Publications Committee

Volunteer members

We are looking for up to 2 people to join our volunteer Publications Committee in 2024.

This is an exciting opportunity for members to help shape the strategic development of the BES publications portfolio at a time when scientific publishing is undergoing important changes.
About the Publications Committee

Publications Committee works in close collaboration with the Director of Publishing to oversee the management of the Society’s portfolio of academic research journals, the Ecological Reviews book series, Applied Ecology Resources and other publishing outputs, ensuring that we continue to publish outstanding ecological science and disseminate it to a broad scientific audience.

The Committee:

- Stays abreast of important developments within academic publishing;
- Is responsible for developing and implementing the BES Publications Strategic Plan;
- Reviews progress against strategic objectives;
- Monitors journal key performance indicators;
- Manages the contracts with the Society’s publishers;
- Carries out regular horizon scanning for new publishing opportunities.

The Committee is chaired by British Ecological Society trustee Rob Freckleton.
Who we’re looking for

To achieve a balance of knowledge and skills in our groups, we are especially looking for people who have experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Working in or closely with the practitioner community
- Subject areas outside of ecology, such as evolutionary biology and interdisciplinary research
- Working in open science practices (e.g. open access, open source code, reproducibility of science)
- Journal publishing practice and developments

We are also interested in hearing from ecologists working in organisations other than universities, early career researchers, underrepresented genders and people from the Global Majority.
Reasons to get involved

- Opportunities to influence the direction and priorities across the Society, with the ability to input ideas which can shape the strategy and initiatives undertaken.
- Enhance your skills and professional development by serving on a committee.
- Grow your professional network by working alongside likeminded ecologists.
- Exposure to governance and decision making within the BES, helping you build an understanding of how the Society operates.

Time involved

- The Committee meets two times a year, usually in April and October.
- Meetings will take place between 9-5 (GMT/BST) business hours. Meetings are typically split over two days at 2 hours each; notice will always be given for attendance at meetings.
- Publication Committee members can be based anywhere in the world.
- New members of the Committee will be appointed for an initial three years; the maximum length of involvement is two terms.
**How to apply**

Please click the green button ‘Apply’ via our recruitment portal to submit:

- **Your CV - no more than 2 x A4 sides**

- **A covering letter** - no more than 1x A4 side answering the following questions:
  
  1. Why are you interested in this role and what would you like to get out of the experience? (300 words maximum)

  2. What would you hope to achieve during your term of 3 years? (300 words maximum)

We ask these questions because we’re interested in hearing your reasons for taking part and how we could support you to get the most of the opportunity, along with what you’ll add to our Committee.

- **Your equality and diversity information** - this voluntary information helps us to assess the diversity of our recruitment and further improve processes in the future. It is not considered as part of the shortlisting process and is used to review our overall volunteer recruitment only.
Key Dates

Closing date: Please apply by 8am (GMT/BST) 8 April 2024.

We will review your answers as part of your application and we may reach out to ask follow on questions if we need; this may be by email or a telephone/video call.

We will confirm applications by mid May 2024.

If you have questions about this role or would like more information, please contact us and we will be happy to answer your questions. Please contact Andrea Baier (She/Her) Director of Publishing on email at Andrea@britishecologicalsociety.org

Access

If you require access support, please contact Karen Devine (She/Her) Director of Communities and Inclusion on email at Karen@britishecologicalsociety.org or via phone on +44 20 3994 8282