

2023 Major Accomplishments

- Hosted standalone meeting at UNAM
- Contracted with Rees Group to consolidate and expand professional management
- Approved Code of Conduct
- Successful model for Tri-society online + in-person meeting
- GraSP committee: mechanism for increased involvement/communication with early career members
- Launched 2 new programs
 - Mentorship for early career professionals
 - Early systematists award

What does SSB do?

Mission: “The **Society of Systematic Biologists** advances the science of systematic biology in all its aspects of theory, principles, methodology, and practice, for both living and fossil organisms, with emphasis on areas of common interest to all systematic biologists regardless of individual specialization.”

Publishing:

- Publishes *Systematic Biology*
- Publishes *Bulletin of the Society of Systematic Biologists* (fully open access, free to publish in; first issue 2021)

Meetings:

- Tri-society Annual Evolution Meeting
 - now in-person and online
 - SSB specific: sponsors workshops; symposia, student talk award
 - Cosponsor *Undergraduate Diversity at Evolution* program
- Standalone meetings (~ every 2 years)
 - timing and location has varied

Grant programs:

- Graduate student research awards (~40/year in recent years; up to \$3000)
- mini-ARTS for revisionary taxonomy (average ~10/year; up to \$4000)
- travel awards for students from continent other than meeting continent (defunct?)
- Early systematists award: 25(?) free 3-year memberships + \$1000 (2024)

Awards:

- Ernst Mayr award--best talk at evolution conference
- Publisher's award--best two papers published in *SB* lead-authored by a graduate student
- Presidents' award--lifetime achievement in systematics

- IDEA award (cosponsored with ASN/SSE) for promotion of inclusiveness and diversity (first awarded 2020)

Other programs:

- Mentorship program (new in 2023)
- Ad-hoc funding requests
- Graduate Student and Postdoc (GraSP) committee (new in 2024)

Member communication:

- Bimonthly newsletter

Tangible member benefits:

- Grant program eligibility
- *Systematic Biology* page charges waiver
- Free journal access
- Reduced meeting registration fee

Our memberships (as a society):

- AIBS
- Societies Consortium
- Dryad