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#### Summary

I am population geneticist and arachnologist. My passion is spiders, and my research largely focuses on various aspects of spider genomics, population genetics, evolution, taxonomy, and systematics. Originally, I have worked in Belarus and there I have contributed to the conservation efforts for the rare *Dolomedes plantarius* spider. Later, I have moved to Finland where I have obtained my PhD devoted to molecular taxonomy of wolf spiders. My current projects involve behavioral genomics of closely related black widow spiders, population genetics of invasive *Steatoda nobilis* and standardized molecular taxonomy of Lycosidae. Since genetic code is a universal language of life, I have a privilege to participate in biogeographic and species delimitation studies of Lepidoptera as well.

#### Current ESA role

I am responsible for social media and outreach. I monitor social media, curate ESA presence online and disseminate arachnological news and ESA announcements.