

2nd Council Meeting

6th April, 2022, [16:00 GMT](#)



Chair: Ryan O'Hara

Minutes: Marek Muchow

Present: José Queirós, Lauren Thompson, Hiral Jain, Sarah Strand, Deniz Vural, Sergio Ruez Villanueva, Doğaç Baybars İşiler, Élise Devoie, Maria Scheel, Kirsi Keskitalo, Marek Muchow, Raphael Fernandes Vieira, Hugo Guímaro, Olivia Noeline Fernando, Lina Madaj, Heather Forrer

Apologies: Alexandra Zuhr, Julia Garcia-Oteyza, Adrien Wehrlé, Erika Schreiber, Will Harcourt, Jack Buckingham, Gwenaëlle Gremion, Dalia C. Barragán-Barrera, Deborah Bozzato, Erin Kunisch, Azamat Tolipov, Maciej Mańko

Agenda

1. New Meeting Schedule
2. Council Report
3. Directorate Updates
4. ExCom Updates
 - The summary of the ExCom in-person meeting
5. Project Groups and National Committees Updates
6. AOB

Minutes

1. **New Meeting Schedule**
 - Meetings will alternate with +8 hour

- Nobody is expected to be there at every meeting, but in this way everyone gets the chance to attend at some point and not some regions are blocked consistently
- Next meeting 24:00 GMT

2. Council Report

- Thanks for the updates
- A summary will come soon

3. Directorate Updates

- Sarah is the new executive director
- All mails are going to Sarah now
- Directorate is now in Tromsø, but there are still 3 people working in Germany
- Currently investigating collaborations with the new hosts
- APECS had lots of activity at Arctic Science Summit Week last week in Tromsø
- Important news are in the newsletter :)
- There is an [APECS statement on the war in Ukraine](#)
- Nominations for APECS International Mentorship Award 2022 are open - [nominate someone!](#)

4. ExCom Updates

- Some working groups would like to have additional communication channels for the working groups
- Website update -> long-term work
- There might be social gatherings within APECS Int

5. Project Group and NC Updates

- No updates from: Alpine & Cryosphere Group, APECS Podcasts, Mentorship database
- Project Groups:
 - Alpine & Cryosphere Group: Call for contribution to the upcoming Alpine cryosphere newsletter is out. Work on a potential handbook is in progress and collaboration are being worked out.
 - APECS Art Group: Art-Science webinar and 'polar art' social media content during the PolarWeek, upcoming webinar in collaboration with Science and diplomacy PG. Also ongoing collaboration with IOC2022 PG.
 - DEI: working on revamping the resources repo, working on the project group plan
 - MOSAiC vlog group: reduction of team members, but still collecting content, might reach the end period of the vlogs and with that of the current project, website got updates, if you want to contribute something to the vlogs, here is the website: <https://www.apecs.is/research/vlogs.html>

- Indigenous collaborations group: group is currently a bit low on capacities, due to the situation, but still going on, will be currently merging with group Overcoming Language Barriers in Polar Research
- Remote sensing database: The PG has created an online survey for the Early Career Researchers (ECRs) of the Polar and Cryosphere community which will help obtain information about how satellite remote sensing data is being used in their research along with the design for our database. Link to the survey [here](#) ;
Also, we are now planning to work on our second survey which will be about data acquisition for the database. And lastly, the website is in Sinuous development and the database now has a Github repository which we have synced with Google sheets so that it can interface with our Data Studio
- Mental Health Resources: have enough resources and will put the resources on the APECS website/database, will probably also presented on the APECS conference (and maybe include mindfulness break there), a small survey will be sent around soon to all APECS members to add their own resources to the database. Started talking to the podcast PG Polar Times to do a podcast episode on the topic of mental health.
- Science and diplomacy: Organized a session on ASSW with four researchers on the topics of logistics, environment, education and science diplomacy.
- Communication of Climate Change Impacts in the Arctic: a lot of loss members, but there are plans for social media posts to come
- APECS Int. Online Conference: at May 18th, Abstract submission is closed, project group is organizing the sessions and keynote speakers at the moment, there will also be an art exhibition. See more details of the event [here](#).
- Polar Week: Week finished, the engagement wasn't as high as originally hoped for, there was a lot of content nevertheless and it was great
- APECS Workshop at the Arctic Science Summit Week: 3 sessions could get recorded and the recorded sessions will be available, workshops/sessions were a success
- UArctic Congress: Arctic Council stopped currently work with Russia, currently checking if the workshop will take place outside of the UArctic Congress or if the group gets canceled
- NCs:
 - APECS Germany: Currently finishing the seminar series POLARSTUNDE with german polar society, preparing a workshop for the international polar conference taking place in germany, streamlining our own EDI work within APECS Germany, vote new board in may
 - APECS Colombia: Group made different Antarctic flags, worked together with schools and scientists as an outreach event, had an polarweek event in person with exhibition of Antarctic Research

- APECS Brazil: holding international polarweek together with APECS Portugal, finished a interdisciplinary course with 3 modules/6 meetings about Antarctica yesterday, had 74 people enrolled (average 40 people per meeting), which was a surprising high number, may 7th symposium - will be hybrid, vote new board in may-june
- APECS Turkey: Organise weekly education seminars/sessions, work together and build polar student clubs with highschools in Turkey, create weekly information sheet to be distributed to , joined a Antalya Science festival with the ability to reach 5000 students, join a TECHNOFEST'22 with approx 1 Mio participants, will have a booth there.
- APECS Iceland: are having a new representative, collaborating with icelandic universities to get a more stable influx/number of board members
- APECS Portugal: got new members, had polarweek online with interactions with schools, collaborating with APECS Brazil for the next polarweek and also collaborating for a workshop for the SCAR fellowship
- APECS Denmark: had networking event in CPH during the polarweek, planning to continue a seminar series from last year into this year
- APECS South Africa: had a behind the scenes photo competition, will sent out soon a survey about mentorship in south africa, are starting to prepare for polar week in september, where people can submit videos of their science
- USAPECS: Reddit AMA during Polar week got good engagement, as well as some Twitter polling. Working on a blog series, IDEA resources, newsletter promoting ECR work along with IARPC, and also a possible AGU session
- APECS NL:
 - 1) "APECS Netherlands" is a newly established foundation ("stichting" in Dutch)

<https://apecsnetherlands.com/2022/04/04/apecs-netherlands-is-now-a-stichting/>
 - 2) Registration for the Dutch Poolsymposium is open! The annual Polar Symposium brings together polar scientists, policy makers, enterprises, artists and other stakeholders engaged in activities in the polar regions. This year's event is a full Polar Day of activities and is co-organised by the NWO Netherlands Polar Programme, the association for early career polar scientists (APECS) and the Dutch Arctic Circle (DAC).

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/polar-symposium>

6. Any Other Business

- If you are not getting mails, please write Ryan or Sarah and they will look into it
- EGU -> are there any other APECS NCs or Project Groups, idea: of maybe a social gathering