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NESCent - National Evolutionary Synthesis Center

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.nescent.org/>

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Description: The National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent) is a nonprofit science center dedicated to cross-disciplinary research in evolution. NESCent promotes the synthesis of information, concepts and knowledge to address significant, emerging, or novel questions in evolutionary science and its applications. NESCent achieves this by supporting research and education across disciplinary, institutional, geographic, and demographic boundaries. Synthetic research in evolutionary science takes many forms but includes integrating novel data sets and models to address important problems within a discipline, developing new analytical approaches and tools, and combining methods and perspectives from multiple disciplines to answer and even create new fundamental scientific questions. NESCent facilitates such synthetic research by providing an environment for fertile interactions among scientists. Our Science and Synthesis program sponsors postdoctoral fellows and sabbatical scholars as resident scientists, and two kinds of meetings, working groups and catalysis meetings. Catalysis meetings provide a novel mechanism for bringing together diverse research communities and cultures to identify common interests, while working groups provide an opportunity for scientists to work together intensively on fundamental synthetic questions over a several-year period. These activities are community driven through our application process and evaluated by an external advisory board. Our Informatics program provides state of the art informatics tools to visiting and in-house scientists and aims to take the lead in assembling novel databases and developing new analytical tools for evolutionary biology. Finally it is sponsoring a major initiative to provide a digital data repository for work in evolutionary biology. NESCent's Education and Outreach group communicates the results of evolutionary biology research to the general public and scientific community, provides outreach to groups who are underrepresented in evolutionary biology and works to improve evolution education.

Abbreviations: NESCent

Synonyms: National Evolutionary Synthesis Center

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for NESCent - National Evolutionary Synthesis Center.

No alerts have been found for NESCent - National Evolutionary Synthesis Center.

Data and Source Information

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Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 7 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [ASWG](#) .

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