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Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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SORTEE Code Club

Join SORTEE members every third Tuesday of the month for Code Club! This year we're aiming to run code review sessions, exemplify ORT code, and develop code review resources. Our next meeting will be a Hacky Hour to help build the SORTEE library of code mistakes, on **Tuesday, March 19th at 0900-1000 UTC** [[convert to local time](#)] [[Zoom link](#)]. You can also contribute to the discussion by joining the #code_club channel on Slack.

In February we learnt about [the 4R's of code review](#) – checking that code is Reported, that it Runs, is Reliable, and that the results are Reproducible. To learn more you can [read the full debrief here](#).

Social Mixers - first Tuesday of every month

Come and meet or catch up with other SORTEE members over Zoom on the first Tuesday of every month! We'll play games together (but no worries if you don't want to play), and there will be plenty of time for chatting. Our next get-together will be on April 2nd at 0900 UTC [[convert to local time](#)] [[zoom link](#)]. To receive calendar invites in your local time zone, sign up [here](#).

SORTEE Conference 2024 - save the date

Our 2024 virtual conference will run continuously from **October 15th to October 16th** to cover different time zones and allow people from all over the world to join. Keep an eye out for announcements and [join SORTEE](#) to receive our updates. You can also check our [website](#) for updates.

SORTEE at in-person conferences

Meeting members of the SORTEE community in person is always heartwarming. 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](#). The next SORTEE meet-up is taking place at the [4th European Meeting of Young Ornithologists in Prague](#) (March 21st to 24th). The full list of meet-ups already scheduled for 2024 is available [here](#).

Photos from SORTEE meet-up at 'The promises and pitfalls of preregistration' workshop at The Royal Society in London from 4-5th March.



Workshop & Webinar Series

Our Workshop & Webinar Series kick-off for 2024 was a panel discussion with data editors from four ecology and evolution journals: Bethany Allen (*Proceedings B*), Tad Dallas (*Ecology Letters*), Paula Lemos-Costa (*American Naturalist*), and Sebastian Lequime (*Journal of Evolutionary Biology*).

The event was received well by more than 50 participants, comprising scientists across career stages, including Editors-In-Chief and Associate Editors of several ecology/evolution journals.

The discussion centered on three key points: (1) Why each of those four journals decided to incorporate data editors in their review process; (2) While the intended impact of a data editor's review was similar across all journals (to ensure that the

journal's data/code sharing policies were adhered to), how this was done differed significantly between journals. These differences in approach represent a valuable resource from which other journals can learn what works and what doesn't; (3) Data editors are a relatively novel concept in ecology and evolution journals that will likely play a critical role in building a stronger practice of open, reliable, and transparent data and science in ecology and evolutionary biology. Materials from this event are available [here](#).

The team behind the Workshop & Webinar Series are hard at work putting together an exciting list of events and speakers for the rest of the year. Our next event (7th March 17:00 UTC) will be a workshop on [Integrating SQL into R analytical workflows using dbplyr](#) led by Julien Brun and Greg Janée (*University of California, Santa Barbara*). If you have an idea for an event that SORTEE could be part of the Workshop & Webinar Series, you can [propose a speaker](#) or [request a topic](#). You can check out relevant resources from previous events on our [OSF repository](#).

SORTEE on LinkedIn

Follow SORTEE on [LinkedIn](#) and add it as your affiliated organisation in the Experience Section on your personal LinkedIn profile, to help us reach even more people - both academics and nonacademics. With over 400 followers, 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

Several organizations have partnered with SORTEE to support the society's mission in 2024! In addition to the data repository [Dryad](#) and the Spanish Ecological Association of Terrestrial Ecology ([AEET](#)), we welcome support from The American Society of Naturalists ([ASN](#)), Peer Community In ([PCI](#)), and Canadian Science Publishing ([CSP](#)). We are particularly grateful to the ASN, which has partnered with SORTEE over the last three years. The generous support of these organizations helps sustain SORTEE's core activities and services, including SORTEE's annual conference, our Workshop & Webinar Series, [EcoEvoRxiv](#), and meet-ups at in-person conferences. 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

Open Science Meeting Grants available in the Netherlands

<https://www.openscience.nl/en/news/grants-available-for-open-science-meetings>

Open Science NL

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Putting open science into practice happens through communities, whose members come together, exchange ideas and collaborate on solutions to challenges and problems. To facilitate such cooperation and allow open science to flourish, meeting organisers in the Netherlands can now apply for financial support in the Open Science Meetings funding instrument.

Post-doc position in open science and meta-research

[Postdoctoral Fellow](#) position available in the Laboratory for Informatics and Environmental Modelling, at the Rudjer Boskovic Institute, Zagreb, Croatia, for a temporary period of 24 months. The Postdoc will work on the project 'Empowering ecological research via open science and meta-research (EcoOpen)', funded by the Croatian Science Foundation (CSF) project. The main tasks of the postdoc will involve systematic literature reviews and meta-analyses in ecology.

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? 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

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