

A black banner with white text. On the left, the letters 'ISBE' are stacked vertically in a large, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of this, the text 'International Society for Behavioral Ecology' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the word 'Newsletter' is written in a very large, bold, white, sans-serif font. To the right of 'Newsletter', the website address 'web.unbc.ca/isbe/' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below the website address, the text 'Volume 17, Issue 3' is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font, and below that, 'Special Election Issue' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the middle of the banner, between the 'ISBE' letters and the website address, the following text is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font: 'Editor: Ken Otter', 'Ecosystem Science & Management Program', 'University of Northern BC', 'Prince George, BC, Canada V2N 4Z9', 'Phone - (250) 960 5019', 'Fax - (250) 960 5539', and 'email - otterk@unbc.ca'.

## **Dear ISBE members:**

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On behalf of the ISBE Council, I am pleased to bring you our election for this year's slate of officers in a new format. Thanks to efforts by Cathy Kennedy and others at Oxford University Press, which publishes **Behavioral Ecology**, this year's election will be held online.

The procedure is simple: by early January, all ISBE members will receive, by email or mail, a membership number and a voting "token", akin to a password, allowing them to register their vote. This notification will include a link to the voting web site (<http://www.oxfordjournals.org/beheco/isbe/election>).

A link to this site will also be posted on the ISBE web site (<http://web.unbc.ca/isbe>). On the election web site, the slate of candidates will appear, with instructions on how to indicate the chosen one(s). The token ensures that each member votes only once, and that the results are submitted anonymously. No

paper ballots to send, no stamps to find, no anxiety about the vagaries of snail mail!

**Voting will commence on 8 January and close on 8 February 2006.**

We hope that this new streamlined approach will encourage a larger turnout for this election. Remember, if you don't vote, you can't complain about what the society is doing, and you wouldn't want to take that opportunity away, would you? We would particularly like to see voting by members in all of the countries where members live and work, so that the officers represent the diversity of our society. So take a few minutes while you are surfing the Net anyway, and vote!

**Marlene Zuk**  
**President-Elect**

## Ballot

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**All candidates for election will commence their terms following the ISBE's annual general meeting at the Tours, France congress. Councilors and Secretary serve a four year term. President-Elect serves two years in that office, two years as President and an additional two years as Past-President.**

### For ISBE Council (vote for 2):

**Rebecca Kilner**  
**Cambridge University**  
**Cambridge, UK**

My research uses family life as a model system for studying different aspects of evolutionary biology: the evolution of animal signals, the resolution of social conflicts, life-history strategies and co-evolution between parasites and hosts. Most of my research has been with birds, but more recently I have started working with insects and mammals. My research combines laboratory studies with field experiments. I have a B.A. from the University of Oxford, a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge and came second in a table tennis tournament when I was 11. I am a Lecturer in the Department of Zoology at the University of Cambridge.

**Jutta Schneider**  
**University of Hamburg**  
**Hamburg, Germany**

My research interests include reproductive strategies and social evolution and I work with spiders. More specifically, I do field and lab experiments to answer questions concerned with adaptations to sperm competition and sexual conflict, patterns of mate choice, causes and consequences of brood care and life histories. One central issue in my present research program is sexual cannibalism, its evolution and associated adaptations.

I conducted my PhD thesis at the Max-Planck-Institute in Seewiesen and received my degree in 1993. I did post-docs at the Desert Research Institute in Israel, the University of Århus, Denmark, the University of Melbourne, Australia and worked as associate of the Universities of Mainz and Bonn, Germany. Since 2004, I have been a professor of behavioural ecology at the University of Hamburg in Germany.

**Jacek Radwan**  
**Jagiellonian University**  
**Krackow, Poland**

I received my PhD from Jagiellonian University in 1992. After postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Sheffield and Max Planck Institute in Seewiesen, I came back to Kraków. My research interests focus on sexual selection, sperm competition, sexual conflict and evolution of alternative mating tactics. My current work includes studies of effectiveness of sexual selection in purging populations of deleterious mutations and the role of MHC in mate choice.

**Michael Jennions**  
**Australian National University**  
**Canberra, Australia**

I grew up in South Africa completing an MSc (Witwatersrand) on group-spawning frogs. In 1992, I moved to the U.K. for a PhD (Oxford). A project on cooperative breeding in meerkats was transmogrified into a set of sexual selection studies on damselflies, flowers, fiddler crabs, frogs and finches supervised by Marion Petrie. In 1996 Patricia Backwell and I headed to S.T.R.I in Panama. Here I worked on parental care and mate desertion in a cichlid fish, *Poecilia* life histories and mate choice in fiddlers. We also had extended stays in Japan and Mozambique working on fiddlers. In 2002, we relocated to Australia. Here I have mainly worked on the quantitative genetics of sexual selection in crickets. More generally, I've published reviews and meta-analyses on sexual selection topics and described publication patterns in ecology/evolution.

## For Secretary (vote for 1):

**Olle Leimar**  
**University of Stockholm**  
**Stockholm, Sweden**

After an education in theoretical physics, I switched to biology and received my PhD in Zoology from Stockholm University in 1988. I have since stayed in the ethology group at the department, where I am now a Professor of Zoology. In my scientific career I started out doing game theory analysis of aggressive behavior (the sequential assessment game). I continued with the evolution of cooperation and life history theory (including sex allocation theory). At present my main research interest is the evolution of phenotypic polymorphism, like the two sexes, alternative male mating types, and animal personalities. I was a member of the editorial board of *Behavioral Ecology* 1995-2000.

**Rob Magrath**  
**Australian National University**  
**Canberra, Australia**

I did my first degree at Monash University in Melbourne before completing a PhD with Nick Davies at the University of Cambridge, UK. I then taught at the Department of Zoology, University of Oxford, before moving to my current position at Australian National University. I was the European Editor of *Recent Ornithological Literature* while at Oxford, and I am currently an Editor of the *Journal of Avian Biology*. I teach and have broad interests in behavioural ecology, and have carried out field research on foraging, hatching asynchrony, divorce, parental care and cooperative breeding in birds. My current focus is on how the risk of predation shapes acoustic communication between parents and offspring, and among adults. I enjoy living in a city with abundant wildlife, where it's possible to do fieldwork without a raincoat!

## For President-Elect (vote for 1):

**Anne Houde**  
**Lake Forest College**  
**Illinois, USA**

I was a backyard naturalist and birder from an early age, and was involved in research on terns through high school. My A.B. degree is from Princeton University, where my senior thesis was on foraging in robins. My M.S. and Ph. D. are from University of Maryland, College Park (masters thesis on coloniality in terns; dissertation on sexual selection in guppies). I am currently a faculty member at Lake Forest College, an undergraduate institution near Chicago and an editor of *Behavioral Ecology*. My experimental work on guppies, most of which is done in collaboration with undergraduates, continues to focus on evolution of sexual behavior, color patterns and polymorphism.

**Pat Monaghan**  
**Glasgow University**  
**Scotland, UK**

I am a behavioural ecologist whose current research centres on growth and reproductive strategies, and on mechanisms underlying the associated life history trade-offs operational over various time scales. This involves field and lab experiments on age related reproductive behaviour and the links with lifespan, and on the long-term consequences of conditions in early life. Mostly I work with birds, with some studies on mammals, insects, and amphibians. I feel that there is great potential in linking behavioural ecology to other disciplines, and I collaborate with endocrinologists and developmental, molecular and conservation biologists. I obtained a PhD from Durham University and am Professor of Animal Ecology at Glasgow University, UK.

## Voting Procedure

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- 1. Await email/mail of your voting token and number. These should arrive by early January. If you have not received this information by 20 Jan, contact Cathy Kennedy at Oxford University Press - [cathy.kennedy@oxfordjournals.org](mailto:cathy.kennedy@oxfordjournals.org).**
- 2. With this information, go directly to the voting site at Oxford University Press (<http://www.oxfordjournals.org/beheco/isbe/election>), or go to the ISBE website (<http://web.unbc.ca/isbe>) and click on the link to the voting site.**
- 3. Enter your voting token and number to gain access to the site. This registers your vote and helps ensure against both non-member voting and multiple voting.**
- 4. Copies of the candidate biographies appearing here will also be posted on the voting site.**
- 5. Select one candidate each for President-Elect and Secretary, and up to two candidates for Councilor.**
- 6. Voting will open 8 Jan 2006 and close by 8 Feb 2006.**

**NOTE – Oxford University Press only holds current email addresses for about half of the Society's membership – everyone else will receive their election package by regular mail. If you only receive the electoral message by regular mail, please send your email address, with your subscription number, to [cathy.kennedy@oxfordjournals.org](mailto:cathy.kennedy@oxfordjournals.org) to make future voting and communications from the Society easier. Oxford University Press has assured us that you will not receive any communications other than those to do with the Society or *Behavioral Ecology* by sending your email**