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A kind reminder: please pay your membership fee

Dear SEL members,
Please check whether you have transferred your membership fee for 2023 and previous years:

Ordinary member: 50€
Corporate member: 65€

The membership fee is due on January 1 of every year. Please transfer your (yet missing) membership fee to the account below. Thank you! If your address has changed, please inform the Membership Secretary Hossein Rajaei (hossein.rajaei@smns-bw.de).



Rappel pour les paiements

Chers membres de la SEL,
Merci de vérifier que vous avez bien payé votre cotisation pour 2023 et les années précédentes.

Membres ordinaires: 50€
Institutions et entreprises: 65€

La cotisation annuelle est due à compter du 1er janvier. Merci d'opérer le transfert bancaire de votre cotisation 2023 (et éventuellement celles des années précédentes) au compte bancaire ci-dessous. Merci d'informer Hossein Rajaei, le secrétaire aux membres, de votre nouvelle adresse, si elle a changée (hossein.rajaei@smns-bw.de).



Zur Erinnerung: Bitte zahlen Sie Ihren Mitgliedsbeitrag

Liebes SEL-Mitglied,
bitte prüfen Sie, ob Sie Ihren Mitgliedsbeitrag für 2023 und die vorangegangenen Jahre bezahlt haben.

Einfache Mitglieder: 50€
Institutionelle Mitglieder: 65€

Ihr SEL-Mitgliedsbeitrag wird zum 1. Januar eines jeden Jahres fällig. Bitte überweisen Sie Ihren (ggf. noch ausstehenden) Betrag auf das unten stehende Bankkonto. Vielen Dank im Voraus! Falls sich Ihre Adresse geändert haben sollte, wenden Sie sich bitte an den SEL-Mitgliedersekretär Hossein Rajaei (hossein.rajaei@smns-bw.de).

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Names, name changing and lepidopterists

We as lepidopterists are always busy with names, the names of our pet species, those of the hostplants and the parasitoids, and we all know that no name is stable for ever. We are used to names changing over time due to new insights in taxonomy or for nomenclatorial reasons. Still, it can annoy us when many names suddenly change and sometimes we wonder if this was really necessary. The contribution by Martin Corley in this SELepidoptera News deals with that problem: as somebody making checklists he is often confronted with such changes and wonders in particular if changes of generic names are really needed. I do agree with his point of view, and I would in fact go further than he does and suggest the use of species groups rather than subgenera in cases like *Eilema* that he presents as example. Although the basic research that leads to such changes may have been well done and provides good arguments for the recovered phylogeny, the decision to name a branch of a phylogenetic tree as a genus (subgenus) or a species group is still totally subjective. In my opinion, one should aim at keeping generic nomenclature intact for as long as possible and try to arrive at recognisable entities. In micromoths we have large genera that are perfectly well recognisable and divided more usually into species groups than subgenera, such as *Phyllonorycter*, *Coleophora*, *Stigmella*, *Argyresthia* and many more. Attempts to split some off these (as subgenera) have not worked out well. To trust detailed genitalic characters too much at the generic level is dangerous, as such characters are prone to fast evolution, due to sexual selection, and could easily result in oversplitting. Luckily, we see a tendency in studies on some groups such as butterflies and noctuids to return to larger genera, rather than oversplitting. After all, most of us would prefer a stable nomenclature.

As society we are also dealing with names, in this case the name of our own society, that we have changed in the last General Meeting into “SEL Society for European Lepidopterology” as you could read in SELepidoptera News 67, page 5. Like in Zoological nomenclature, where the International Commission for Zoological Nomenclature can decide against incorrect name changes, we are also confronted with a legal body, in this case the German Vereinsregister, that has to check whether the conditions were correct to accept the new statutes. Unfortunately, they could not accept the last minute change of the name during the 2022 Congress, as that name was not announced in the invitation for the meeting and they have a point, of course. Hence, they have registered the Statutes as accepted in the first place, with the name “SEL Society of European Lepidopterists” that most of us who were present in Laulasmaa did not want. We have now to use that name formally in our invitation, to make it legal, but hope that members will vote in favour of the better name “SEL Society for European Lepidopterology”. If you are not coming to the Congress, you can send your vote by e-mail, see elsewhere in this issue.

Another issue with names are our own names: since 2016 is the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) European policy and protects all civilians against misuse of personal data. This has led to the fact that we no longer provide a free list of members with address data as we did before to prevent misuse. However, we realise that a list of members can be very important for getting into contact with people with similar interests (as it used to have indication on specialties), and also for acting your democratic rights. We therefore will ask the General Meeting permission to prepare a membership list, for which each member can give his/her consent.

This is the last item that I am writing for this newsletter as president of the Society, and I was honoured that I have been able to serve you in this capacity. I appreciated the collaboration with many council members and many other SEL members, and enjoyed the meetings immensely. I hope to meet you in Orléans and after that in many more meetings to come,

Erik J. van Nieuwerkerken



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Orléans, France from 25th – 29th September 2023

Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde, carlos.lopezvaamonde@inrae.fr

Dear all,

The deadline for abstract submission is over and the scientific council has received over 115 abstracts and presenting authors will have received by now the results of their evaluation.

But even if you cannot any longer submit abstracts, you can still register and attend the conference. Participants will be able to register/pay online starting from the **4th July**.

So we warmly welcome you to the 23rd SEL Congress & 11th Forum Herbulot 25–29 September 2023 in Orleans, France. For those of you who would like to arrive a bit earlier, please note that from the 20th until the 24th September, Orléans organizes the **Festival de Loire**, a big event held every two years with concerts of traditional music, boat races, farmers markets, fireworks and much more, please check these links out:

<https://www.tourismeloiret.com/en/discover/we-tested-you/loire-festival>

<https://www.orleans-metropole.fr/festival-de-loire/presentation>



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

For presenting authors please note that your abstract will be included in the final conference program only if at least one author of the abstract has registered to attend the conference no later than the **1st September 2023**.

Abstracts without a registered author will be removed from the conference program.

A detailed program will be available on the Conference website by the end of July. We have a list of 8 excellent plenary speakers:

Andrea Battisti, University of Padova - IT
Jérôme Casas, Insect Biology Research Institute (IRBI), University of Tours / CNRS - FR
Marc Holderied, University of Bristol - UK
Prof. Johanna Mappes, University of Helsinki - FI
Joana Meier, Wellcome Sanger Institute; University of Cambridge - UK
Marko Mutanen, University of Oulu - FI
Sandra Schachat, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa - USA
Eric Warrant, University of Lund - Sweden; Australian National University - AU

Finally, there will be a post-conference excursion with two nights (Friday and Saturday nights) light trapping at the oak and riverine woodlands surrounding Orléans where we might see some interesting Autumnal moths, among them the emblematic *Gortyna borelii*. If you are interested in joining, please send me an email (carlos.lopezvaamonde@inrae.fr)

We are looking forward to seeing you in Orléans!

Dr. Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde, Conference Chair

Invitation to the General Meeting of the SEL* on September 28, 2023 in Orléans, France

Invitation à l'Assemblée Générale de la SEL* du 28 septembre 2023, à Orléans, France

Einladung zur Generalversammlung der SEL* am 28. September 2023 in Orléans, Frankreich

*Statutory name / Dénomination statutaire / Gesetzlicher Name: „SEL Society of European Lepidopterists”

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Invitation to the General Meeting of the SEL 2023

All SEL members are cordially invited to attend an Ordinary SEL General Meeting due to take place on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the hotel Dupanloup Le Studium Orléans, France. The starting time of the meeting will be announced later. Council proposes the following agenda.

Members unable to attend the General Meeting can send votes by email to m.espeland@leibniz-lib.de, or are referred to paragraph 3 of section 4 in the SEL statutes (available on website <http://www.socourlep.eu>) concerning postal votes.

This invitation is published on July 13, 2023, according to the SEL Statutes, paragraph 4.

Agenda

1. Opening, welcome
2. Report of the SEL Council
3. Report of the Treasurer
4. Auditor's Report
5. Report of the Editor
6. Report of Committee Chair persons
7. Council proposals
- A. Proposal to change § 1.1 of the Statutes as accepted in Laulasmaa 2022
- b. A new list of members
- c. Proposal for the membership fees for 2024
8. Discharge of Council, Auditors, and Committee Chair persons
9. Appointment of Election

- Leader
10. Election of Council members
 11. Election of Committee chair persons
 12. Election of auditor
 13. The 24th SEL Congress in Czechia, 2025
 14. Members' proposals
 15. Any other business

Item 7a. Council proposes to change § 1.1 of the Statutes that were accepted by the General Meeting 2022 in Laulasmaa as follows:

OLD. § 1 Name, registered office, financial year

1. The name of the Society shall be "SEL Society of European Lepidopterists", founded as SEL Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica e.V. on 19 September 1976. The Society's registered office shall be at Karlsruhe in the Federal Republic of Germany. The Society has been registered at the district court at Mannheim under Nr. 101146.

NEW. § 1 Name, registered office, financial year

1. The name of the Society shall be "SEL Society for European Lepidopterology", founded as SEL Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica e.V. on 19 September 1976. The Society's registered office shall be at Karlsruhe in the Federal Republic of Germany. The Society has been registered at the district court at Mannheim under Nr. 101146.

Explanation:

During the 2022 General Meeting in Laulasmaa, the members voted to

change the name of SEL from Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica to "SEL Society of European Lepidopterologists" and adopted the amended Statutes with this name. After the meeting, this name was changed to "Society for European Lepidopterology" because members were concerned that the originally proposed name would exclude non-European members. Although the majority of members present at the Congress approved this change one day after the General Meeting, this did not happen at the formally announced General Assembly. Therefore, the Mannheim Register of Associations, where the Society is registered, did not accept this second change of name. For this reason the new statutes were registered under the name "SEL Society of European Lepidopterologists" ([statutes](#)). We ask the members to vote for the change of § 1.1 of the statutes and the change of the name of our society to "SEL Society for European Lepidopterology". In case of rejection the name will remain "SEL Society of European Lepidopterologists".

Item 7b. Council proposes to prepare a list of members. Due to the European GDPR SEL hasn't had a formal membership list for several years. As we would like to promote the possibilities of members to be able to contact each other, council will prepare a membership list with at least name, email, country and area of expertise. Members should give their consent and if they wish we can add more address details. Council will work out whether the list will



be published on paper, as pdf or on the website in a member only area.

Item 7c. Council proposes the following membership fees from 2024 onward:

- Normal membership with printed Nota Lepidopterologica: € 70 (including corporate members)
- Normal membership without printed Nota Lepidopterologica: € 50
- Student membership without printed Nota Lepidopterologica: € 30

Members who pay with SEPA direct debit get a reduction of €5 on their fees (thus resp. € 65, 45, 25)

Members wishing to receive printed Nota should have paid their fees before November 1st, otherwise Nota will not be sent. Members who haven't paid in the calendar year get one chance after a reminder to pay for 2 years; otherwise they will be deleted as a member. Council will set a deadline for payment.

Student members can be BSc, MSc or PhD students or high school pupils.

Item 10. Election of Council members. The 4-year terms of Erik van Nieuwerkerken (President), Thomas Simonsen (vice-president) and Marianne Espeland (general secretary) end, they are not available for a new term. Also the 4-year terms of Hossein Rajaei (membership secretary) and the ordinary council members Enrique Garcia-Barros and Carlos Lopes Vaamonde ends. They are available for re-election in this function.

Council proposes the following new candidates:

Jadranka Rota as President, Toomas Tammaru as Vice-President, Richard Mally as General Secretary,

and Marianne Espeland and Zdeněk Faltýnek Fric as ordinary council members.

Item 12. The 4-year term of Axel Steiner ends, council is looking for a candidate to replace him.

Item 14. Members' proposals: any proposals by members are to be submitted in writing to the General Secretary, Marianne Espeland by 1st August 2023.

Invitation à l'Assemblée Générale de la 2023

Tous les membres de la SEL sont cordialement invités à participer à l'Assemblée Générale (AG) ordinaire de la SEL, qui se tiendra le jeudi 28 septembre 2023, dans l'hôtel Dupanloup, Le Studium, à Orléans, France. L'heure de l'ouverture de cette AG vous sera communiquée ultérieurement. Le Conseil d'Administration (CA) de la SEL propose l'ordre du jour qui suit.

Les membres qui ne pourraient participer physiquement à cette AG, peuvent voter électroniquement directement à l'adresse de la Secrétaire générale m.espeland@leibniz-lib.de, ou sont invités à se reporter au paragraphe 3, de la section 4 des Statuts de la SEL, pour les modalités de vote par correspondance consultables sur le site internet <http://www.soceurlep.eu>

La présente invitation est délivrée le 13 juillet 2023 conformément au § 4 des statuts de la SEL.

Ordre du jour

1. Ouverture et accueil
2. Rapport du Conseil d'Administration de la SEL,
3. Rapport du Trésorier,
4. Rapport des Auditeurs,
5. Rapport du Rédacteur en chef,
6. Rapport des responsables des comités,
7. Propositions du Conseil
 - a. Modification du § 1.1 des Statuts, selon l'avis favorable de l'AG tenue à Laulasmaa 2022,
 - b. Une nouvelle liste des membres
 - c. Proposition de cotisation pour 2024
8. Décharge du CA, des auditeurs et des responsables de Comité,
9. Désignation du responsable des élections,

10. Election des membres du Conseil d'Administration,
11. Election des responsables de Comité,
12. Election de l'Auditeur,
13. Tenue du 24ème Congrès de la SEL en Tchéquie, en 2025,
14. Proposition des membres,
15. Questions diverses.

Point 7a. L'Assemblée Générale de Laulasmaa, en 2022, a approuvé le changement du § 1.1 des Statuts proposé par le CA, selon les modalités suivantes :

Ancienne version. § 1 Nom, siège, année d'exercice

1. La Société dénommée « SEL Society of European Lepidopterists », a été fondée sous le nom de SEL Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica e.V. le 19 septembre 1976. Elle a son siège social à Karlsruhe dans la République Fédérale d'Allemagne. Elle est inscrite au registre des sociétés de l'Amtsgericht de Mannheim sous le numéro 101146.

NEW. § 1 Nom, siège, année d'exercice

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Explications:

Durant l'Assemblée Générale de 2022, à Laulasmaa, les membres ont voté en faveur du changement de nom de la SEL de Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica en « SEL Society of European Lepidopterists » (=Société des lépidoptéristes européens) et accepté le changement corollaire des statuts de l'association. Après cette AG, le nom fut transformé en « SEL Society for European Lepidopterology » (=Société pour la lépidoptérologie européenne) à la suite d'avis de plusieurs membres qui craignaient que la formulation initiale exclue les membres non européens. Bien que la majorité des membres présents au congrès aient accepté cette nouvelle modification un jour

après l'Assemblée Générale, cela ne s'est pas déroulé durant la séance officielle de l'AG. Le service du registre des associations de la Cour du district de Mannheim, où la SEL est enregistrée, n'a pas validé ce deuxième changement de nom.

C'est la raison pour laquelle les nouveaux statuts ont été enregistrés sous le nom de « SEL Society of European Lepidopterologists » ([statuts](#)).

Nous demandons aux membres de voter uniquement pour la modification de § 1.1 des statuts et pour le changement du nom de l'Association en « SEL Society for European Lepidoptology ».

En cas de rejet, le nom restera « SEL Society of European Lepidopterists ».

Point 7b. Le Conseil propose de préparer une liste des membres. En raison de la GDPR (CNIL) européenne, le SEL n'a pas diffusé de liste formelle des membres depuis plusieurs années. Comme nous souhaitons promouvoir les possibilités de contact entre les membres, le Conseil préparera une liste des membres avec au moins le nom, l'adresse électronique, le pays et le domaine d'expertise. Les membres devront donner leur accord et, s'ils le souhaitent, nous pourrons ajouter d'autres adresses. Le Conseil déterminera si la liste sera publiée sur papier, en format pdf ou sur le site web dans une zone réservée aux membres.

Point 7c. Le Conseil propose les cotisations suivantes à partir de 2024 :

- Adhésion normale avec Nota Lepidopterologica imprimé : € 70 (y compris les membres corporatifs)
- Adhésion normale sans Nota Lepidopterologica imprimé : € 50
- Membre étudiant sans Nota Lepidopterologica imprimé : € 30

Les membres qui paient par prélèvement SEPA bénéficient d'une réduction de 5 € sur leur cotisation (donc resp. 65 €, 45 €, 25 €).

Les membres qui souhaitent recevoir Nota imprimé doivent avoir payé leur cotisation avant le 1er novembre de l'année en cours, sinon la version imprimée ne sera pas envoyée. Les

membres qui n'ont pas payé leur cotisation au cours de l'année civile recevront un rappel et auront la possibilité de régulariser leur situation de paiement pendant deux ans. Passé ce délai ils seront radiés en tant que membres. Le Conseil fixera une date limite de paiement.

Les membres étudiants peuvent être des étudiants en BSc, MSc ou PhD ou des élèves d'école secondaire.

Point 10. Election des membres du Conseil d'Administration :

Le terme de quatre ans de fonction du Président (Erik van Nieuwerkerken), de la Secrétaire générale (Marianne Espeland) et du Vice-Président (Thomas Simonsen) est atteint et ils ne peuvent se représenter pour un nouveau mandat à ces postes. Il en est de même pour le Secrétaire aux membres (Hossein Rajaei) et des membres ordinaires, Enrique Garcia-Barros et Carlos Lopes Vaamonde, qui peuvent néanmoins se représenter pour ces fonctions.

Le Conseil d'Administration propose les candidatures de Jadranka Rota comme Présidente, de Toomas Tammaru comme Vice-Président, Richard Mally comme Secrétaire Général, Marianne Espeland et Zdeněk Faltýnek Fric, comme membres ordinaires du CA.

Point 12. Election de l'Auditeur.

Le mandat de quatre ans de fonction d'Axel Steiner s'achève et le CA recherche un candidat pour la fonction d'auditeur.

Point 14. Proposition des membres. Les propositions émanant des membres doivent être envoyées par écrit à la Secrétaire Générale, Marianne Espeland, avant le 1^{er} août 2023.

Einladung zur Generalversammlung der SEL 2023

Alle SEL-Mitglieder sind herzlich eingeladen, an der ordentlichen SEL-Generalversammlung teilzunehmen, die am Donnerstag, den 28. September 2023 im Hotel Dupanloup Le Studium Orléans, Frankreich, stattfinden wird. Die Anfangszeit der Versammlung wird später bekannt

gegeben. Der Vorstand schlägt die folgende Tagesordnung vor.

Mitglieder, die nicht an der Generalversammlung teilnehmen können, haben die Möglichkeit, ihre Stimme per E-Mail an m.espeland@leibniz-lib.de abzugeben, oder sie werden auf Absatz 3 von Abschnitt 4 der SEL-Satzung (auf der Website <http://www.socourlep.eu> verfügbar) bezüglich der Briefwahl verwiesen.

Diese Einladung wird gemäß Absatz 4 der SEL-Satzung am 13. Juli 2023 veröffentlicht.

Tagesordnung

1. Eröffnung, Begrüßung
2. Bericht des Vorstands der SEL
3. Bericht des Schatzmeisters
4. Bericht des Rechnungsprüfers
5. Bericht des Herausgebers
6. Bericht der Ausschussvorsitzenden
7. Vorschläge des Vorstandes
 - a. Vorschlag zur Änderung von § 1.1 der Satzung (Name wie in Laulasmaa 2022 nachträglich vorgeschlagen und angenommen)
 - b. Eine neue Liste der Mitglieder
 - c. Vorschlag für die Mitgliedsbeiträge für 2024
8. Entlastung des Vorstands, der Rechnungsprüfer und der Ausschussvorsitzenden
9. Ernennung des Wahlleiters
10. Wahl der Vorstandsmitglieder
11. Wahl der Ausschussvorsitzenden
12. Wahl der Rechnungsprüfer
13. Der 24. SEL-Kongress in der Tschechischen Republik, 2025
14. Vorschläge der Mitglieder
15. Verschiedenes

Punkt 7a. Der Vorstand schlägt vor, § 1.1 der Satzung, die von der Generalversammlung 2022 in Laulasmaa angenommen wurden, wie folgt zu ändern:

ALT. § 1 Name, Sitz, Geschäftsjahr
1. Der Verein führt den Namen "SEL Society of European Lepidopterologists", gegründet als SEL Societas Eu-



ropaea Lepidopterologica e. V. am 19. September 1976. Der Sitz des Vereins ist in Karlsruhe in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und ist im Vereinsregister des Amtsgerichts Mannheim unter Nr. 101146 eingetragen.

NEU. 1. Der Verein führt den Namen "SEL Society for European Lepidopterology", gegründet als SEL Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica e. V. am 19. September 1976. Der Sitz des Vereins ist in Karlsruhe in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und ist im Vereinsregister des Amtsgerichts Mannheim unter Nr. 101146 eingetragen.

Erläuterung:

Während der Generalversammlung 2022 in Laulasmaa stimmten die Mitglieder über die Änderung des Namens der SEL von Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica in "SEL Society of European Lepidopterologists" ab und nahmen die geänderte Satzung mit diesem Namen an. Nach der Versammlung wurde dieser Name in "Society for European Lepidopterology" geändert, da die Mitglieder befürchteten, dass der ursprünglich vorgeschlagene Name außereuropäische Mitglieder ausschließen könnte. Obwohl die auf dem Kongress anwesenden Mitglieder dieser Änderung einen Tag nach der Generalversammlung mehrheitlich zustimmten, geschah dies nicht auf der formell angekündigten Generalversammlung. Daher hat das Vereinsregister Mannheim, in dem der Verein eingetragen ist, diese zweite Namensänderung nicht akzeptiert. Die neue Satzung wurde aus diesem Grund unter dem Namen "SEL Society of European Lepidopterologists" eingetragen ([Satzung](#)).

Wir bitten die Mitglieder, für die Änderung des § 1.1 der Satzung und die

Änderung des Namens unseres Vereins in „SEL Society for European Lepidopterology“ zu stimmen. Im Falle der Ablehnung bleibt der Name „SEL Society of European Lepidopterologists“.

Punkt 7b. Der Vorstand schlägt vor, eine Liste der Mitglieder zu erstellen. Aufgrund der europäischen GDPR (DSGVO) hat SEL seit einigen Jahren keine formelle Mitgliederliste mehr. Da wir die Möglichkeiten der Mitglieder fördern möchten, miteinander in Kontakt zu treten, wird der Vorstand eine Mitgliederliste vorbereiten, die zumindest Name, E-Mail, Land und Fachgebiet enthält. Die Mitglieder sollten ihr Einverständnis geben und wenn sie es wünschen, können wir weitere Adressdaten hinzufügen. Der Vorstand wird festlegen, ob die Liste auf Papier, als PDF oder auf der Website in einem Bereich nur für Mitglieder veröffentlicht werden soll.

Punkt 7c. Der Vorstand schlägt die folgenden Mitgliedsbeiträge ab 2024 vor:

- Normale Mitgliedschaft mit gedruckter Nota Lepidopterologica: € 70 (einschließlich Körperschaftlichem Mitglieder)
- Normale Mitgliedschaft ohne gedruckte Nota Lepidopterologica: € 50
- Studentische Mitgliedschaft ohne gedruckte Nota Lepidopterologica: € 30

Mitglieder, die mit SEPA-Lastschriftverfahren zahlen, erhalten eine Ermäßigung von € 5 auf ihren Beitrag (also € 65, 45, 25)

Mitglieder, die eine gedruckte Nota erhalten möchten, sollten ihre Beiträge vor dem 1. November bezahlt ha-

ben, da die Nota sonst nicht verschickt wird. Mitglieder, die im Kalenderjahr nicht gezahlt haben, erhalten nach einer Mahnung eine Chance, für 2 Jahre zu zahlen; andernfalls werden sie als Mitglied gelöscht. Der Vorstand wird eine Frist für die Zahlung festlegen.

Studentische Mitglieder können BSc-, MSc- oder PhD-Studenten oder Schüler der Sekundarstufe sein.

Punkt 10. Wahl der Vorstandsmitglieder. Die 4-jährige Amtszeit von Erik van Nieukerken (Präsident), Thomas Simonsen (Vizepräsident) und Marianne Espeland (Generalsekretärin) endet. Sie stehen für eine neue Amtszeit nicht zur Verfügung. Auch die 4-jährige Amtszeit von Hossein Rajaei (Mitgliedschaftssekretär), und den ordentlichen Vorstandsmitgliedern Enrique Garcia-Barros und Carlos Lopes Vaamonde endet. Sie stehen für eine Wiederwahl in dieser Funktion zur Verfügung.

Der Vorstand schlägt die folgenden neuen Kandidaten vor:

Jadranka Rota als Präsidentin, Toomas Tammaru als Vizepräsident, Richard Mally als Generalsekretär sowie Marianne Espeland und Zdeněk Faltýnek Fric als ordentliche Vorstandsmitglieder.

Punkt 12. Die 4-jährige Amtszeit von Axel Steiner endet, der Vorstand sucht nach einem Kandidaten für seine Nachfolge.

Punkt 14. Vorschläge der Mitglieder: Alle Vorschläge der Mitglieder sind schriftlich an die Generalsekretärin, Marianne Espeland, bis zum 1. August 2023 einzureichen.

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In defence of the Subgenus

Martin Corley

Having produced a checklist of Portuguese Lepidoptera (Corley, 2015), I now have the self-imposed task of keeping this up to date with annual summaries of additions to and deletions from the fauna. Added to these changes there are changes at genus level to be considered and it is here that it starts to get complicated.

A genus is a collection of species (sometimes just one species) that are believed to be more closely related to one another than to species in another genus. In other words, they represent a single branch of the evolutionary tree. Herein lies the problem. Is it a stout branch with smaller branches before it ends in twigs (species) or a more slender branch with fewer twigs? In other words, is the taxonomist who defines the genus a lumper or a splitter? There is a prevailing tendency for large genera to be carved up into smaller genera each containing fewer species. Occasionally small genera are amalgamated into larger genera, but this does appear to be less frequent in recent years. There is also sometimes a pendulum effect, in which one or more species are removed from a larger genus, only to be reinstated in the original genus by a different author a few years later. This is particularly prevalent in Rhopalocera, but also occurs in Heterocera.

For the checklist compiler, changes at genus level make extra work, which is of questionable value. For the consumer (anyone who wants to know the correct name of a taxon) it causes confusion. Taxonomists would do well to remember that theirs is a service industry. They are providing a framework of information for others to use. This is of much less value if it keeps changing.

I take as an example the recent publication of a revision of European and North African *Eilema* Hübner (Maciá et al., 2022), but there are many other examples. Everyone recognises an *Eilema* – they have long more or less unicolorous forewings, often with a

pale costa, either wrapped round the body or resting in a flat position over the back. Now if I follow Maciá et al. the Portuguese species fall into eight different genera. Only one species remains in *Eilema* and we have to learn new genus names for all the remaining species. I can see no benefit to me or to any field lepidopterist in this.

I am not criticising the scientific quality of this paper and I understand the authors' intentions. Their small genera highlight the different evolutionary branches within the *Eilema* group. In the case of *Eilema*, substantial division of the genus had already been proposed by Dubatolov & Zolotuhin (2011) among others. In applying this work to 21 western Palearctic species, some species did not fit comfortably into the Dubatolov & Zolotuhin genera, so the necessity appeared to be the creation of further new genera. Once one starts splitting it is hard to know when to stop. The result is that 12 of the 21 species fall into two genera, while the remaining nine species are in nine different genera, some of which are monotypic, others have additional species in other parts of the world.

Such studies are usually based on the species of a relatively small geographical area (often Europe) but may give little or no consideration to the related species in other parts of the world. Without a global revision the results are inevitably questionable, as there is a significant probability that there are species elsewhere in the world that occupy an intermediate position between the new genera.

Whatever happened to the subgenus? It is the perfect vehicle for these small or monotypic "genera", while allowing all the similar species to remain in a single large genus and it sidesteps the need for monotypic genera. Anyone not interested in the minutiae of evolutionary relationships can just ignore the subgenus as it does not form part of the species name.

There is another alternative. Some lepidopterists make use of "species groups" which are not part of the formal hierarchy but can still associate similar species. Groups may be given numbers or named after a representative species within the group and if required can be further divided into subgroups. They allow some degree of structure in very large genera such as *Coleophora* Hübner, *Elachista* Treitschke and *Idaea* Treitschke which can make species identification in such large genera much less daunting.

I do not propose that no-one should ever erect a new genus. There are circumstances in which it becomes necessary, as when I realised that the gelechiid genus *Sophronia* Hübner contained species belonging to two different subfamilies. This necessitated the description of the new genus *Pseudosophronia* Corley. I was also involved in the description of another gelechiid genus, *Mondeguina* Corley & Rosete, because its type species did not have the morphological characters of the genus (*Apatetris* Staudinger) in which it had been described. But I am suggesting that anyone proposing a new genus should think very hard before deciding that it would not be better described at subgenus level.

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Request for specimens/photos of Madagascan Syntomini (Erebidae: Arctiinae)

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Dear Lepidopterists,

For a couple of years now, together with our dear colleagues David Lees and Niklas Wahlberg, we have been running the project on the phylogeny and biogeography of an endemic Madagascan lineage of Syntomini tiger moths. This group comprises nearly 100 species, but was very poorly studied. Our phylogenetic research is almost done, and at the final stage of the project we are preparing the distributional atlas of Madagascan Syntomini. We hope that it will contribute not only to the more detailed knowledge of our focal group, but also to a better understanding of the biogeographic patterns of the island's extraordinary fauna. We already have gathered a huge dataset, comprising label data from over a thousand of specimens, both from our own collecting and from the most important museum, including NHMUK London, MNHN Paris, SGN Frankfurt am Main and PZBT Tsimbazaza. We examined also specimens from several further collections: MfN Berlin, NRM Stockholm, Naturalis Leiden, SMNS Stuttgart, MLUH Halle and OUMNH Oxford. Here we would like to express our gratitude to all our colleagues from the institutions mentioned above, for their kind and generous help with collecting the data.

However, even a single specimen or a photograph of an individual from a locality that has never been reported before brings very precious information and improves the geographical coverage of the dataset. Therefore, we invite you to sending us the specimens or photographs of Madagascan Syntomini. We would be grateful also for sharing this information with anyone you know may have such materials. Specimens and data contributions from collectors and collections will be acknowledged in the publications arising from this work.

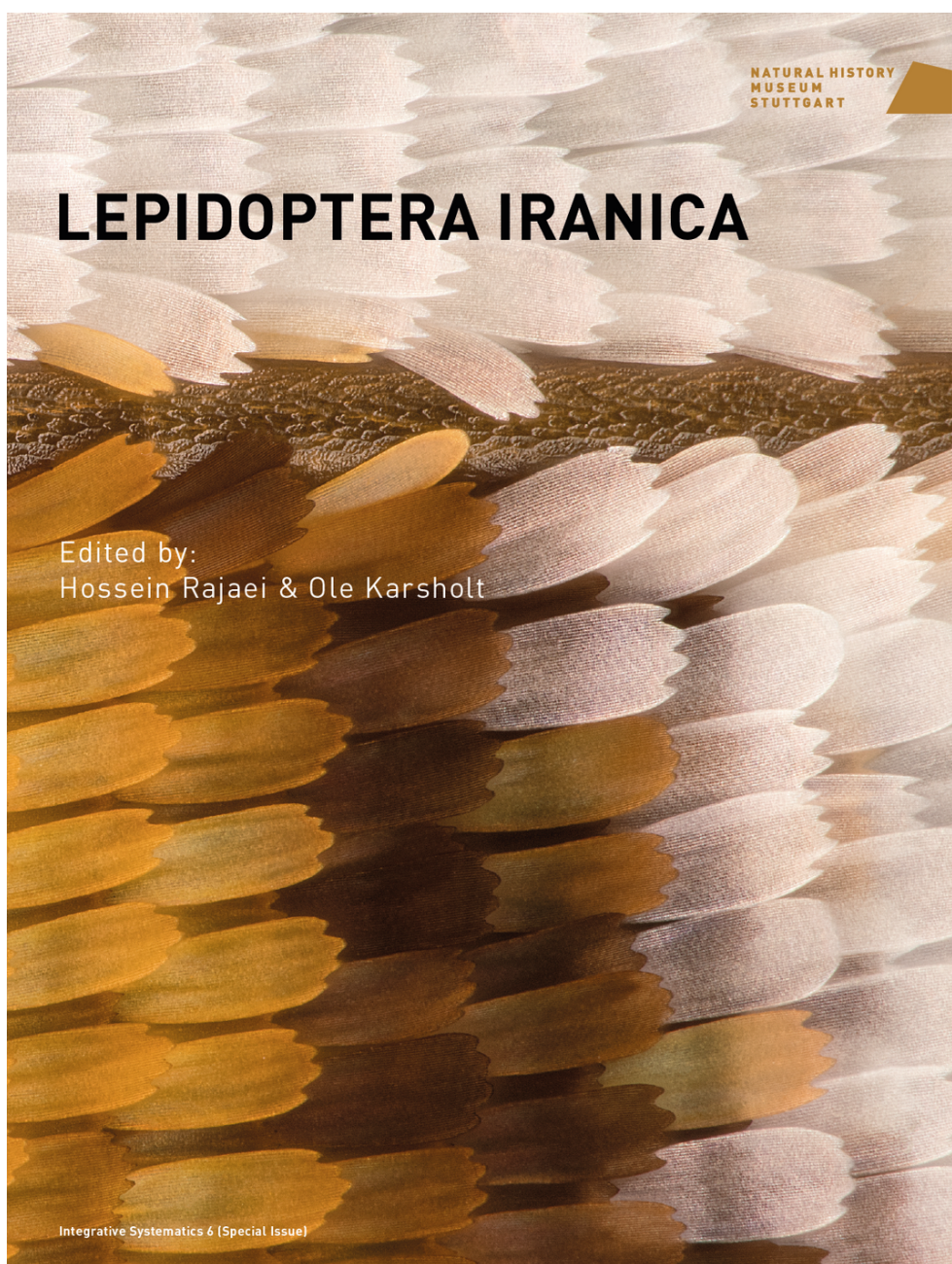
Yours sincerely,

Łukasz Przybyłowicz
Marcin Wiorek



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The Integrative Systematics special issue "Lepidoptera Iranica" (edited by Hossein Rajaei & Ole Karsholt, 459 pp.) is available as a hardcover.

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Changes to the list of members – Changements à la liste des membres – Änderungen zur Mitgliederliste (December 1, 2022 – June 1, 2023)

Hossein Rajaei, SEL membership secretary

New members – Neue Mitglieder – Nouveaux membres

In total during the last 6 months, 17 new members joined the SEL:

Dirk Maes (Belgium)
Peter Russell (UK)
Guilian Hu (China)
Richard Mandziejewicz (UK)
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Huw Roberts (UEA)
Kristian Grell (Czech Republic)
Jeroen Voogd (Netherlands)
Carlo Seifert (Germany)
Ramon Hulsbosch (Netherlands)
Lorenzo Comoglio (Italy)
Tatiana Moreira Pinhal (Portugal)
Daniel Linke (Czech Republic)
Sille Holm (Estonia)
Ida-Maria Huikkonen (Finland)
Lotta Leinonen (Finland)
Hugo Benítez (Chile)

Resignations – Austritte – Démissions

In total during the last 6 months, 7 members left SEL:

Sylvain Cuvelier (Belgium)
Sjaak Koster (Netherlands)
Manuela Pinzari (Italy)
Francesca Vegliante (Germany)
Jaan Viidalepp (Estonia)
Andro Truuverk (Estonia)
Hermann Heimbach (Germany)

73 members were deleted due to not paying membership more than 3 years (most of them over 5 years).

Statistics: Currently (June 01, 2023), SEL membership is composed as follows:
413 ordinary members and a total of **454** members.

Membership 2023 – Mitgliedschaft 2023– Cotisation 2023



Please remember that the subscription becomes due at the beginning of the year. The subscription for the year 2023 is 50€ for individuals and 65€ for associations. Please pay your 2023 subscription promptly either directly to the SEL account. If your bank is offering SEPA transfer (in Euro) you should not have extra cost.



Nous vous rappelons que la cotisation annuelle est due dès le début de l'année en cours. Le montant de la cotisation 2023 est de 50€ pour les membres ordinaires et de 65€ pour les associations ou institutions. Si vous ne l'avez déjà fait, nous vous remercions de vous en acquitter rapidement par virement international au compte de la SEL:



Bitte beachten Sie, dass Ihr Mitgliedsbeitrag zu Beginn eines jeden Jahres fällig wird. Der Beitrag für 2023 beträgt für Einfache Mitglieder 50€ und für Institutionelle Mitglieder 65€. Bitte zahlen Sie Ihren Beitrag für 2023 pünktlich auf das SEL-Bankkonto:

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Local SEL representatives instead of local treasurers

The system of local treasurers, then termed “regional collecting agents”, was established in 1994 as a consequence of raising costs of international payments (see News 22). Since then a lot has changed, and now, due to the introduction of the EURO and the SEPA payment area, direct transfers from most European countries to Germany are comparable to domestic transfers, with few or no extra costs for payments in EURO. For other countries we have opened a PayPal account, to be able to pay with credit cards.

As the system with various local treasurers is an extra burden for the bookkeeping, and no longer needed for cost reduction, council has decided at its meeting in Campobasso to abandon the long-standing system of local treasurers and from now on only accept direct payment by members to the treasurer. We have discussed this step already for some years, and more and more members pay directly, and some local treasurers already stopped.

However, we realise that the local SEL treasurers paid also an important role to represent SEL in their country, as they are closer to the members. As it is important for SEL to have local contacts, we asked first the former local treasurers to consider changing their role into local contact person of SEL for their country. A local contact person would be a great help, especially if members have questions about the next congress, the recruitment of new members or the direct payment of fees. A list of the local SEL representatives will be published in the next News.

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Money transfer from outside Germany

Wolfgang Eckweiler, Treasurer

Payment through local treasurers with their own cash accounts is no longer possible and only direct payments to the treasurer will be accepted. Of course, somebody else can transfer the contribution on your behalf. It is important to indicate in the subject for whom the payment is made.

SEPA Direct Debit

In Germany, the direct debit system has proven its worth. Participants do not need to worry about paying their contributions on time. This is also possible in other countries of the SEPA payment area. Surely you pay your Internet or telephone bill this way. Please check with your bank if they accept SEPA direct debits. On page 17 you will find a SEPA direct debit mandate to print out. Please fill out the form, sign it and send it by e-mail to SEL-members[at]eckweiler.com or by mail to Dr. Wolfgang Eckweiler, Gronauer Str. 40, D-60385 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.



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Application for membership · Aufnahmeantrag · Bulletin de souscription

I hereby apply to become a member of SEL. I acknowledge the aims of SEL and agree to pay the annual dues.

Ich beantrage die Mitgliedschaft bei SEL. Ich werde die satzungsmäßigen Ziele des Vereins beachten und die jährlichen Mitgliedsbeiträge bezahlen.

Par la présente je souhaite devenir membre de la SEL., j'ai pris connaissance du règlement et des objectifs de l'association auxquels je souscris et accepte de régler ma cotisation annuelle.

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