

Society for European Lepidopterology (SEL)



General Secretary
Richard Mally
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Prague, 01 August 2025

Dear all,

The beginning of the SEL congress is quickly approaching, with only a bit more than two weeks left.

It looks like most of you will have arrived in Svatý Jan pod Skalou around noon on Monday (18.08.), so we plan to start the council meeting at 13:00 CEST. For those of you who are unable to join in person, here's the link to join the meeting online: [redacted]

A proper council meeting also means we'll have to prepare reports on our council responsibilities. I would like to ask you to send me your report latest by Friday, 15.08., 16:00 CEST, so I can compile them for the meeting.

The meeting agenda is more or less the usual one - see below. If you think we are missing a crucial topic, please let me know asap, so I can include it in the schedule.

Looking forward to our reunion!
Richard

Council Meeting agenda:

1. Welcome, apologies of absence
2. Minutes of the last council meeting
3. Matters arising from those minutes
4. Agenda for the General Meeting (GM) to be agreed on
5. Report of the SEL Council (JR, RM)
6. Report of the Treasurer for 2024 and Auditors' report (WE)
7. Report of the Membership secretary (HR)
8. Report of SELepidoptera News (DW)
9. Report of Nota Lepidopterologica (TL)
10. Report of SEL Website and Social Media (RM)
11. MutuLep: first reactions/interactions?
12. Preparations of the GM
13. Elections
14. Future SEL Congresses
15. SEL Archive
16. Next Council meetings
17. Any other businesses

Report of the SEL Council for the period September 2023 – August 18, 2025

The 23rd European Congress of Lepidopterology & 11th Forum Herbulot, 25-29 September 2023, Orléans, France

The congress was organised by Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde and his team from Le Studium at Musée des Beaux Arts (oral presentations) & Hôtel Dupanloup (poster sessions), in the centre of Orléans.

There were 129 participants (24 students) from over 30 countries, with 50 oral presentations and 24 posters. We had nine plenary lectures starting with Marc Holderied who talked about the acoustic arms races between moths and bats, Eric Warrant who showed us how Australian bogong moths use the stars and the earth's magnetic field as compasses for long-distance navigation at night. Johanna Mappes gave a fascinating talk on the drivers of colour polymorphism in the wood tiger moth. We had the conference dinner in a restaurant in the old town of Orléans. The winners of the student competition were Laura Torrado (University of A Coruña, Spain) for the best oral presentation and Raphaëlle Gladieu (Natural History Museum, Paris) for best poster. A general public lecture in French was given by David Demerges (Oreina) at the Natural History Museum of Orléans. At the end of the conference, we organized a light trap session at forêt de Chanteau, near Orléans.

Council

The general meeting was held on September 28, 2023 in Orléans, France, and was reported in SELepidoptera News 70.

An important item was the voting on the new Statutes and Bye-Laws and the new, now modified, name proposed and agreed on after the general meeting in Laulasmaa, Estonia, so that the new name became "SEL Society for European Lepidopterology" as it was accepted by the members.

The general meeting also voted on increasing the membership fee for the members who choose to receive a printed copy of Nota to 70€, while keeping the membership fee at 50€ otherwise.

Jadranka Rota was elected as President, Toomas Tammaru was elected as Vice-President, Richard Mally was elected as General Secretary, and Marianne Espeland and Zdeněk Faltýnek Fric were elected as ordinary council members. Hossein Rajaei was re-elected as Membership secretary, and Enrique García-Barros and Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde were re-elected as ordinary council members. Robert Trusch was elected as auditor.

Council brought forward several new initiatives. One is MutuLep, which is a registry of members ready to support fellow lepidopterists with fieldwork in their home countries or in other regions they have experience with. It was presented in the SELepidoptera News 71.

Another initiative is the development of the society's Code of Conduct, striving to create an environment that is welcoming to everyone and encourages polite and decent behaviour to all our members, also presented in the SELepidoptera News 71.

Council has also organised a competition for a new logo for the SEL and it has opened a BlueSky account for the SEL @soceurlep.bsky.social.

The production of the member directory is currently on hold. The wishes of our members with respect to the personal information that should be included in the directory were very diverse and that made this initiative rather complicated, but the idea is to continue working on it, making a basic directory to start with.



Treasurer's Report on the year 2023-2024

Dr. W. Eckweiler



Auswertung			
Kategorie	Datum	Betrag	
Einnahmen		20.515,74	100,00 %
Einnahmen			
Mitgliedsbeiträge		20.515,74	100,00 %
Ausgaben		30.256,07	100,00 %
Ausgaben			
Bankgebühren			
PayPal		88,54	0,29 %
Postbank		152,84	0,51 %
Notar, RA, Amt Gebühren		158,27	0,52 %
Dr. Rabl & Dr. Gassen	01.02.2023	27,37	0,09 %
Conscientia	16.11.2023	130,90	0,43 %
Postwertzeichen, Porto		16,49	0,05 %
Publikationen			
NOTA (Druck & Versand)		16.032,55	52,99 %
addprint AG	27.02.2023	10.039,36	33,18 %
addprint AG	27.12.2023	5.993,19	19,81 %
NOTA (Online)		12.007,10	39,68 %
Pensoft	24.04.2023	12.007,10	39,68 %
Vorstand		1.043,93	3,45 %
DB Vertrieb GmbH	10.01.2023	32,80	0,11 %
DB-Ticket	25.01.2023	53,70	0,18 %
Council meeting	11.02.2023	300,00	0,99 %
DB-Ticket	12.02.2023	127,30	0,42 %
Rajaei, Hossein	21.02.2023	66,51	0,22 %
Council meeting	25.09.2023	42,00	0,14 %
Council meeting	26.09.2023	130,00	0,43 %
Rmv	09.11.2023	5,80	0,02 %
Council meeting	10.11.2023	95,00	0,31 %
Rmv	10.11.2023	11,30	0,04 %
Jadranka Rota	13.11.2023	179,52	0,59 %
Webpräsenz (Strato)		108,00	0,36 %
Strato AG	21.02.2023	27,00	0,09 %
Strato AG	20.05.2023	27,00	0,09 %
Strato AG	30.08.2023	27,00	0,09 %
Strato AG	30.11.2023	27,00	0,09 %
Wissenschaftliche Förderungen		648,35	2,14 %
Le Studium	11.09.2023	400,00	1,32 %
Wahlberg, Niklas	02.10.2023	148,35	0,49 %
Yazdaniyan, Mahtab	30.11.2023	100,00	0,33 %
Überschuss		-9.740,33	-47,48 %

Überschuss 2023 -9.740,33 €

Kassenbericht über den Zeitraum vom 1.1. – 31.12.2024

Treasurer's Report on the period 1.1. – 31.12.2023

Der Abschluss für das Jahr 2023 wurden von Axel Steiner aus Wöschbach und Dr. Robert Trusch aus Karlsruhe ohne Einwände geprüft.

The financial statement for 2023 was audited by Axel Steiner from Wöschbach and Dr. Robert Trusch from Karlsruhe without objections.



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15.08.2024	Dr. Wolfgang Eckweiler		205,40 1,12 %
16.08.2024	Rota,Jadranka		277,45 1,51 %
16.08.2024	Frank Richard Mally		187,67 1,02 %
16.08.2024	Tammaru Toomas		417,27 2,27 %
23.08.2024	Leger, Theo		80,41 0,44 %
	Bankgebühren		
	Postbank	13	146,97 0,80 %
	PayPal	27	72,38 0,39 %
	Skatbank	10	25,60 0,14 %
	Webpräsenz (Strato)	4	132,00 0,72 %
29.02.2024	Strato AG		33,00 0,18 %
22.05.2024	Strato AG		33,00 0,18 %
20.08.2024	Strato AG		33,00 0,18 %
06.12.2024	Strato AG		33,00 0,18 %
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Verlust 2024

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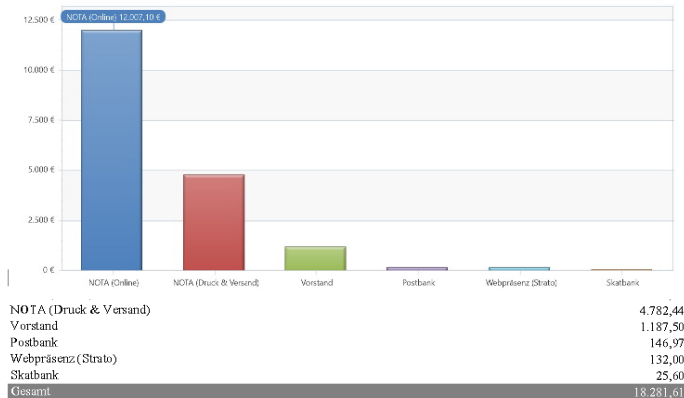
Buchungen nach Kategorie

Samstag, 16. August 2025

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Ausgaben	-17.080,98	0,00	17.080,98
Bankgebühren	-166,06	0,00	166,06
Postbank	-113,30	0,00	113,30
Skatbank	-25,40	0,00	25,40
Büromaterial	-34,90	0,00	34,90
Computer & Zubehör	-34,90	0,00	34,90
Postwertzeichen, Porto	-2,90	0,00	2,90
Publikationen	-16.789,54	0,00	16.789,54
NOTA (Druck & Versand)	-4.782,44	0,00	4.782,44
NOTA (Online)	-12.007,10	0,00	12.007,10
Vorstand	-21,58	0,00	21,58
Webpräsenz (Strato)	-66,00	0,00	66,00
Einnahmen	15.965,52	16.128,52	163,00
Mitgliedsbeiträge	15.965,52	16.128,52	163,00
Haushalt & Lebenshaltung	-33,00	0,00	33,00
Kommunikation & Information	-33,00	0,00	33,00
Internet	-33,00	0,00	33,00
Keine	0,00	9.660,00	9.660,00
Sonstige Ausgaben	-39,95	0,00	39,95
Steuerberatung	-39,95	0,00	39,95
Gesamt	-1.188,41	25.788,52	26.976,93

Ausgaben nach Kategorie

Samstag, 16. August 2025



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SEL Kontostände

Kontenübersicht

16.08.2025

Kontoname	IBAN	Kontostand	Online Zugang	Kontotyp	Bankname	Kontostand [€]
Kasse		1.050,21	Offline	Haushaltsbuch		1.050,21
paypal@selep.eu		1.563,03	Direkter Zugang	PayPal	Nicht hinterlegt	1.563,03
Postbank Business Giro	DE63370100500195650507	72,74	FinTS (HBCI) PIN/TAN	Girokonto	Postbank Ndl der Deutsche Bank	72,74
Skatbank Kontokorrent	DE28830654080005404479	12.183,35	FinTS (HBCI) PIN/TAN	Girokonto	VR-Bank Altenburger Land / Deutsche Skatbank	12.183,35


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Aktenzeichen 35022/74235
SG 04/02
(Bitte bei Antwort angeben)

SEL Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica e.V., Erbprinzenstr. 13, 76133 Karlsruhe
Ihr Schreiben vom 05.07.2023

Sehr geehrter Herr Eckweiler,


aufgrund Ihres Schreibens vom 05.07.2023 wurde das Umsatzsteuersignal ab 01.01.2023 gelöscht. Mit der Löschung des Umsatzsteuersignals wird die Gültigkeit der USt-IdNR. ebenfalls beendet.

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gez. Rabenstein

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Since 26 July 2023, SEL is no longer subject to value added tax: no more VAT declarations and quarterly VAT returns.



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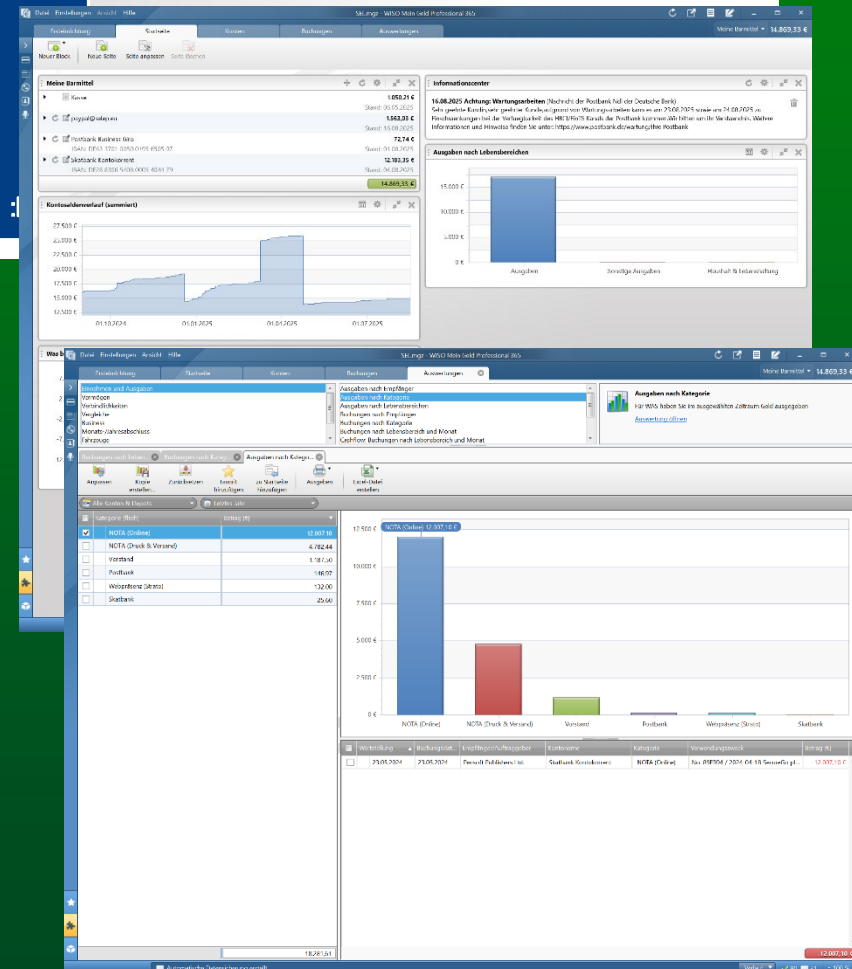


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Der Status der Gemeinnützigkeit von SEL muss alle drei Jahre erneuert werden. Die erforderliche Steuererklärung wurde am 31. Juli 2025 beim Finanzamt Karlsruhe eingereicht.

SEL's non-profit status must be renewed every three years. The necessary tax declaration was submitted to the Karlsruhe tax office on 31 July 2025.

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Eckweiler Wolfgang

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Anlage Gem

Steuerbefreiung von Körperschaften, die gemeinnützigen, mildtätigen oder kirchlichen Zwecken dienen (§ 5 Absatz 1 Nummer 9 KStG, § 3 Nummer 6 GewStG und §§ 51 bis 68 AO)

Allgemeines

1	Prüfungszeitraum von	2022
1	Prüfungszeitraum bis	2024

Gemeinnützige Zwecke

4	Die Körperschaft verfolgt folgende gemeinnützige Zwecke:	Förderung des Naturschutzes und der Landschaftspflege
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Satzung/Gebührenordnung

5	Datum der zurzeit gültigen Satzung	28.09.2023
6	Die Satzung	wird gesondert übermittelt.
7	Datum des zurzeit gültigen Beschlusses über die Festsetzung der Mitgliedsbeiträge, Umlagen und Aufnahmegebühren	28.09.2023
8	Der Beschluss laut Zeile 7	wird gesondert übermittelt.

Gesamteinnahmen

9	Gesamteinnahmen des Jahres 2024 (einschließlich Beiträge, Spenden, Zuschüsse, Einnahmen aus der Vermögensverwaltung und aus wirtschaftlichen Betätigungen, Umsatzsteuer)	16.007
9a	Gesamteinnahmen des Jahres 2023 (einschließlich Beiträge, Spenden, Zuschüsse, Einnahmen aus der Vermögensverwaltung und aus wirtschaftlichen Betätigungen, Umsatzsteuer)	20.515
9b	Gesamteinnahmen des Jahres 2022 (einschließlich Beiträge, Spenden, Zuschüsse, Einnahmen aus der Vermögensverwaltung und aus wirtschaftlichen Betätigungen, Umsatzsteuer)	22.113

Wirtschaftliche Betätigung

10	Die Einnahmen des Jahres 2024 (einschließlich der Umsatzsteuer) aus wirtschaftlichen Geschäftsbetrieben (einschließlich Zweckbetrieben) betragen mehr als 45.000 € (wenn ja: weiter ab Zeile 11; wenn nein: weiter ab Zeile 25)	Nein
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Nicht in Erfüllung des Satzungszwecks geleistete unentgeltliche Zuwendungen

74	Es haben Mitglieder, Gesellschafter oder außenstehende Personen unentgeltliche Zuwendungen erhalten, die nicht in der Erfüllung des Satzungszwecks geleistet wurden.	Nein
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Vereinsregister des Amtsgerichts Mannheim	Wiedergabe des aktuellen Registerinhalts Abruf vom 09.02.2024 14:20	Nummer des Vereins: VR 101146
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1. Anzahl der bisherigen Eintragungen:

6

2. a) Name:

SEL Society for European Lepidopterology e.V.

b) Sitz:

Karlsruhe

3. a) Allgemeine Vertretungsregelung:

Vorstand im Sinne des § 26 B. sind der 1. Vorsitzende, der Generalsekretär und der Platzwart.
Jeweils zwei von ihnen vertreten den Verein gerichtlich und außergerichtlich.

b) Vertretungsrechte und besondere Vertretungsbefugnis:

Schlichter: Dr. Eckweiler, Wolfgang, Frankfurt am Main, *18.06.1954
Generalsekretär: Dr. Mally, Richard, Vlkavice / Tschechische Republik, *08.07.1983
1. Vorsitzende: Dr. Rota, Jadranka, Staffanstorp / Schweden, *08.02.1976

4. a) Satzung:

Verein
Satzung vom 19.09.1983
Letzt geändert durch Beschluss vom 28.09.2023

b) Sonstige Rechtsverhältnisse:

5. a) Tag der letzten Eintragung:

11.11.2023

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Am 11. Dezember 2024 wurde der neue Name der SEL endlich in das Vereinsregister eingetragen.

On 11 December 2024, the new name of SEL was finally entered in the register of associations.



Treasurer's Report on the year 2023-2024

Dr. W. Eckweiler

Nota Lepidopterologica: Editor's Report / Council meeting, Prague, Monday 18 August 2025

David Lees, Théo Léger

David Lees (DL) and Théo Léger (TL) have shared effectively the task of Editor-in-Chief of Nota Lepidopterologica in the last year. David is stepping down as E-i-C at the Czechia SEL in 2025 and a candidate has been sought to replace him, who will hopefully be announced at this Congress.

Collaboration with Pensoft staff is still going well and they have been very helpful in resolving problems. A number of users as in previous years have reported Pensoft's submission protocol and captcha system unwelcoming and in some cases the editors intervene in case of non-delivery of an ms or ms update online.

Our board of Subject Editors remains unchanged and currently amounts to 14 (plus Ole Karsholt, who asked not to be profiled). They cover a wide scope of taxa and subjects: **David Lees** (Micropterigidae; Catalogues and Checklists; Molecular systematics; Faunistics & Distribution; Identification key; Taxonomy; Phylogeny; Systematics; Madagascar; **Théo Léger** (Pyraloidea, Lepidoptera); **Maria Heikkilä** (Lepidoptera, Systematics); **Erik van Nieuwerkerken** (Nepticuloidea; Adeloidea); **Carlos Lopez Vaamonde** (Gracillarioidea; Phylogeny; Molecular genetics; Biological Invasions); **Jadranka Rota** (Choreutidae, Lepidoptera, Molecular systematics; Phylogeny; Biogeography); **Bernard Landry** (Alucitidae; Pterophoridae; Pyraloidea); **Lauri Kaila** (Taxonomy, Systematics); **Sven Erlacher** (Geometroidea); **Axel Hausmann** (Geometridae); **Alberto Zilli** (Lepidoptera; Noctuoidea); Thomas Schmitt (Biogeography, Population genetics, General ecology); Zdeněk Fric (Lepidoptera; Lycaenidae; Faunistics & Distribution; Taxonomy); **Roger Vila** (Papilionoidea, Biogeography, Phylogeny), and **Martin Wiemers** (Papilionoidea). Our team of linguistic editors comprises David Agassiz, Stella Beavan, Bob Heckford, Malcolm Scoble, Sir Anthony Galsworthy and Colin Plant. DL currently does the final copy editing and this role will be allocated to one of the co-Editors in Chief probably with help from the English team.

Fig. 1 shows that Nota Lepidopterologica's 2024 Journal Impact Factor (JIF) currently remains flat at 0.7 (its peak was 0.794 in 2020) and remains at the same level as the last two years, according to the latest data from Clarivate's Journal Citation Report (JCR). It is not clear how we could improve it. However, according to Scopus, its 2024 CiteScore now stands at 2.5 (not shown in chart), up from 1.7, and 1.3 in preceding years (<https://nl.pensoft.net/news/923>). Submissions are up for the first two quarters of 2024 compared with 2023 (Fig. 2).

Issue 48 (2025), as of the third quarter 10/08/2025, has had 11 papers published with a total 228 pages and six mss are currently active on the system (Table 1). The rejection rate for issue 48 has been 35% (Table 2, Fig. 2). The most common reason for rejection at the Editor's desk stage is overly narrow scope rather than poor quality per se (mainly, submissions adding only to the knowledge of a single country fauna). Turnaround has continued to improve since 2024 with substantial declines in assignment and decisions and a median of 55 days to ms acceptance (73 days in 2024) (Fig. 3). Article views are up for issue 48 to date have been about 62,000, 56,674 and 53,666 for the first three quarters of the Issue (Fig. 4) and total online mentions remain quite variable so far in the last three quarters averaging 109 or less per quarter (Fig. 5). Notably Twitter/X has declined markedly in importance. The highest Altimetrics in Issue 48 so far are for the paper on *Stigmella torminalis* (230).

We continue in any case to be very happy with the quality of the articles we have published, continuing to expand beyond a European remit. In issue 48 to date, we had three of the 11 papers published so far with a first author outside the EU (Russia, Korea, UK) – see also Fig. 6 reflecting the most from Russia (one paper, however, with a large collaboration).

Printing of issue 48 will be arranged with Wolfgang as before, in early November 2025. We might perhaps anticipate perhaps under 300 pages based on currently active mss (issue 47 came out at 218 pp.).

Table 1. Current submissions (Issue 48)

Date	Submitted	Under review	In copy editing	In layout	Awaiting publication	Published
2025-08-10	0	2	1	2	1	11

Table 2. Rejection rate (Issue 48)

Date	Acceptance rate	Desk rejection rate	Overall rejection rate
2025-08-10	13/20 (65%)	7/20 (35%)	7/20 (35%)

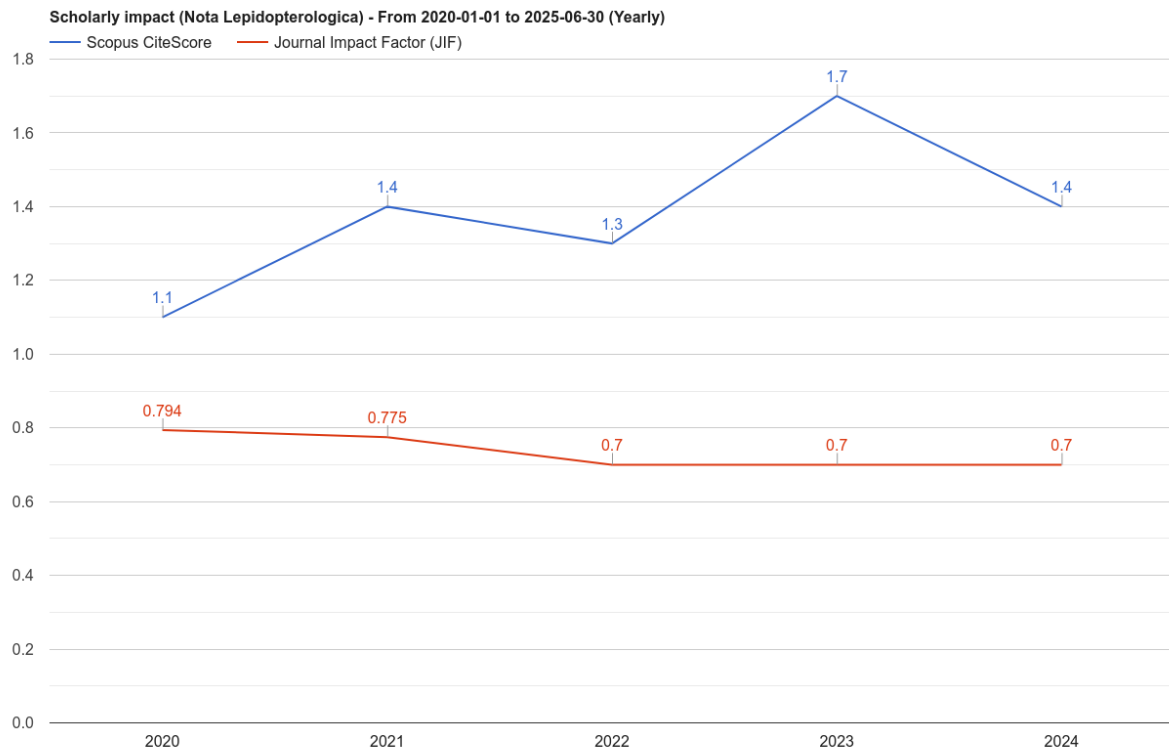


Fig. 1. Impact factor for last five years.

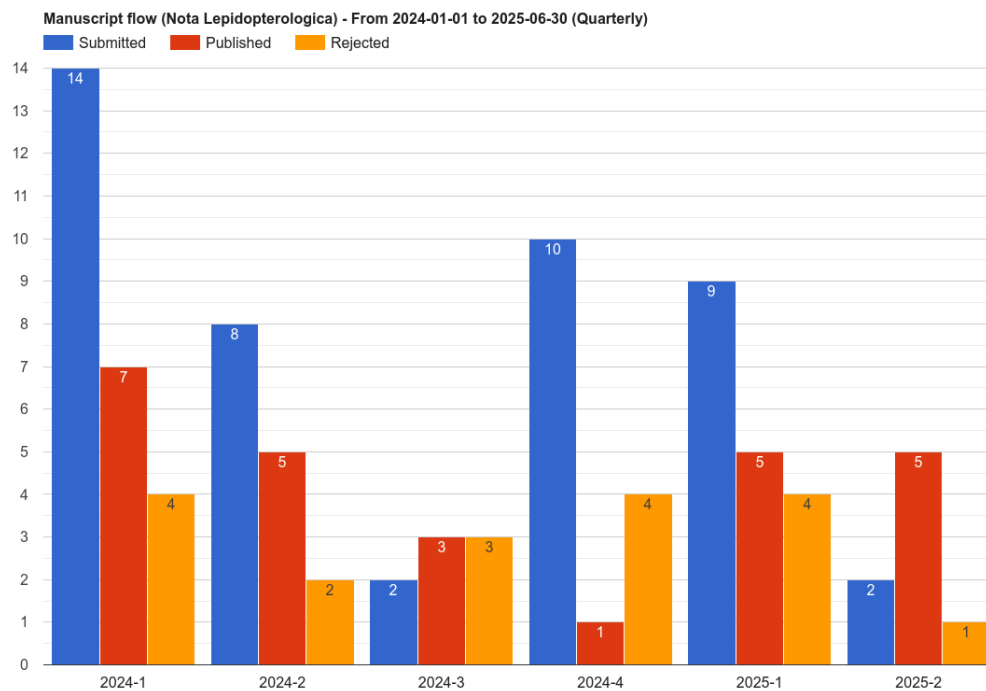


Fig. 2. Quarterly submission/publication/rejection 2024 and 2025 first two quarters

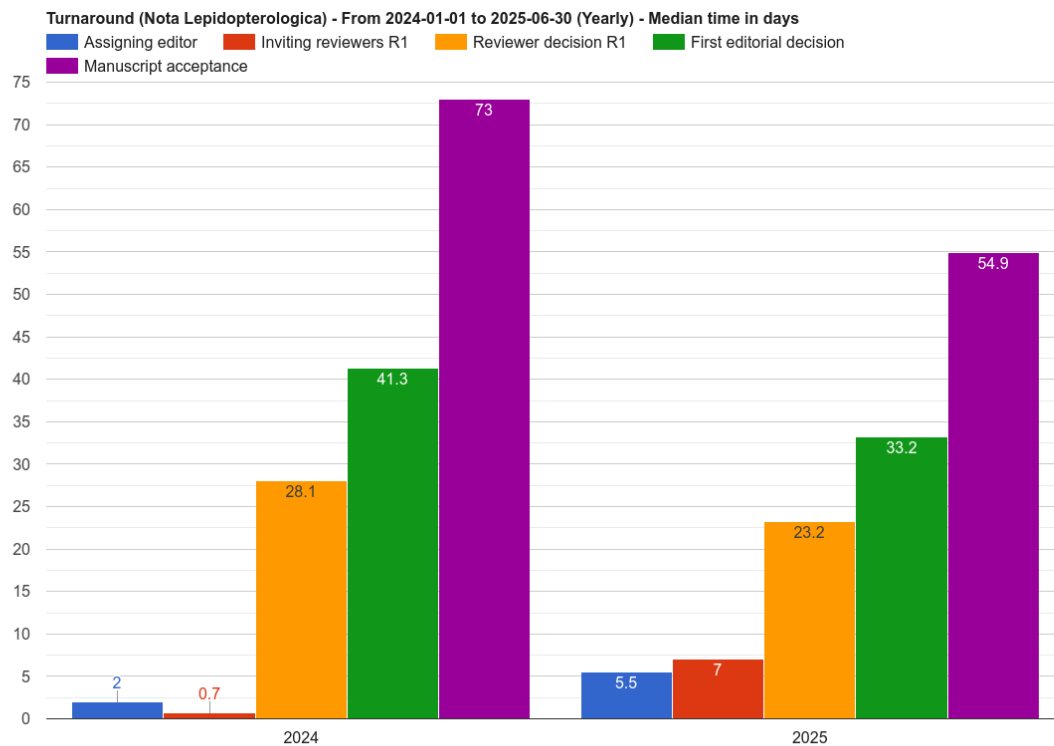


Fig. 3. Turnaround: days to acceptance.

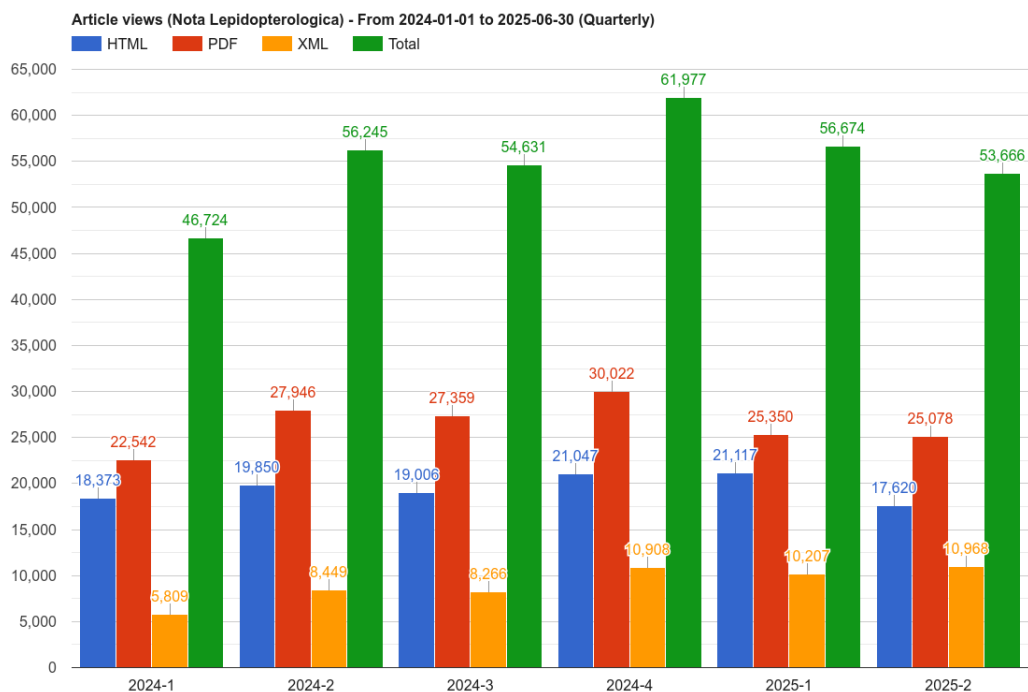


Fig. 4. Article views per quarter.

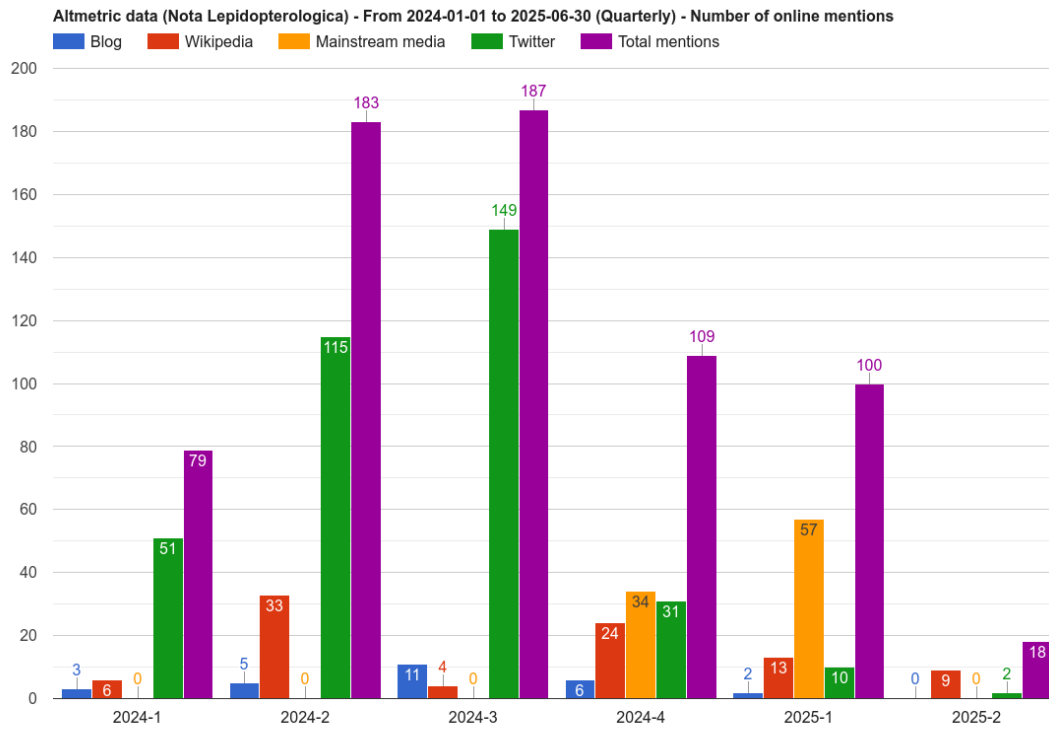


Fig. 5. Altimetrics data (online mentions).

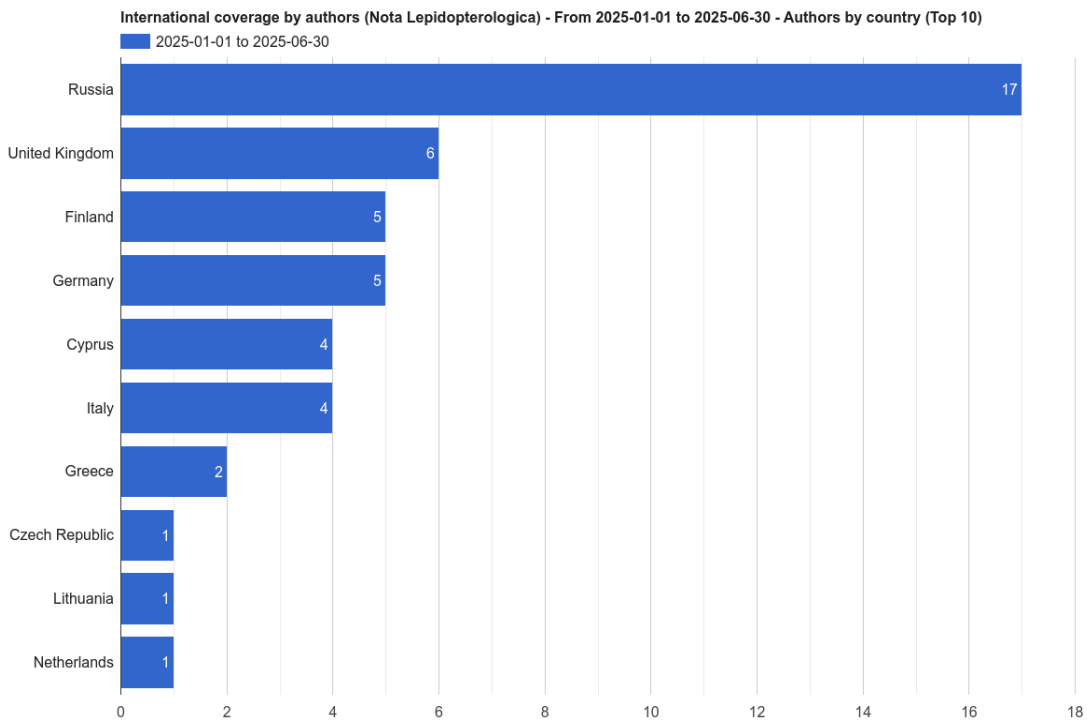


Fig. 6. Individual author coverage by country

Report of the Membership Secretary

SEL members deceased since the 2023 SEL Conference:

1. Kimmo Silvonen (Membership: 1981-2023, Deceased: October 2023)
2. Eric Metzler (Membership: 1996-2023, Deceased: December 2023)
3. Paul Opler (Membership: 1993-2023, Deceased: December 2023)
4. Alain Cama (Membership: 2003-2014, Deceased: December 2024)
5. Henri Descimon (Membership: 1988-2023, Deceased: January 2025)
6. Jeremy Holloway (Membership: 1977-2023, Deceased: March 2025)
7. Wolfgang Nässig (Membership: 1978-2025, Deceased: May 2025)
8. Renato Joos (Membership: 1989-2025, Deceased: Juni 2025)

In total: 390 members

Ordinary members: 355

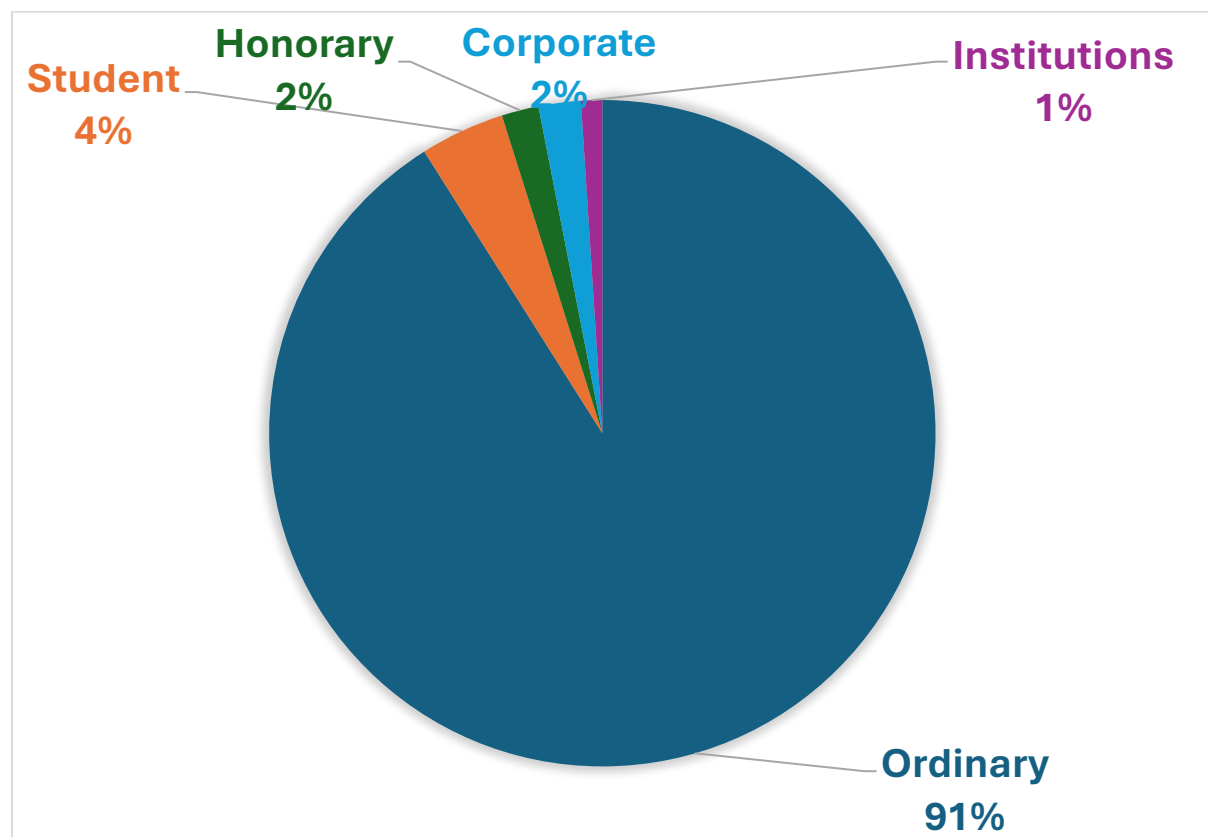
Student members: 16

Honorary members: 7

Corporate members: 8

Paying inst.: 3

Nonpaying inst.: 1



SELepidoptera News Editor´s Report – August 2025

Since the last SEL general meeting in Orléans, France, on September 28, 2023, three issues of SELepidoptera News were published: Issue 69, 70, and 71.

Issue 69 was published in July 2024 with a total of 20 pages. It included a welcome message from our new President, information on the SEL Congress in the Czech Republic, details about the next Forum Herbulot Congress, four contributions by SEL members, and two book announcements.

Issue 70 was published in November 2024 with a total of 21 pages. It featured insights to the XXVII International Congress of Entomology in Kyoto, further updates on the upcoming SEL Congress in the Czech Republic, an obituary for Donald R. Davis, insights into exciting developments in Lepidoptera genomics in Europe, and one contribution by SEL members.

Issue 71 was published in June 2025 with a total of 23 pages. It included an article on modernising the SEL through the introduction of a new Code of Conduct, a call to members to help design and select a new SEL logo, an invitation to the upcoming General Meeting, and profiles of the candidates standing for the next Council election. Additional content included an announcement of the Forum Herbulot XIII Congress in Finland, a call for a new Editor-in-Chief for *Nota Lepidopterologica*, a position announcement for a SEL social media content manager, obituaries for Henri Descimon and Jeremy D. Holloway, three contributions by SEL members, and one book announcement.

Report of the Editor of the SEL website and Social Media, August 2025

SEL Homepage

The SEL homepage has been kept up-to-date, which mostly concerns adding the newly published SEL News issues to the News page. The society's Code of Conduct has been added to the homepage. The Statutes in English, French and German have been updated and now contain the correct full title of SEL Society for European Lepidopterology.

Header photos of Lepidoptera on the title page have been updated and now feature six photos taken and generously provided by Eglė Vičiuvienė of the nature photographer collective 2biologists. One of these photos also features as header photo on Facebook's SEL page, and one on SEL's Bluesky account.

SEL on Facebook

SEL's Facebook page experienced a 1.6% increase in followers, which now stands at 2,264 followers, translating in a net increase of 36 followers. The largest age cohort is 35-44 years (26.6%), followed by 25-34 years (23%). Very young users (18-24 years) make up the smallest proportion, with 3.9%. The proportion of female followers is still largely outweighed by male followers. Among the nationalities of followers, Italy is leading with 15%, followed by Great Britain, Spain, India, the US and France.

The majority of content shared on the Facebook page concerns newly published articles on Lepidoptera. The post with most interactions in the past 12 months was Théo Léger's 2024 paper on 32 new Scopariinae and Crambinae species from the Philippines, followed by the two SEL newsletters published during this time.

SEL on Bluesky

SEL now also has a Bluesky account, with 48 followers as of 08/08/2025. Interaction is currently still very low, as no one is actively hosting the channel.

Richard Mally, Prague, 2025/08/10