

1st Project Group Leaders Meeting

27th October, 2021, [14:30 GMT](#)



Chair: José Queirós

Minutes: Lauren Thompson

Present: Jack Buckingham (Podcast PG), Hiral Jain (Remote Sensing Database), William Harcourt (Remote Sensing Database), Kirsi Keskitalo (Art PG), Jolanta Rieksta (Alpine Cryosphere PG), Lauren Thompson (DEI PG), Lina Madaj (Mental Health Resources), Alexandra Filippova (International Polar Week March 2022), Svenja Holste (CO2 Reduction in Arctic Science), Meghan Helmberger (Mentorship Database PG), Josefine Lenz (Director), Marta Moreno Ibáñez (President), Alexis Geels (Communication of Climate Change impacts in the Arctic), Katharina Heinrich (International Polar Week March 2022), Stanislav Ksenofontov (Indigenous Collaborations), Olivia Noeline Fernando (APECS International Mentorship Award 2022), Chloe Scott (Science & Diplomacy), Azamat Tolipov (Antarctica Day PG), Ljuba Günther (Intern Online Conference 2022), Nicholas Parlato (Science and Diplomacy).

Apologies: Sergio Raez-Villanueva (Vlogs Team)

Agenda

1. Welcome to the new term and presentations
2. New structure and changes regarding last year's term
3. [Registrations](#) for Project Groups
4. Social media information
5. Directorate Updates
6. ExCom Updates
7. [Project Group Updates](#)
8. AOB

Minutes:

- Directorate Updates:
 - Some changes to council structure
 - PG members not leadership but PG leaders are leadership active members
 - Some new project group leaders previously not in APECS
 - Can exchange ideas and answer questions during project group leader meetings
 - Can get feedback on leaders email list
 - New members: potential to open registration forms again (to discuss later)
 - Directorate location change:
 - New host selected: Moving locations (Arctic University of Norway) and having a new director
 - Job advertisement is open for director, please consider & share widely
 - <https://www.apecs.is/news/apecs-news/4786-apply-now-and-become-the-new-apecs-executive-director.html>
- Introductions:
 - Jose Q - council chair
 - Ljuba G - new APECS member, group lead for International Online Conference
 - Will H - Remote Sensing group leader, willing to help out with new members
 - Jolanta R - co-leader of Alpine Cryosphere
 - Katharina H - Antarctica Day leader, returning member to group, reach out for collaborations
 - Sasha F - Co-leader for APECS Polar Week 2022, new member - Antarctica Day collab in future?
 - Meghan H - Fourth APECS term, leader of Mentorship Database but has been part of many groups (Polar Week, DEI, Mental Health), open for questions
 - Lina M - 3rd year on council, co-lead of Mental Health Resources group (new group) and Social Media Coordinator
 - Nicholas P - co-lead of Science and Diplomacy group, second year of group but looking for collaborations, reach out. Worked with the Russia National Committee last year to put on a workshop at the ICASS (International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences)- would love to be involved in any projects working with APECS Russia
 - Kirsi K - Second term on council, co-lead of APECS Art group
 - Arnab P - Executive from India, part of September Polar Week
 - Marta MI - previously on IPCC review, now APECS president. Wants to discuss whether groups will remain open or not

- Anastasia D - co-lead of APECS Art, open for collaboration and wants to build bridges between other science areas e.g., database of polar related artists for APECS social media, conferences
 - Alexis G - First year on APECS, lead of new group Communications of Climate Change in the Arctic - still building ideas
 - Chloe S - First year on APECS, co-lead of Science and Diplomacy PG
 - Stanislav (Stas) K - Indigenous Collaborations PG leader
 - Svenja H - PG lead of CO2 reduction in Arctic Science, temporary group to end this term or Jan next year to publish guidebook for Interact
 - Azamat T - Joined in 2019, previously worked with Antarctica Day and Remote Sensing teams, continuing on and co-leading Antarctica Day
 - Lauren T - Joined in 2019, previously worked in DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) group, on as DEI group leader & very open to collaborations
 - Olivia FJ - from India, currently in Final Year of my Bachelors degree in Biotechnology, Chemistry and Zoology. First time being a part of APECS. Co-lead of APECS International Mentorship Award 2022.
 - Jack - leader from APECS podcast, PolarTimes, always looking for new guests
 - Hiral - co-lead of Remote Sensing
- Reminder from Jose:
 - You vote on behalf of your project group as Project Group leader, need to communicate and try to come to consensus and best represent your group
- PG member registration
 - Marta presented options:
 - Option to keep form open all year
 - Option to keep closed for the year
 - Option to open halfway/mid-term
 - Jolanta:
 - Interested in keeping them open to allow flexibility and to involve new people in new projects
 - Will:
 - Agrees, have had requests to open groups and happy to have new members joining
 - For the Remote Sensing database project group, we are happy to keep applications open and receive requests to join our group on an ad hoc basis, but we will decide internally if we believe we have enough members
 - Anastasia:
 - Necessary to have applications open since the interests and geographic spread are so vast (e.g., Arctic, Antarctica, Alpine)

- To seek diversity of members and to continually contact people in a targeted way for art, keeping form open is helpful (e.g., reaching out to professional in certain field)
 - Katharina:
 - More inclusive, more flexibility for groups
 - For Antarctica Day - it is soon, so having new people now may be difficult due to time pressure
 - Kirsi:
 - Agree with the previous speakers: keep it open and let PG leads decide if it is possible to include new people during the term depending on what is the situation in the group.
 - Josefine:
 - Specific to groups potentially - for some groups, members are needed, and we could include a call in the newsletter to attract new members
 - A bit of effort by office, PGL and ExCom to constantly review/welcome new members but still very early in the term might be good to keep groups open
 - Later in the term, harder to have folks get active in the groups
 - Write to info@apecs.is to have call for group members (by November 10)
 - Some groups want them to keep closed e.g., timeline constraints or group size
 - Groups seeking new members:
 - Meghan in Mentorship Database
 - Lina in Mental Health Resources
 - Thoughts in chat box:
 - Jack: keep them open as default and close when needed
 - Azmat: Keeping it open since groups have different needs
 - Stas: Have had group members join mid-term in Indigenous Collaborations
 - Generally, approval for keeping PG open by default, let office know when you wish to close your group
- Information for council members:
 - All documents and information regarding the APECS Council can be found in this link
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lwUoTYoSI7Xaii4DSm56oQ_Jvb8PFAJJ
- Social media coordinator (Lina M):
 - Easy form: <https://www.apecs.is/get-involved/social-media.html>
 - To share on social media (facebook, instagram, twitter, LinkedIn), submit and they will get back with any questions

- Can contact social media with specific requests e.g., profiling activity
 - Need advance warning for specific events
 - Communication on Climate Change group will contact later
 - Social media submissions - anyone can submit as long as it relates to APECS
 - How far in advance if a group wants a post shared? ~1 week
 - If more detailed requests - social media coordinators can join meeting, can organize in a spreadsheet, some postings can be pre-scheduled
 - Josefine
 - First inform APECS office, we wish to add your activities to website and newsletter, second share with SM Team so posts can link to the website
 - Keeping Zoom link protected, e.g., registration and on website keeps protection from Zoom bombing
 - Make sure you have the rights to share images/photos publicly
 - Question - Setting up group specific accounts? Answer (Josefine, Lina): Wouldn't be managed by APECS, more work, and discuss with APECS office
 - Question - how are coordinators set up? Lina: Can email to all coordinators (social-media@apecs.is), individuals post to different social media forums
 - Comment from Jolanta - Alpine Cryosphere has a Twitter account, will discuss how it moves forward. Marta - will discuss with ExCom, potentially wider audience on APECS website
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- ExCom update (Marta) - no comments needed, Josefine brought up main points
 - Project Group Plans - soft deadline of end of November
 - Josefine - Handbook update:
 - APECS Handbook is about to be published, will receive email soon to have all information in one place
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- Project Group updates:
 - Sasha: have had a meeting with the Polar Week group, thinking about how to collaborate with APECS National Committees, how to best contact? Josefine - talk to National Committee coordinators, will have contact information, get in touch early
 - Stas - have had first meeting with Indigenous Collaborations, when is the deadline to submit project plan? Answer: end of November. Reach out to Stas @ sksesta@gmail.com
 - Jack - PolarTimes podcast - get in touch if you are interested in going on the podcast or nominating someone, or profiling an event
<https://forms.gle/LWFKdYq7DopujDru7> , podcast archive: <https://polartimes.podbean.com>
 - Katharina - Have had first meeting, narrowing down aims, writing project plan

- Lauren - DEI group is looking for collaborators, reach out if interested, will be launching a survey for APECS this term
- Hiral - finalizing project structure, meeting times, plans for Remote Sensing
- Kirsi and Anastasia - APECS Art is moving forward, looking to see how it can integrate into other APECS platforms e.g., website and social media
- Photos for APECS:
 - Need rights to use for photos, having a photo contest can help
- Lina: EGU ECR Cryosphere group looking for collaborating to have a multilingual Christmas event, contact Lina (l.madaj@vu.nl)