Curriculum Vitae

Erik Postma

Nationality Dutch

Languages | English (fluent), (Swiss-)German (fluent), Dutch (mother tongue), French

(basic)

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Research interests

Keywords | Quantitative and population genetics; natural and sexual selection; life-history

evolution; statistics; adaptation to environmental change; heterozygosity and inbreeding; humans; rodents; the interface of biology and society; sports

performance.

Academic positions

2011 - present | Group leader

Department of Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies, University of

Zurich, Switzerland

2008 –2011 | Postdoctoral researcher

Zoological Museum and later the Department of Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland (advisor: Prof. L.F.

Keller)

2006 –2008 Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellow

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia (advisor: Prof. R. Brooks)

2006 Postdoctoral fellow at the University of New South Wales, Australia (advisor:

Prof. R. Brooks)

Funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

Education

2001 – 2005 | Ph.D. (cum laude) at the Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW)

Advisor: Prof. Dr. A.J. van Noordwijk (Utrecht University / NIOO-KNAW)

2002 | Marie-Curie training fellowship at the University of Edinburgh, UK

"Mixed model analyses of the evolutionary genetics of wild populations"

Advisor: Dr. L.E.B. Kruuk.

1999 – 2000 Master of Science at Wageningen University, The Netherlands

1995 – 1999 | Bachelor of Science at Wageningen University (WU), The Netherlands

Specialisation: Population biology

Advisors: Prof. P.W. Hedrick (Arizona State University), Dr. P. Edelaar (Netherlands Institute of Sea Research), Dr. S. van Wieren (WU), Dr. P. van

Hooft (WU)

	Further training
2014	3D Morphometrics, Barcelona, Spain
2013	Media Training for Scientists, MAZ – Die Schweizer Journalistenschule, Luzern, Switzerland
	4-day Far From Help Expedition and Wilderness Medical Training, Zurich and Oxford, UK
2010	Hands-on Genomics - International Workshop and Symposium on Genomic Data Mining, Frankfurt, Germany
2009	Gran Paradiso Summer School in Ecological Statistics: Bayesian Data Analysis for Ecologists, Cogne, Italy
2008	Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics, University of Washington, USA. Modules: Analysis of Genetic Data on Related Individuals; Human Association Mapping; Plant and Animal Association Mapping
	Research grants obtained Competitive funding only. All amounts in GBP. For all grants I was the principal applicant.
2015	Swiss National Science Foundation project grant "Of mice and men: The evolution and genetics of life and death in a changing environment" (223'000)
2012	Swiss National Science Foundation project grant
	"A matter of life and death: Individual-level causes and population-level consequences of variation in fitness in an alpine rodent" (244'000)
2011	University of Zurich research grant
	"Giants of Aldabra - reconstructing the past and managing the future of the last surviving Indian Ocean tortoises" (74'000)
2008	Zoological Museum grant
	"Scent of a vole: Gas chromatographic pheromone characterisation in a wild snow vole population" 7'000)
2007	Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Grant
	"The genetic basis of differentiation: Towards a predictive understanding of evolution in the wild" (138'000)
2006	University of New South Wales Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (116'000)
2005	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) "Talent" Postdoctoral Fellowship (25'000)
2002	Marie-Curie Training Fellowship (7'000)
	Total grant income: GBP 834'000

Teaching and supervision

An overview of my current teaching activities can be found here: http://www.vorlesungen.uzh.ch/HS16/suche/person-1060296.veranstaltungen.html

Courses

Ecological Genetics (2012-2015; series of 14 two-hour lectures; University of Zurich)

Graduate course on 'The Relationship between Evolutionary Biology and Society' (2008; one semester; University of New South Wales)

Animal Behaviour (2007; 3 lectures; University of New South Wales)

Concepts in Evolutionary Biology: Quantitative Genetics (2015; lecture and practical; University of Zurich)

ASReml and ASReml-R graduate course (2014; 1-day course consisting of lecture and practical; University of Zurich)

Three-day course on pedigree analysis and quantitative genetics (2012; sole lecturer; Institute for Conservation Research, San Diego, USA)

Journal club (University of Zurich: weekly, each fall semester 2011-2015)

Various quest lectures

Postdocs

Dr. Simon Evans, 2015 - ongoing

Dr. Vicente García-Navas, 2014 – 2016 (now postdoc at Department of Intregrative Ecology, Estación Biológica de Doñana, Spain)

Dr. Jasmin Winkler, 2013 – 2014 (now postdoc at Zoological Society of London, United Kingdom)

PhD students

Timothée Bonnet, 2012 – 2016

Pirmin Nietlisbach, 2010 – 2015 (co-supervised with L.F. Keller; now post-doc at University of Zurich)

Philipp Becker, 2010 – 2014 (co-supervised with L.F. Keller)

MSc students

Nicolas Erzer, 2016 - ongoing

Xenia Wietlisbach, 2016 - ongoing

Andres Hagmayer, 2014 – 2016 (co-supervised with T. Bonnet)

Nina Vasiljevic, 2014 – 2015

Anja Bürkli, 2011 (now PhD student at the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology, Dübendorf, Switzerland)

Kathrin Näpflin, 2011 (now PhD student at ETH Zurich, Switzerland)

Meret Signer, 2009 – 2010

Robert-Jan den Tex, 2004

Interns

Liz Meulenbroek, 2015-2016

Undergrad. supervision

Bettina Kelemen, 2016 (6-week research practical)

Xenia Wietlisbach, 2015 (6-week research practical)

>15 3rd year 'Principles of Evolution' 3- or 7-week student projects

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	Conferences and workshops attended (last 5 years)
2016	Symposium on 'The Ecology of Genome Evolution', Department of Ecology and Genetics, Uppsala, Sweden (invited speaker)
	16 th International Behavioural Ecology Congress, Exeter, UK (talk)
2015	22 nd Zoology Congress, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (talk)
	Evolutionary Medicine Conference, Zurich, Switzerland (talk)
	15 th Congress of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology, Lausanne, Switzerland
2014	Wild Animal Models Meeting, Pitlochry, Scotland (talk)
	European Congress of Sports Science, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2013	14 th Congress of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology, Lisbon, Portugal
	Meeting of the Edinburgh Alliance for Complex Trait Genetics, Edinburgh, UK
2012	14 th International Behavioural Ecology Congress, Lund, Sweden (talk)
	4 th International Conference of Quantitative Genetics, Edinburgh, UK
	Wild Genomics workshop, The Burn, UK (talk)
	Invited talks (last 5 years)
2016	School of Biological Sciences, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
	Research School of Biology, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
	Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, University of Stirling, Stirling, UK
	University of Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
2015	Bielefeld University, Germany
	Division of Biological Anthropology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
	Flying Science, Langenbruck, Switzerland (in German, for the general public)
2014	Cogito lecture series, Evolution and the Human & Social Sciences: New perspectives, Zurich, Switzerland
	Anthropological Institute and Museum, Zurich, Switzerland
	Zoological Institute, University of Basel, Switzerland
2013	Institute of Genetics and Biophysics "A. Buzzati Traverso" (IGB-ABT), Naples, Italy
2012	Departmental meeting, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
	Reviewing activity (selection) For an overview of my review activity, see my Publons profile at https://publons.com/a/730364/
Journals	American Naturalist, Behav. Ecol. (<i>editorial board</i>), Biol. Letters, Cons. Genetics, Ecology, Evolution, Funct. Ecol., Global Change Biology, Heredity, J. Anim. Ecol., J. Evol. Biol. (<i>reviewing editor</i>), Mol. Ecol., Pers. Ind. Differences, Nature Rev. Gen., PLoS Biology, PLoS ONE, Proc. Roy. Soc. B, Science

Funding organisations

Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Leuven University, Natural Environment Research Council, Rumanian Research Council, Swedish Research Council, Swiss National Science Foundation, US National Science Foundation

Editorial boards

Behavioral Ecology Journal of Evolutionary Biology (reviewing editor)

Membership of professional societies

European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE) International Society for Behavioral Ecology (ISBE) European College of Sports Science (ECSS)