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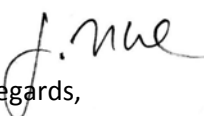
Dear members of the European Society of Arachnology,

Having already been a member of the ESA council, I was elected in 2020 by the council as president after Wolfgang Nentwig decided to step back.

I would like to continue working in the council and my goals are to revisit the inner workings, activities and the external visibility of the society. This includes very diverse topics such as revisiting the bylaws, implementing ESA policies as to lapsed dues, establishing a Code of Conduct, boosting media outlet, and strengthening connections to other arachnological societies e.g. through waived registration fees to student awardees of partner societies (already implemented this year). One major aim is to promote visibility of early career scientists; a step in this direction is the 2021 virtual conference in which priority is given to early career scientists for short talks and keynote talks.

We are hosting the virtual conference this year in Greifswald and hope to be able to welcome you here in Greifswald in person next year.

As to research, my group investigates evolutionary strategies and functional morphology mainly related to reproduction as well as behavioural, morphological and genetic adaptations of organisms to changing environments. We conduct both fieldwork and controlled laboratory experiments. We work on spiders (mainly), millipedes, heelwalkers and beetles.

  
Best regards,

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