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Society for Open, Reliable, and Transparent
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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Become a 2025 SORTEE volunteer!

Nominations are now open for three types of volunteer positions:

1. Member of the Board of Directors
2. Committee Chair
3. Committee Volunteer

More information is available in the **nomination form**, which closes on 30th October 2024.

Please consider applying! If you have friends/colleagues who care about open science in ecology and evolution, encourage them to apply too:

<https://tinyurl.com/volunteerSORTEE2025>. If they are not already a SORTEE member they can sign up for free [here](#).

2024 SORTEE Conference - The Program is now online!

We are excited to announce that the **program for the 2024 [Society for Open, Reliable, and Transparent Ecology and Evolutionary Biology](#) (SORTEE) Conference is now available online** through the **[SORTEE Shiny app](#)**.

We look forward to your participation in unconferences, hackathons, workshops, and plenary presentations by:

- 1) **Dr. Hu Chuan-Peng**: '[Promoting Open Science via grassroots network in a developing country](#)'
- 2) **Dr. Kate Laskowski**: '[What to do when you don't trust your data anymore](#)'.

To **register** for the fourth SORTEE Conference, **please visit** <https://www.sortee.org/upcoming/>. The conference will run continuously from [15 October 07:00 UTC to 16 October 10:00 UTC](#) to cover all time zones.

As we prepare for the conference, we are **looking for volunteers** to help us ensure its success. If you're interested in volunteering, **please email us at** conf.sortee@gmail.com (no later than Oct 1st) with your availability (in UTC) between 7:00 AM UTC on October 15th and 10:00 AM UTC on October 16th.

We hope to see you in October.

Sincerely,

The [SORTEE Conference Committee](#)

SORTEE Code Club

SORTEE Code Club Hackathon: Creating a Code Standard

Get to know SORTEE's Code Club and join in collaboratively writing the "perfect" Open, Reliable, and Transparent (ORT) piece of code!

Next month Code Club will host a Hackathon at the SORTEE conference on [Wednesday October 16 from 0600-0800 UTC](#). We will write a Code Standard: an accessible and easy way to implement ORT practices in your own coding by example. The "perfect" ORT codes we will produce will be made openly available on Github, listing all the people who contributed during the Hackathon! Anyone with a Github account and experience in coding for scientific analysis is welcome to participate.

You can read about past meetings on [SORTEE's blog](#), and check [the Code Club schedule here](#) for upcoming meetings. To receive calendar invites in your local time zone, [sign up here](#).

Virtual Coffee Breaks

Break up your day with a 30-minute SORTEE Social Mixer! Sessions are relaxed and informal; each session will have a theme to get things started, but you're welcome to chat about whatever you'd like. The next scheduled breaks are:

Tuesday 1 October

October's topic is *tips for to-do lists & weekly plans*.

[09:00-09:30 UTC](#) ([add to calendar](#)) ([zoom link](#))

[17:00-17:30 UTC](#) ([add to calendar](#)) ([zoom link](#))

Meet-up at ISBE, Melbourne

Calling all behavioral ecologists: are you coming to Melbourne for [ISBE 2024](#)? After Monday's poster session on 30 September, join SORTEE members at a nearby pub for drinks, nibbles, and conversation.

Details and RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/SORTEE-ISBE>

SORTEE social meet-up during ISBE Melbourne

Will you be at the ISBE conference in Melbourne on September 30th, and do you care about open science? Come socialise with SORTEE members after the poster session.

When: 1930 – 2100 Monday 30 September 2024
Where: Melbourne Public, 11 Dukes Walk, South Wharf
Who: SORTEE members (www.sortee.org/join)
What: Conversation, free snacks, and a drink
RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/SORTEE-ISBE>



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SORTEE representation at conferences

If you're attending a conference we can support you to present a SORTEE poster and/or organise a meetup with other people interested in open science; see <https://www.sortee.org/meet-ups/> for more information, and submit an expression of interest [here](#). Thanks to those who represented SORTEE at conferences over the northern hemisphere summer:



Indian Wildlife Ecology Conference, Bengaluru, India, June 2024



International Statistical Ecology Conference, Swansea, UK, July 2024



3rd Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology, Montreal, Canada, July 2024

SORTEE talks at the Evolution meeting

Recordings from the [3rd Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology](#) are now [online](#), including two talks from SORTEE Executive Officers.

In the 27th June presidential symposium on '*promoting a fair and ethical evolutionary biology community*', SORTEE's President Rose O'Dea spoke about successes and failures of the open science movement, and the limits of transparency in reducing research waste. Watch her talk [here](#).

In the 30th July symposium on '*Reproducibility & replicability in ecology & evolution*', SORTEE's Secretary Kaija Gahm applied three principles from union organising to open science: one-on-one conversations, communities of practice, and tangible tasks & goal-setting. Watch her talk [here](#).

SORTEE Commendation Awards

The SORTEE Commendation Awards aim to highlight projects that align with the aims and values of the society. A project is defined as any work that is an initiative benefiting the eco-evo community by fostering open science values or practices (e.g., journal clubs, workshops, seminar series, websites, repositories, tools, educational materials, public talks, podcasts, etc.). The SORTEE Commendation Awards recognise that projects are often team efforts. As such, the contributions of all project members, rather than individuals, will be highlighted. SORTEE warmly encourages diverse nominations in terms of team membership. Project nominations can be submitted year-round until two months before the SORTEE conference. For further information see the [SORTEE awards website](#).

SORTEE on LinkedIn

Follow SORTEE on [LinkedIn](#) and invite your contacts to follow us. Our [LinkedIn](#) profile is growing quickly but we need your help to continue spreading the word about open, reliable, and transparent science!

Add links to sortee.org on your website

If you have a website, please consider adding a link to sortee.org. The more websites that link to sortee.org, the higher our search engine rankings will be. This will help people searching on Google or other search engines find us more readily. Thanks!

SORTEE partnerships in 2024

The list of SORTEE partner organizations for 2024 keeps growing. Since the last newsletter, we have added the [Society for the Study of Evolution](#), [the Royal Society](#) and the [Center for Open Science](#). Check out the SORTEE supporters webpage [here](#) and get in touch (sortecoevo@gmail.com) if you or an organization you know would like to support SORTEE!



Notices from outside SORTEE

Metascience and research synthesis post docs

<https://www.i-deel.org/opportunities.html>

Postdoctoral researcher opportunities in research synthesis, meta-analyses, methodology, and meta-research in ecology and evolution (3 years; also several fully funded PhD and MSc programs are available).

Place: The sunniest and coldest big Canadian city (Edmonton, Alberta), which is also very affordable to live in

Eligibility: Open to all (particularly encourage applications from the Global South and traditionally marginalised groups)

Salary: \$60K, including benefits with annual increment

Period: 1-year probation + 2 years after the probation (start any time - i.e. flexible, but paperwork and permit could take up to 6 months)

Deadline: 31 Oct 2024 (the fourth round will be 31 Dec 2024)

Please go here for more details: <https://www.i-deel.org/opportunities.html>

Share your SORTEE story!

If you have not already appeared in the '[SORTEE Voices](#)' feature in the blog section of our website, please [fill out the survey](#) and show public support for SORTEE.

Write a blog post

Do you have ideas about open, reliable, or transparent practices in ecology, evolutionary biology, or related disciplines? Do you have experiences with open, reliable, or transparent science that you'd like to share? Have you recently published a paper on these issues that you want to call attention to? SORTEE has a blog, and we welcome submissions from our members. We'd love to hear from you if you have an idea for a post. Please email us at sortee.media@gmail.com

Submit to the SORTEE Newsletter

We welcome submissions to our newsletter. If you know of anything that SORTEE should or could announce (events, publications, announcements, ideas) in our newsletter, please let us know by sending an email to sortee.media@gmail.com (We do not advertise commercial services or products)

2024 SORTEE leadership team

Rose O'Dea (President, Member Engagement Committee Chair)

Kaija Gahm (Secretary, Board Member)

Alexa Fredston (Treasurer, Board Member)

Dominique Roche (Past-President, Fundraising Committee Chair)

Ed Ivimey-Cook (Board Member)

Losia Lagisz (Board Member)

Matthieu Paquet (Board Member)

Patrice Pottier (Board Member)

Alfredo Sánchez-Tójar (Board Member)

Hannah Dugdale (Awards Committee Chair)

Brooke Long-Fox (DEI Committee Chair)

Iain Moodie (Education and Outreach Chair)

Daniel Noble and Stefan Vriend (EcoEvoRxiv Committee Chairs)

Tim Parker (Media Committee Chair)

Joel Pick (Advocacy Committee Chair)

Marija Purgar (Conference Committee Chair)