**Call for new Council members for the EOU**

Dear members of the EOU,

**Are you willing to serve on the EOU Council for the period 2022-2026? Can you encourage someone who might become an active Council member?**

The EOU runs exciting conferences every 2 years in different countries across Europe. In the years between conferences, thanks to the EOU Fledglings, we have an exciting additional meeting for young ornithologists in Europe (all covid-allowing these days). It is a pleasure to hold these meetings, but it requires dynamic and hard-working ornithologists to organize the EOU.

The EOU is run by 5 officers (President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer) and 10-15 Council members, who are all elected during conferences. Together, we plan the conferences, manage EOU business, and think about ways to develop the EOU to be a lively voice of European ornithologists.

We strive to include members from all parts of Europe, who motivate people in their areas to attend conferences and submit abstracts. We also strive to have Council members representing diversity in every respect, and different approaches (e.g. citizen science, academic, conservation etc.) and fields (e.g., ecology, taxonomy, physiology etc.). We expect Council members to try hard to attend all Council meetings held at our conferences, and between conferences, to participate in discussions (mostly via email) and actively represent their region and specific roles in ornithology. According to the EOU statutes state no more than 2 Council members and 1 officer can be from the same country.

At the General Meeting at the conference in Giessen in March 2022, **we will elect up to 7 new Council members** of the EOU, and the **Secretary** and **President-Elect**. President Jan-Åke Nilsson will automatically become Past President, President-Elect Alfonso Marzal will become President, and Treasurer Oliver Conz will continue in office. Past President Barbara Helm and Secretary Susi Jenni-Eiermann will retire. We will lose representation from Switzerland, UK, France, Austria and Italy, but will have full coverage (2 council members) from Sweden, Russia and Spain. Many countries and regions of Europe are without representation.

The Council members below will continue:

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| Alexander | Mischenko | Russia |
| Alfonso | Marzal | Spain |
| Andreas | Nord | Sweden |
| Arseny | Tsvey | Russia |
| Jan-Åke | Nilsson | Sweden |
| Jordi | Figuerola | Spain |
| Nayden | Chakarov | Bulgaria |
| Oliver | Conz | Germany |
| Suvi | Ruuskanen | Finland |
| Valentyn | Serebryakov | Ukraine |
| Zoltán | Nemeth | Ungarn |

For the following members of Council, the terms will end. We thank them for their contributions:

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| Alexandre | Roulin | Switzerland |
| Andras | Liker | Hungary |
| Barbara | Helm | UK |
| Blandine | Doligez | France |
| Erik | Matthysen | Belgium |
| Grzegorz | Neubauer | Poland |
| Mark | Mainwaring | UK |
| Mateo | Griggio | Italy |
| Péter | Pap | Romania |
| Petra | Sumasgutner | Austria |
| Sara | Lupi | Italy |
| Susi | Jenni-Eiermann | Switzerland |
| Wieland | Heim | Germany |

If you are willing to serve as a member of the Council, please send your application by e-mail. It should **include a brief, free-text CV, and brief statements of interests and of the vision of the candidate for the EOU**. This information will be used to check eligibility, will be included in the election information, and for those elected, can later be posted on the homepage.

All applications will be reviewed by the nomination committee, chaired by Past President **Barbara Helm**. Nominated candidates are expected to attend the conference in Giessen and to be present during the election at the General Meeting.

Please mail your application materials to Barbara Helm (b.helm@rug.nl) by **30 November 2021**, and feel free to get in touch to clarify any pending issues.