

European Sustainable Use Group

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Brief biographies and hopes for ESUG from candidates for election of Chair and Committee members for the 2017-2019 period

Note: It is not a requirement of the ESUG statutes that these brief statements should be provided but the Nominations/Returning Officer thought it would be helpful. Candidates were asked to provide up to 100 words. Approximate dates of membership and Committee membership have been added where not included by candidates – apologies for any errors.

Candidate for Chair

Professor Robert Kenward: Robert's upbringing on a farm preceded degrees at Oxford University. He used radio-tagging in Canada, Finland, Kazakhstan, Sweden, UAE and UK, during a career in Natural Environment Research Council's Centre for Ecology and Hydrology. He remains a CEH Fellow after retiring as Director for Technology Transfer. Engagement in governance internationally for falconry from 1974 initiated several IUCN roles, currently chairing IUCN's group on Sustainable Use and Management of Ecosystems, which complements SULi's policy focus with web-tools for community based conservation through sustainable use. This has bought contracts for TESS, Sakers and now Perdixnet to ESUG, of which has been a member since 1998 and Chair since 2007.

Candidates for Committee:

Dr Julie Ewald: Julie grew up on a mixed farm in Nebraska and received her BS and MS (Parasitology) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She moved to Glasgow University in Scotland as a Fulbright Scholar and completed her doctorate in Parasitology there. After working on malaria/mosquitoes in Thailand, Julie joined the Game Conservancy Trust (now Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust) in 1995. Currently Head of GIS at the Trust, Julie specialises in landscape ecology, data analysis, agro-ecology and wildlife consequences of shoot management. She recently collaborated with Anatrack Ltd. on TESS (Transactional Environmental Support System) and looks forward to further work with ESUSG. Member since involvement with TESS.

Professor Mari Ivask: I received my PhD in Ecology from the University of Tartu. My research areas have been forest ecophysiology and several agricultural environmental issues including landscapes, soil biota, water. For the last 20 years my main interest has been soil ecology, I have worked in grasslands, fields, coastal and floodplain meadows, post-mining areas. I am a member of Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative. At the Tallinn University of Technology I am the leading professor of the curricula of Environmental Management and Industrial Ecology, supervising students' research and teaching courses on ecology. I have been a member of ESUSG from the very beginning and member of Committee for previous periods and was involved in the EU financed projects AEMBAC and TESS.

Dr Tetiana Gardashuk: Tetiana has a background in biology, with three degrees from Kiev University, an MSc from Amsterdam and a scholarship at Iowa State University. She has 150 scientific publications (5 monographs) in traditional and local knowledge, environmental education, citizen science and biodiversity conservation. She joined ESUSG in 1997, WCPA in 2012 and CEM-SUME in 2015, as continental coordinator for Europe. Projects have included “Freshwater Fisheries in Central and Eastern Europe” and TESS for ESUSG. She expects her current role of Basic Research Expert in Theoretical, Methodological, and Institutional Aspects of Social Management in Ukraine and Belarus to inform SYCL initiation.

Dr David Scallan: David is the Senior Conservation Manager for the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE). His daily work involves overseeing dossiers related to migratory birds, large carnivores, nature policy and sustainable use. He has a strong background in ecology, conservation policy, game management, sustainable agriculture and human-wildlife conflict. He received his Ph.D. from the National University of Ireland Galway in 2012, with a dissertation examining the economic, ecological and social place of hunting in rural Ireland. David is also experienced in developing conservation/management plans for huntable species. Within ESUSG, he was involved in the TESS (Transactional Environmental Support System) project as the country coordinator for Ireland. He represents FACE within IUCN and is a member of SULi.

Dr Zenon Tederko: His degrees are from Warsaw Agricultural University, where he taught for 13 years, before spending 12 years in IUCN regional office. He represented Poland on IPBES during Polish Presidency in the EU & contributed to implementation of Poland’s Resource Mobilization Strategy for the CBD 2020 Strategic Plan 2020. He participated in FP-6 REMEDE and FP-7 TESS projects. Active in implementing the EU Initiative Business and Biodiversity. Recently, involved in the Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services in Poland project. Zenon is member of the ESUSG since mid-1990s and member of the Committee for the two last terms. He seeks for ESUG to be more involved in supporting development of capacities for ecosystem services mapping and valuation in favour of supporting biodiversity and business initiatives on all relevant levels. On Committee for previous periods.