

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 2023-2025 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 100-150 words.

Candidate for Chair

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 - GWCT) in 1995. Currently Principal Scientist – Farmland Ecology and GIS at the Trust, she supervises staff and students undertaking research utilizing the GWCT's long-term and GIS-enabled databases, including the Grey Partridge Count Scheme and The Sussex Study and manages the GWCT sandwich placement scheme from universities. Her current and past projects include Grey Partridge population dynamics in relation to changes in agriculture and predators, the role of agricultural intensification and other factors on the declines of farmland birds and invertebrates, extent, and consequences of management for shooting on British wildlife, and land management and consequences of climate change for farmland invertebrates. Julie and her team support the GWCT's Interreg-funded PARTRIDGE project, as well as GWCT-facilitated Farmer Clusters (<https://www.farmerclusters.com/>). Julie joined ESUG while collaborating on TESS (Transactional Environmental Support System), worked on Perdixnet (<https://www.perdixnet.org>) after joining Committee in 2015 and looks forward to serving as Chair if elected.

Candidates for Committee:

Dr David Scallan is the Secretary General for the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE). His daily work involves overseeing the implementation of FACE's work programme. He has a strong background in project management, EU affairs, conservation policy, game management, sustainable agriculture and human-wildlife conflict. He received his Ph.D. from the National University of Ireland Galway 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 ESUG, 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. David is keen to improve the visibility of ESUG's work at the national and international level to a broad range of stakeholders and decision-makers.

Prof Sándor Csányi graduated at the University of Agricultural Sciences at Gödöllő as an agricultural engineer in 1983. Sándor is the director of the Institute for Wildlife Conservation at Szent István University (1991-) and Professor of Wildlife Conservation (2002-). Since his graduation, he works in different areas of wildlife ecology, mainly on ungulates, and their management. His particular field is the modelling of population dynamics, harvesting and sustainable use of wildlife populations, and the application/development of wildlife databases. During the last decades, Sándor has led the development of the National Wildlife Management Database (since 1993) the delineation of wildlife management regions of Hungary, and a 3-level game management system. He is a member of the ESUSG since the early 1990s and member

of several national and international organisations. Sándor seeks the possibilities for the increased role of evidence-based conservation, development of citizen science in the field of wildlife conservation, and the advancement of business initiatives on all relevant levels of sustainable use of renewable natural resources.

Dr Tetiana Gardashuk has a background in biology, with degrees from Kyiv University, an MSc from the University of Amsterdam, and scholarships at Iowa State University and ITAS/KIT (Karlsruhe). She is a member of the National Committee on Bioethics, Ukraine (from 2014). She has 200 scientific publications (5 monographs) in sustainable development and sustainable use, traditional and local knowledge, environmental education, citizen science, and biodiversity conservation. Tetiana participated in several national and international projects and has expertise in nature conservation, environmental education, and public participation. Tetiana 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. Since February 2022 she has focused on researching the war-environment interaction and the methodology of environmental peacebuilding.

Dr Viktor Šegrt grew up in the flat heartland of Croatia, in the city of Karlovac on four rivers, surrounded by pheasants, partridges and hunting dogs since birth. His greatest childhood desire was to hunt with trained birds of prey, and he completed a falconry course aged sixteen. His initial influence of British school of falconry was later mixed with US falconry, from which he took most of the legislation for incorporation in Croatian law. Also influenced by UK falconry friends, he gained knowledge about game bird releasing techniques which he introduced to the Balkan countries and used to start PhD research during 2007-16, on reintroduction models for grey partridges in Croatia, combining radio-telemetry with new releasing techniques in agriculturally untouched natural Croatian habitats. He has worked in the Faculty of Forestry in Zagreb, for the Karlovac Council in the EU department, and for eight years as director of the Regional Development Agency, with The Fresh Water Aquarium “Aquatika” co-funded by EU (98,7%) as his major project. In 2019 he got a call from the Ministry of Culture and Media to prepare Croatian falconry for UNESCO nomination and finally to place Croatian falconry on UNESCO list as intangible World cultural heritage on December 14th 2021. He has been an ESUG member since 2008 and considers that ESUG/SUME sustainable use approaches must be transferred as fast possible for the countries who are still doing transition from autocracy to modern democratic society.

Professor Robert Kenward grew up on a farm in southern England, took degrees at Oxford university and worked forty years in wildlife research. He taught and ran projects in four continents, mainly on raptors, game birds and squirrels. After founding a company for producing radio-tracking equipment and another for software, he left the government’s Centre for Ecology and Hydrology as director of technology transfer and then supervised contracts for European Commission and United Nations. He served for 12 and 31 years on councils of international NGOs followed by 20 on ESU(S)G committee. After being a vice-chair in IUCN-SSC for Sustainable Use and Livelihoods, he led CEM’s thematic group on Sustainable Use and Management of Ecosystems for 7 years. His scientific publications include books on radio-tagging, the northern goshawk and the common buzzard. A passion for helping people to improve rural areas has resulted in development of web-networking for nature conservation.