



New Council members 2017

Wolfgang Eckweiler, Treasurer

After finishing my master studies I made my PhD in neuroscience about tactile hairs of hunting spiders in Frankfurt am Main (Germany). Since 1987 I manage an income tax association with about 1,000 members. Additionally, I have been active as a lepidopterologist, focusing my interest on Palearctic lycaenids and nymphalids. I undertook numerous research trips in Asia, especially to Turkey, Iran, and China and published some results. Last year's volume 18 of the Guide to the butterflies of the Palearctic Region appeared dealing with the species-rich subgenus *Agrodiaetus* (Lycaenidae, *Polyommatus*). I am member of the Editorial Board of the Nachrichten des Entomologischen Vereins Apollo (NEVA), an entomological journal published in Frankfurt am Main. As a long-time SEL member I look forward to contributing my tax competences to the treasurer's function.



Maria Heikkilä, Nota editor

I received my PhD in 2014 (Finnish Museum of Natural History LUOMUS, University of Helsinki). In my thesis I explored the evolutionary relationships among ditrysian superfamilies by combining morphological and molecular data. I am currently coordinating an international effort to re-examine all known fossil Lepidoptera to obtain a better picture of the age and historical biogeography of the different lineages. The project was started as part of a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. I am now back at the Finnish Museum of Natural History as a postdoctoral researcher and the next project I will be involved in focuses on the evolutionary history of Tineoidea.

David Lees, Ordinary Council member, Nota Editor

In 2016 I started working in a permanent capacity as Microlepidoptera Curator at the Natural History Museum, London, but have been associated with the NHMUK for a long time, as a PhD student and Postdoc and since 2001 as Scientific Associate. In 2013-2016 I was a postdoc in Paul Brakefield's lab in Cambridge working on mycalesine butterflies. I have a longterm research interest in Madagascar as a Lepidoptera faunal region, and it is the country where I have done the most fieldwork. Aside from butterflies I am particularly interested in several families of primitive moths from Micropterigidae to the lower ditrysian leafminers. My research interests are focused on Lepidopteran (molecular) systematics and taxonomy, their evolution, diversification, and biogeography, and on invasive species. I really look forward to serving on the council of such a vibrant society as SEL as well as coediting Nota Lepidopterologica.



Franziska Bauer, Ordinary Council member, News Editor

I am a biologist by training and have been focusing my interest on Lepidoptera for more than 10 years now. I have worked at the Senckenberg Natural History Collections Dresden on several projects dealing with systematics of pyraloids and aspects of their protection. I have specialized in photography of Lepidoptera and portraying their life histories for educational purposes. Besides this I like to show the beauty of these animals in artworks and commission works. Being the successor of Willy De Prins, I have been working as the SEL News Editor now for almost two years. I enjoy getting in touch with so many different SEL members in this job and I am looking forward to continuing this work.