



Business Meeting

09 July 2024

12.20 local time

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico



SMBE 2024:

Thank you to the Local Organizing Committee



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Estrada



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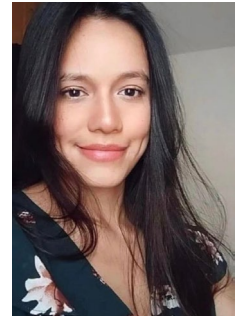
Mashaal Sohail



Valeria Souza



Karla Sandoval



Karla Benítez

- 978 registrants, 286 talks, 520 posters**
- First SMBE conference in mainland Latin America, and first time outside of the Global North**
- Introduced discounts for registrants from Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC)**



Adam Eyre-Walker (ex-officio), Editor, GBE, University of Sussex, UK



Membership updates

- SMBE ended 2023 with 3,066 members, a 10% increase over 2022, second highest on record, membership continues to grow
- Current 2024 mid-year numbers 2462, don't forget to renew membership in 2024!
- For historical context, in 2014 membership was 1123
- Membership comes from 62 countries, approx. 40% student members
- society goal to continue to expand in under-represented regions

3-YEAR Society Membership Worldwide	Price: \$30.00
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3-YEAR Society Membership Student Worldwide	Price: \$10.00
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Lifetime Member Worldwide	Price: \$500.00
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Benefits of Membership

- Reduced registration at the annual meeting
- Eligibility for travel awards and registration waiver awards
- Eligibility for prizes (Best Graduate Student paper in MBE and GBE; Graduate Student Excellence Award)
- Eligibility for career achievement awards
- Eligibility to apply for funds for satellite meetings
- Eligibility for caregiver support
- Eligibility to benefit from IDEA initiative
- Discounted publication charges for MBE and GBE
- Being part of community



SMBE Graduate Student Excellence (GSE) awards and Young Investigator Travel awards

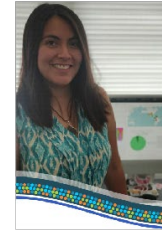


SMBE 2024
PUERTO VALLARTA

Selection committee:
Ziheng Yang (President-elect)
Stephen Wright (President)
Melissa Wilson
Scott Edwards
Alicia Mastretta-Yanes
Andy Kern
Alison Feder
Pleuni Pennings
Grace Lee
Sarah Mathieson
Pascalía Kapli
Weiwei Zhai
Hua Chen
Daniel Falush



Christopher Blake



Maria Jose Palma Martinez



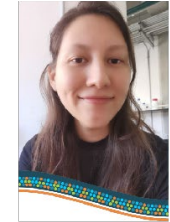
Meghan Marohn



Sung-Ya Lin



Ben Michael Moran



Mariela Tenorio



Jaison Jeevan Sequeira



Bárbara Sousa da Mota



Siliang Song

-9 GSE award winners

-21 Young Investigator travel award winners

SMBE Undergraduate Mentorship awards 2024

Selection committee chair:
Rebecca Zufall

Riya Nilkant
Janeth Alejandra García
Sebastián Iturbe
Karen Sevilla Landaverde
Eldar Badamshin
Sharwary M R
Brenda Paulina Vázquez Ramírez
José Carlos Moreno Juárez
Eduardo Arrieta Donato
Zara Paulina Martínez-Sánchez



SMBE Faculty Award Winners 2024

Selection Committee:

Kateryna Makova (past president)

Nicholas Galtier

Esther Betran

Chau-Ti Ting



Early Career
Excellence
Award:
Pahrul Johri



Mid-Career Excellence
Award:
Deepa Agashe



Lifetime
Research
Achievements
Award:
Marcus
Feldman

Molecular Biology and Evolution (MBE)

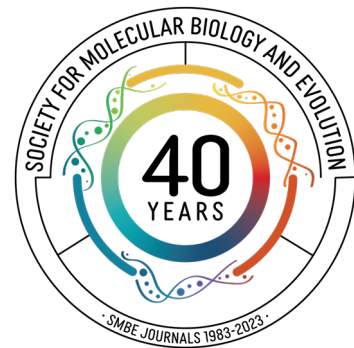
-MBE's impact factor remains strong, with an IF of 11.0 in 2023, 4th of 54 in Evolutionary Biology

-MBE added 11 new members to the Editorial Board, expanding membership in under-represented regions including Northern Europe, Australia, China, India and South America.

-in collaboration with GBE, 40th anniversary celebrations have included perspective articles and collections on key topics in the field



Claudia A. M. Russo Brandon S. Gaut
Editors - in- Chief

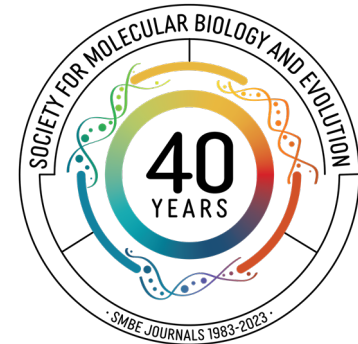


Genome Biology and Evolution (GBE)

- 2023 submissions recovered after a pandemic dip
- Impact factor stayed constant, 3.3, but ranking moved up to 16/54 in Evolutionary Biology--
- GBE continued to focus on access and inclusion through gender analyses, parachute science initiatives and broadening the audience for the graduate student prize.
- Other new initiatives include expansion of connections to the annual meeting through recruitment of special sections and reviews/perspectives, and a mentoring program for new AEs.



Adam Eyre - Walker Laura A. Katz
Editors - in- Chief



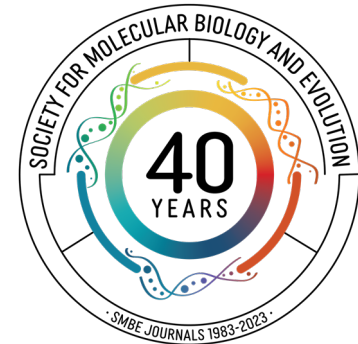
Genome Biology and Evolution (GBE)

- Adam Eyre-Walker ending his term at the end of 2024
- ongoing search for new co-EIC alongside Laura Katz
- nominations, including self-nominations, welcome



Adam Eyre - Walker
Editor - in- Chief

Thank you Adam!!



Where does the Society's Revenue Go?

- SMBE is THE main sponsor of the annual meeting
- Regional and Satellite meetings
- Young Investigator and Graduate student excellence awards
- Registration waivers and travel awards for those who could not otherwise attend the meeting
- Initiatives to support Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

2024 Election Summary

For the 2024 Election, 20.55% participation rate (higher than last several years, slightly lower than typical multi-year average)

Nominations Committee:

Chair: Laurent Duret

Members: Soojin Yi, Mehmet Somel, Matt Webster, Ellen Leffler, Yoko Satta, and Emmanuelle Lerat (ex officio, SMBE Secretary)

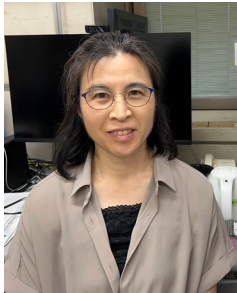
Election Results

Congratulations and welcome to the new Council members from 2025:

President Elect - Juliette de Meaux



Councilors - Aya Takahashi and Melissa Wilson





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July 20 – 24th, 2025

Join us for:



Check out more about Beijing: <https://english.visitbeijing.com.cn/>

More to come about SMBE2025: smbe2025.org

III. Members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and host institution(s)



Dr. Xuming Zhou

Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Dr. Qiaomei Fu

Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and
Paleoanthropology, Chinese Academy of Sciences



Dr. Weiwei Zhai

Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Dr. Guang Yang

Nanjing Normal University



Dr. Jian Lu

Peking University

Dr. Xuemei Lv

Kunming Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences



Dr. Yichen Dai

Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Ms. Xiao Wang

Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences



SMBE 2026: Copenhagen



Coordinating Committee:



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HERNÁN MORALES
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Associate Professor
University of Copenhagen

Future SMBE meetings

- 2025 Beijing, China #SMBE2025
- 2026 Copenhagen, Denmark #SMBE2026
- 2027 Americas?

Proposals for SMBE 2027
will shortly be sought and considered
and will be announced in 2025.

Upcoming REGIONAL & SATELLITE MEETINGS

Selection committee: Christian Landry and Juliana Vianna
(SMBE Councillors)

2024 SMBE Satellite Meeting: Ancient DNA -- Beyond Allele Frequencies

Dates: 29th-31st July

Location: Trinity College, Dublin

Website: <https://www.tcd.ie/Genetics/events/ancient-dna-2024/index.php>

Registration deadline: 9th February 2024

Invited speakers: Dr Leo Speidel, Dr Lara Cassidy, Dr Benjamin Peter

Organisers: Dr Emily Breslin, Dr Marco Rosario Capodiferro, Dr Kevin G. Daly, Dr Anahit Hovhannisyan, Dr Valeria Mattiangeli, Dr Victoria E. Mullin, Dr Linda Ongaro

2024 SMBE Satellite Meeting: Pathogen Pangenome Evolution Between and Within their Hosts

Dates: November 2024

Location: Japan

Website: TBD

Registration Deadline: TBD

Organisers: John Lees, Jukka Corander

2024 SMBE Regional Meeting: Brazilian Symposium on Evolutionary Biology

Dates: TBD

Location: Brazil

Website: TBD

Registration Deadline: TBD

Organisers: Matheus Salles, Daniel Pacheco Bruschi

2024 SMBE Regional Meeting: Long-term Population Resilience

Dates: TBD

Location: Belem, Brazil

Website: TBD

Registration Deadline: TBD

Organisers: Sibelle Torres Vilaça, Alexandre Aleixo



Progress on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The launch of the ***SMBE IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access) Initiative*** in 2022 had a very broad set of tasks:

1. to increase representation and inclusion in our membership along all axes of diversity
2. to collect data on and/or address systemic racism, sexism, colonialism, and other exclusion in our society



Progress on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



As part of the remit, \$25k of financial support was provided to fund initiatives that would support these goals. Our original thoughts were that this would include:

- Review and select applications for the yearly IDEA initiative awards
- Collect demographic data on the member base of the society, to better understand the community we're serving, and to enable us to ascertain any forms of bias arising within the society (this in itself has turned into a larger task which is ongoing).
- The SMBE council also approved (at the SMBE 2023 council meeting) the setup for two sub-committees to specifically focus on parachute science and outreach.

Progress on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

IDEA task force members

Chairs: Ravinder Kanda. Senior Lecturer. UK.
Samantha Clinton. MSc Student. UK.

Federico Hoffmann.
Eduardo Amorim.
Irene Gallego Romero.
Grace Lee.
Mirima Miyagi.
Chris Robles.
Josefa González.
Sishuo Wang,
Tugce Bilgin Sonay
Epifania Arango.

SMBE council members:
Jeff Ross-Ibarra.



Progress on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Achievements in 2023-24



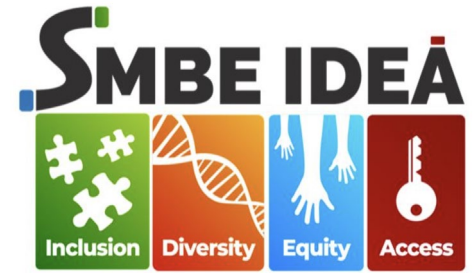
1. Funded proposals

Review and application of selection criteria resulted in one new project being awarded funding out of 16 applications:

Resources for Inclusive Education (RIE2) (proposed by Yaamini Venkataraman) - \$14'500

Task force was able to continue supporting one of last year's funded projects, the Virtual Lab Meeting Program run by Joanna Kelley.

Progress on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Achievements in 2023-24



2. Created guide to inclusive conferences

3. Create separate sub-committees for

Parachute science – 8 individuals +2 IDEA members

Outreach – 8 individuals + 2 IDEA members

A Summary: SMBE 2023-24 Developments

- First in-person post-pandemic conference in Ferrara, Italy was a full success
- MBE successfully completed its third year as fully Open Access, with new EICs since July 2022
- 40th anniversary of SMBE journals including key perspective articles and thematic collections
- Initiatives continued under 'IDEA' and SMBE allies program to further increase diversity and to make SMBE meetings safe and inclusive for everyone
- **Members: please come forward to volunteer for our IDEA Initiative!**
- First conference in mainland Latin America a huge success this year- thanks to you!