Dear European Society for Environmental History,

As a researcher at the Under and Tuglas Literary Centre of the Estonian Academy of Sciences and Tallinn University, I have been involved in various research projects combining the fields of literature and environmental humanities. At the University of Tallinn, I have been involved in teaching courses, again both in literature and environmental humanities. My interests have led me to edit several issues of Estonian scientific journals that touch on or combine these disciplines. From 2020 to 2023, I was the Estonian representative of an international Horizon 2020 project, which enabled me to combine my professional skills with my long-time hobby, birding. As a member of the Centre for Environmental History at the Faculty of Humanities KAJAK, I have been a member of the board in 2020–2024 and have been involved in organising local seminars and conferences as well as the Baltic Conference for Environmental Humanities and Social Sciences (2021, 2024) and the ESEH biennial conference in 2019. As a member of the museum staff, I have seen how an interdisciplinary approach can add exciting new facets to exhibitions and expositions. These are the kind of activities I intend to pursue in any case.

My aim as the Baltic regional representative of ESEH would be to disseminate information about ESEH's activities, as its biennial conferences, to promote the study of environmental history in academic disciplines locally in the Baltic States, and to encourage those interested in the field to get involved. The already existing mailing list brings together researchers from the three Baltic States, and I hope to contribute to the continuity of the relevant Baltic conferences. Estonia has a strong potential for research in environmental humanities and environmental history, as we have professorships at our two universities, the University of Tallinn and the University of Tartu, and a continuing interest in the subject in other Estonian academic institutions and museums.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: Curriculum Vitae

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Curriculum vitae

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Academic degrees

PhD, Cultural Studies, May 2017, Tallinn University; MA and BA in literature, 2005 and 2007, Tallinn University

Professional experience (ORCID 0000-0003-4250-2474)

2021 – ongoing: Under and Tuglas Literature Centre of the Estonian Academy of Sciences, Senior Researcher
2013 – ongoing: Estonian Literature Centre, Literary Adviser
2020–2024 Tallinn University, Research Fellow
2017–2021, Under and Tuglas Literature Centre, Senior Researcher and Head of Museum Department
2011–2017 Under and Tuglas Literature Centre, Researcher
Since 2018 member of the council of BirdLife Estonia; 2020–2024 Board member of Estonian Centre for Environmental History (KAJAK); 2014–2024 member of the Scientific Board of the Under and Tuglas Literature Center.

Recently completed projects include

2020–2024 *Estonian Environmentalism in the 20th century: ideology, discourses, practices* (Estonian Research Council project No PRG908, PI prof Ulrike Plath)

2021–2023 *Citizen Science for Environmental Citizenship: Backyard Birding and the Potential for Cultivating Green Engagement, EnviroCitizen* (Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme No 872557, coordinated by Universitetet i Stavanger)

Recent Publications

Soovik, Ene-Reet; Talivee, E.-M. (Due: 25 June 2025). Writing the multispecies city: Urban birds and urban poetry in the era of environmental crisis. – *In*: Liam Lanigan, Anni Lappela, Eric Prieto (Eds), Urban Discourses of Crisis, Resilience, and Resistance. Cities Under Stress. Palgrave.

Talivee, E.-M.; Soovik, E.-R. (Eds) 2024. Ökoulme erinumber. Kunstiteaduslikke Uurimusi (Studies on Art and Architecture). Special issue on the relationship of ecology and science fiction.

Invited talks

Plenary presentation 'Writing the Multispecies City.' – Root Cause: Comparative Studies in Literature and Translation, 14 Nov 2024, Vilnius, UNESCO City of Literature.
Lecture 'History and Nature of the Forests of Finland and Estonia', Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 5 Nov 2024.

Language skills: Estonian, English, has learned German, Russian, French, and Finnish

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