doligez (France)
Grzegorz Neubauer (Poland)
Mark Mainwaring (UK)
Mateo Griggio (Italy)
Petra Sumasgutner (Austria)
Sara Lupi (Italy)
Wieland Heim (Germany)

The meeting will also elect 2 auditors. Delegates are asked to identify independent volunteers as auditors and proceed to elect 2 of them.

5) Treasurer's report by Oliver Conz

The Treasurer's report will be presented by our Treasurer Oliver Conz, on behalf of Council. The auditors will be asked to present their assessment.

The meeting is asked to discuss any pertinent matters and to approve the report.

6) Report of Local Organising Committee

Toni Laaksonen will present a report on behalf of the Local Organising Committee.

The meeting is asked to raise any pertinent issues and provide feed-back on the current conference.

7) Report of the Fledgelings

Jan Engler and Matthias Weissensteiner will present a report on activities of the early-career-stage researchers within the EOU, the Fledglings.

8) Report of Council

The President will present a report of EOU activities over the last two years on behalf of Council.

The meeting is asked to raise any pertinent issues not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda and to approve the report.

9) Arrangements for future conferences

2019 conference

Peter Pap from Romania will extend an invitation to all members to come to Cluj.

The General Meeting is asked to discuss the invitation and to approve it.

2021 conference

Council will be collecting suggestions for conferences in 2021 and beyond. Members are invited to raise ideas for events and arrangements for future conferences.

10) New logo

After decades of wearing our nice plumage, we believe it's time for the EOU to moult into new ornaments! Our treasurer Oli Conz has kindly developed a new version of the Whiskered Tern, the iconic species that represents European ornithology. This is shown in the attached document "The EOU is moulting". Current and future president, along with council, recommend the future use of this rejuvenated symbol.

The General Meeting is asked to approve the new logo.

11) EOU at the IOC

The EOU will have a presence at the IOC 2018 in Vancouver to represent the European community of ornithology. Members are invited to discuss the best topics to present. Current ideas emphasise research on bird migration, and the Migrant Landbird Study Group (MLSG) is happy to join this effort.

12) Special Interest Groups

The EOU has encouraged special interest groups under its umbrella. Members are asked to make suggestions of topics and express interest.

13) Any other business

Members are invited to address additional points.

14) Election Results

Results of the ballot counts will be announced and new officers and Council members welcomed.

15) Handing over Presidency and closing of meeting

At the closing of the meeting, the presidency of the EOU will be handed over from Barbara Helm to Jan-Åke Nilsson.