



4th Council Meeting

24th June 2020, 1500 GMT & 2100 GMT

Present at Meeting 1: Lizzie Orr, Jhon Fredy Mojica, Jonathan Wood, Jilda Caccavo, Deniz Vural, Jack Buckingham, Ekaterina Uryupova, Jenn Cooper, Lauren Thompson, Lina Madaj, Liezel Rudolph, Hugo Guímaro, Andrea Bueno, Michele Moraes, SImone Stünzi

Present at Meeting 2: Sean Horvath, Jilda Caccavo, Juliana Souza, Madeleine Brasier, Meghan Helmberger, Christel, Charlie Hewitt, Jill Diederich, Rebecca Duncan, (late: Sarah Shakil)

Apologies: Maud van Soest, Jan-Lukas Menzel Barraqueta, Shridhar Jawak, Marta Moreno Ibáñez, Maciej Mańko, Kara Layton, Priyanka, Elise Gallois, Ranjan Datta, Hélène Bresson, Zoe Martos, Ellen Ahlness, Grace Shephard, Rodrigo Gomez Fell, Mia Bennett, Nicholas Szapiro, Keechy Akkerman, Gremion Gwenaëlle, Hans Harmsen, Marcos Tassano, Alex Borowicz, Kate Chenier, Boris Stanimirov, Laura Halbach, Kelly Kapsar, Rahul Dey, Clare Eayrs, Tayana Arakchaa, Stanislav Ksenofontov, Rosaria, Joana Fragão, Evelien Dekker, Ivan Alekseev, Morgan Seag, Valentina Savaglia, Emily Choy, Arthi Ramachandran, Aurora Roth, Vikram Goel, Florian Vidal, Kabir Rasouli, Dhanendra Singh, Claudia Maturana, Prashant Pandit, Arindam Chowdhury, Alexa Hasselman, Paul Rosenbaum, Charne Lavery, Philip Sontag, Shipra Nagar, Emily Choy, Zambra Lopez, Jessica A Rohde, Maximillian Van Wyk de Vries, Elisa Seyboth, José Queirós, Aolk Kumar Sinha

Meeting 1

Agenda/Minutes (taken by Lauren):

1. Welcome all new and returning council members to the APECS Council
2. Council report forms for end of term
 - a. Details of final council report via email from Lizzie (contact Lizzie or Sean if questions)
 - b. Similar to those filled out a few months ago. Link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9nPs2WP0bEsILgZmNrOTTdLg3_JVpqPvpzj3ZcQANzR0tQQ/viewform

3. ExCom updates
 - a. Jilda (ExCom ex-officio): Strategic plan draft to come later this week for review
 - i. Original strategic plan for 2016-2020. Based on growth of org/ 1st org review in 2015 - can access these documents.
 - ii. Second org review (2019) - feedback led to recommendations, taken into account for the second strategic plan for 2021-2026. The mission of the organization, new ideas for achieving mission & sustainable growth.
 - iii. Draft for review - edits, suggestions, comments from the council within three weeks of accessing the first draft. The second round of review to ensure concerns/ideas have been addressed, and second revision of the document (near final draft). Quickly edit the final draft, then vote on it. APECS office to publish and format before the end of this year.
4. Brief updates from Project Groups and National Committees (see notes below)
 - a. Summaries from PG leaders at bottom of this document
 - b. COVID has lead to some changes in schedule to PGs, some groups less disrupted
5. Directorate Updates
 - a. Gerlis moving on from director, last few weeks at APECS & preparing transition materials
 - b. Job alert has been posted for AWI interim APECS director - deadline at end of June
 - c. Jenn, Jilda, AWI part of selection process
 - d. APECS office is quite busy - reduced capacity. Contact info@apecs.is rather than Gerlis, it goes to the mailing list with more people who can help. You can also contact ExCom excom@apecs.is
6. AOB/questions
 - a. Meeting schedule - any ideas/thoughts on how meetings have been scheduled? Those who were not able to attend - add thoughts to agenda
 - b. NC Colombia: Making online training sessions (taking advantage of COVID), have been able to engage people. NC is growing in Colombia.
 - c. Re-applying for council - same form? Jilda: Yes, same application process (either was just announced or will be announced shortly)

Meeting 2

Agenda:

1. Welcome all new and returning council members to the APECS Council
2. Council report forms for end of term
3. ExCom updates
 - a. See above
4. Brief updates from Project Groups and National Committees (see notes below)

- a. Polar Arts Group (Meghan Helmberger) - No major updates, setbacks due to COVID-19. Got contributions in for March Polar Week. Had 2 project group meetings since COVID disruptions began (time zone issues for full group meetings).
 - b. UArctic Congress (Charlie Hewitt) - October workshop got postponed to May 2021. Upcoming meeting to discuss whether to make an online meeting in October or wait until in-person meeting. Lack of involvement from group.
5. Directorate Updates
- a. See above
6. AOB/questions:
- a. Meeting scheduling

Updates from Project Groups:

IPCC Group Review

1. Project 1| IPCC group review: Group review of the Second draft of Working Group I contribution to IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (SOD-WGI-AR6)
 - a. May 15: End of the group review process.
 - b. May 15 – June 3: Sorting of the reviewer's comments by chairs
 - c. June 4: Comment file submitted to the IPCC à As a group, we submitted 2173 comments on Chapters 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the SOD-WGI-AR6
 - d. June 9: "Formal farewell" to participants & survey sent
2. What happens next?
 - a. We will send all reviewers and organizers a certificate of participation.
 - b. When the IPCC report is published (expected in 2021):
 - i. Experts reviewers will be recognized for their contribution with their name, affiliation, and country of residence being published in the Annex of Reviewers of the WGI report.
 - ii. All the submitted comments and the authors' answers will be publicly available.
3. Project 2| IPCC group review: Group review of the Second draft of Working Group II contribution to IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (SOD-WGII-AR6)
 - a. Call for applications was initially published on 31 March, but we had to temporarily pause applications since the IPCC has modified the date of the WGII - AR6 expert review of the SOD (the new date is 4 Dec 2020 - 29 Jan 2021).
 - b. Team members will be contacted at the end of July to see if they are still available to participate in the organization of the review.

- c. A new call will be published in August (if the IPCC doesn't change the timeline).

INTERACT communication and navigation guidebook

1. PG is up and running
2. Next meeting on June 16, we aim for approx. monthly meetings from now on
3. We have a rough outline for the book and start distributing the chapters for literature review and writing
4. We aim to make a survey for station leaders to find out their specific needs, this summer with limited fieldwork will be good for this

Alpine Cryosphere Group

1. Suspended due to pandemic, but will resume group meetings by the end of June

Polar Organisations Overview PG

1. Set up a private FB group for our PG members for easier communication
2. Updating of the Database is on hold until the proposed changes from last year's PG are fully implemented on the Website (we are in contact with Gerlis and the APECS office about this matter)

T-MOSAiC Project Group

1. T-MOSAiC project has been prolonged till December 2021 (the decision was accepted by IASC during ASSW2020 meeting). The current situation with COVID also forced us to alter our activities which were planned in tight connection with field season 2020 (especially our T-MOSAiC Vlogs initiative), since most of the expeditions were postponed/canceled.
2. We tried to organize a special "T-MOSAiC" session at the APECS Online Conference. Although no special session was organized (due to time constraints), 5 ECRs from T-MOSAiC presented their works at the conference. The idea of "T-MOSAiC" session, however, remains actual for next year's conference.

March Polar Week 2020

1. The polar week was held on 15th-21st March (online). The activities were:
 - a. a polar photo contest
 - b. a scientist-who-selfie challenge
 - c. a drawing challenge (<https://www.apecs.is/outreach-archive/polar-weeks-archive/polar-week-2020/polar-week-march-2020-kids-artwork/category/13.html>)
 - d. a quiz (every day a new quiz)

- e. a fun fact edition (every day a new fun fact)
- f. a polar movies/podcast selection
- g. an indigenous collaboration poster
- h. an art-science blog with interviews (<https://www.apecs.is/outreach/blogs/polar-art-blog-2019.html>)

APECS Online Conference

1. It was successfully held in May with ca. 50 presenters and over 500 attendees distributed all around the world.
2. Now in the process of writing up the PG final report.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Polar Research (DEI)

1. Led a collaborative webinar on working with indigenous communities with the Indigenous Collaborations project group. The video of that webinar can be seen [here](#) and the post-webinar discussion can be seen [here](#).
2. Collaborated on a proposal for a town hall meeting on diversity in polar science at the American Geophysical Union annual meeting. That proposal can be seen [here](#).
3. Presented on polar inclusive codes of conduct at the IASC/IASSA Gender in Polar Research workshop. A summary of that event can be found [here](#).
4. Wrote, edited, and submitted for expert review a thorough code of conduct and bill of rights for polar fieldwork. Those documents can be seen [here](#) and will be posted on the APECS website soon.
5. Had ongoing conversations with ExCom about social media posts in support of the Black Lives Matter movement including organizing a "twitter takeover" by Minorities in Polar Research. This led to the expedited release of the APECS twitter post on the Black Lives Matter movement which can be seen [here](#). This discussion will continue to make sure that ExCom pursues substantive efforts to promote black voices within polar science.
6. Participated in ongoing discussions with IARPC and IASC about releasing statements in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.
7. Initial planning for another webinar about being a better ally or on being a mother in polar science.

Mentorship Award (MA)

1. We have discussed with the Directorate how to progress with this year's edition, as last year MA has not been awarded;
2. Following the suggestion of Gerlis, we collectively decided to first deal with MA2019, simultaneously [opening MA2020](#) call for applications;
3. With the exception of one member (Juan, our ExCom contacted has been notified and already took an action; cced), everyone else has submitted their reviews in a timely manner, so we should be able to award MA2019 fairly soon;

4. Deadline for submitting MA2020 applications is in two days (June 21st), thus we should be able to finish reviews by the end of July;
5. We decided to announce the winners of MA2019 and 2020 simultaneously, later in the summer.

APECS SCAR2020 Workshop

Progress:

1. SCAR2020 in Hobart canceled due to COVID-19. APECS SCAR2020 Workshop has been moved to an online workshop
2. Workshop planned to be run between 11-13th August (the week after the when SCAR OSC online sessions are planned)
 - o Exact day(s) to be confirmed once speakers and program are finalized
3. Sessions and session convenors for the workshop have been finalized
 - o Session convenors are currently approaching potential speakers and finalizing presentations for their sessions
4. Advertising material has been produced for the workshop

Activities:

5. Intermittent meetings with project working group, next meeting planned for early July

Requests:

6. Support from APECS Directorate required for;
 - o Setting up a webpage on the APECS website for the workshop and assist with the advertisement of the workshop
 - o Advising on registration procedures
 - o Gifts for presenters (?)
 - o Acknowledgment of country/firsts people

*All this has been emailed to Gerlis and info@apecs.is

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2. I am now in the process of writing up the PG final report.
3. Some PG members not contributing. We termed them 'ghost' members. We have notified ExCom so that they can bear this in mind for the future.

UArctic Congress Workshop 2020 (moved to 2021)

- The UArctic 2020 congress was postponed to May 2021 due to COVID
- We hope to continue to progress as normal with regards to planning of events and workshop activities

- We will hold a meeting w.c. 29th June 2020 to discuss how to proceed (including deciding whether to hold an online workshop in place of our in person event that was postponed).
- Like other groups we are struggling with group participation - group documents requiring members' input aren't read/contributed to, polls aren't taken part in, and only about 1/4 of the group actively contribute.