

4th PGL Meeting

24th June, 2021; 1030 AM (GMT)



Meeting Chair: *José Queirós*

Present: Will Harcourt (Remote Sensing Database), José Queirós (chair), Svenja Holste (Guide CO2 reduction), Kirsi Keskitalo (APECS Art), Deniz Vural, Hiral Jain (Remote Sensing Database), Carla Tapia (Alpine Cryosphere), Jhon Mojica (Polar Week September), Rodrigo Alves (Alpine Cryosphere & Polar Week September), Juliana Souza (UARctic Congress), Marlen Kolbe (Mentorship Award 2021)

Apologies: Maciej Mańko (Mentorship Award 2021), Mikhail Latonin (Remote Sensing Database), Sergio Ruez Villanueva (TMOSAIC Vlogs), Ryan O'Hara (Podcast/UArctic Congress), Elisa Seyboth (Non-academic careers)

Agenda

1. [Project Group Updates](#)
 - a. Alpine Cryosphere
 - b. APECS Art
 - c. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI)
 - d. Non-Academic Careers
 - e. Polar Organizations Overview
 - f. T-MOSAIC Vlogs
 - g. Indigenous collaborations
 - h. APECS Podcasts
 - i. Remote Sensing Database
 - j. Mental Health Resources
 - k. Science & Diplomacy
 - l. APECS International Mentorship Award 2021
 - m. APECS International Online Conference 2021

- n. APECS International Polar Week September 2021
- o. APECS Workshop at UArctic Congress 2020/21
- p. Guide on CO2 reduction in Arctic Science
- q. APECS Workshop at ICASS X, June 2021

2. AOB/questions

- a. Any early feedback/questions

Minutes

General discussion on problems within PGs:

- *Absence/not active participation of the group members.*
 - William Harcourt - In the remote sensing group many people have been very busy and not been able to devote so much time for the PG work. Slightly slower progress with projects within the last few months.
 - Jhon Mojica - Polar Week September is experiencing a similar situation with not so active participation from the group.
 - Svenja Holste - Guide for CO2 reduction PG confirms the same in their group and has contacted ex-com for help to assess who is actually able to be part of the PG regarding a few inactive members. Most of the group is motivated and engaged.
 - Kirsi Keskitalo - The same in APECS Art participation is not so active, in the last meeting only group leaders were present.
 - José Queirós - encourages PG leaders to remind people to fill in the Absence sheet to inform about their away-times.
- William Harcourt - suggests that could be a good idea to state these normally busy periods in some of the documents for PG leaders for next council term.
 - Jose Queirós says that these busy times usually start in the beginning of the year or March, which are the times when some may be delivering their thesis and also during fieldwork time, and will update this for the PG leader documents for the next term.

Tips for making surveys:

- Svenja Holste wants to reach out to Mental Health Resources PG or other PGs for experience and tips on making surveys.
 - William Harcourt (remote sensing) tips that posting to mailing lists (cryolist), APECS channels and social media to get participants. Make the survey quick and simple to attract more participants, like yes/no questions. The form used was Google Forms. APECS Office can help to store collected data securely and check for potential issues with use of personal data.
- Jhon Mojica wants to reach out to national committees to encourage them to participate to the Polar Week September.
 - José Queirós - encourages to contact the national committees representatives or contact NC directly.

Updates from groups:

Alpine cryosphere :

Mountain field guide deadline for internal review set. Took lot of time to work with this. Second project is a series of [newsletters](#) to be published monthly (starting in August/September).

APECS Art

Webinar with Polar Artists is progressing, contacting artists soon.

APECS Podcast

Lot of data collected on remote sensing to use as resources to wikipage and database. Wikipage to be created to where to get dataset, satellite images etc. Also, Google Sheets for a database to make it easy for researchers to find what sort of data they could use.

Mentorship awards

Nominations received, deadline was extended once to get more nominations. The review process started to select the winner.

Polar Week September

Working on the plan for the event, next meeting in July.

U-Arctic conference

There was a long waiting for news from the conference organizers whether it is happening in October 2021. Now seems that the congress is postponed to next year, so this PG will not happen this year. The U-Arctic congress has asked APECS representative for next year.

Guide on CO2 reduction

Progress made, chapters and tasks divided. Next meeting will be next week. Hopefully first drafts of section of the guide ready already next week. An estimate for the first draft of the whole guide is September 2021. All PG leaders encouraged to contact the group for tips on CO2 reduction!

No PG leader present from the following groups:

DEI, Non-Academic careers, Polar organization overview, T-Mosaic Vlogs, Indigenous collaborations, APECS Podcast, Mental Health Resources, Science and Diplomacy, Online conference, ICASS

Meeting finished at 12.09 GMT.