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**Application for European Society of Arachnology council member as webmaster**  
**Current role in council: webmaster**

Dear members of the European Society of Arachnology,

I was elected in 2021 to serve on the council of the European Society of Arachnology (ESA) and have been elected webmaster by the council. I am writing to express my interest in continuing serving on the ESA council and am herewith applying for the elections of the ESA council that are taking place this year. I believe I can be of service to the society as a mid-career researcher, former organizer of the European congress of arachnology, and an active science communicator.

My research primarily revolves around spider webs, from studying the functional ecology and evolution of web architectures, web building behaviors, and mechanical properties of silks, to the use of eDNA from spider webs as a tool in biodiversity monitoring. I have been a member of ESA since the beginning of my PhD studies in 2008. Since joining, I have attended most of the conferences organized by ESA, was a member of the core team organizing the 27<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Arachnology in Ljubljana, Slovenia in 2012, and am a scientific committee member of the 35<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Arachnology in Zadar, Croatia.

If I can provide you with any further information on my background and qualifications, please let me know. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matjaž Gregorič