5th Full Council Meeting

July 2018 Project Group Updates NC Updates



These project group and National Committee updates will be circulated to the Council *in advance* of the July Council Meeting

Updates from Project leads:

Project group/ leaders	Updates
Antarctica Day Swati, Gabriela	Event has passed, no updates
Arctic Frontiers Fiona, Jean	Event has passed so no updates!
EGU Grace, Jean	Event has passed so no updates!
International Online Conference Clare, Alex, Hanne	The online conference was held on 16th May. 22 early career researchers presented over 4 sessions than ran over 17 hours to accommodate time zones across the world. Thanks to all who were involved with presenting, judging, chairing and tech support. The prize winners will be announced in the next APECS newsletter. The recordings from each session are available on vimeo: https://vimeo.com/apecs We had some good feedback from participants, but also learned a few lessons along the way! We are currently working on the final report and handover notes for next year's project group.
Mentor Award José, Alex, Gabriela	The 2018 Mentorship award received 9 nominations in the APECS Member and 1 nomination for the APECS Category. The awardees are Dr Aleks Terauds from Australia, and Dr Jose Xavier from Portugal, respectively. The awards were presented to the winners at the POLAR2018 Conference Dinner. Please see here for more details. We would like to thank those who made nominations and encourage more members and National committees to nominate those people who are giving support to ECRs and APECS events for next year's awards.
Polar Week Sara, Jean	After a busy March Polar Week the group has had a short break, but will resume regular meetings in preparation for September Polar Week!

Summary of Polar Organisations [TBD], Alex, Gabriela	This group has not had an activity this year.
Webinars Group Jean, Christel	The webinars group has been quite inactive this year, but are beginning work on cataloguing the previous webinars database so that we are able to figure out where there are gaps in our themes and what we should focus on for future webinar topics.
Social Media [TBD], Jean	The group has been actively generating content to add to the APECS social media accounts for regular weekly posting. Jean did an oral presentation at POLAR2018 about the use of APECS social media to engage the public. As usual, if you have anything you want shared over the APECS social media channels please fill out the Google Form or email the group!
Alpine Cryosphere Kabir Rasouli	The Group has been active and have had meetings almost every 1.5 month. We have updated the grad programs related to the Alpine Cryosphere in the website, defined sub-disciplines of the Alpine Cryosphere and have communicated for organizing events in conferences, and potential collaborations for submitting proposals to early career proposal calls. We organized a webinar in the Spring and have arranged three webinars to be held in October and November, 2018.
IPCC group review Mathieu, Jilda	The review of the IPCC report has been performed with 75 participants. The review produced more than 2100 comments, among which 2000 have been submitted to the IPCC. We have realised a survey of the experience of the participants, and an article has been written. We are discussing with Nature Climate Change about it. We are organising now how the next review for the next draft will be realised, and hope for a call in September.

Updates from National Committees:

National Committee/ leaders	Updates
APECS BULGARIA	 Participated in Sofia Science Week Festival, organized by British Council with kiosk and presentations Annual meeting and report about the APECS Bulgaria's last year activity Presidency new term with some changes (2018-2020) – Iglika Trifonova, Denitsa Apostolova, Stefan Velev; Nadya Yanakieva – NC rep. Participated in POLAR 2018 meeting in Davos, Switzerland (Iglika Trifonova, Nadia Yanakieva, Stefan Velev): Iglika Trifonova (President of APECS Bulgaria) presented our activities during the meeting in Davos; Nadya Yanakieva (NC rep. of APECS Bulgaria) – ECRs rep. in SCAR

- group SERCE participated in a meeting of the group for future support about the collaboration between the SERCE and ECRs;
- Stefan Velev participated in the science part with poster about "Hydrothermal breccias from Hurd Peninsula, Livingston island, Antarctica"
- Discussing some new ideas with APECS Turkey and APECS Spain for future collaboration in Europe and in Antarctica

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- Outdoor winter school activity in Rila mountain for kids between 7 and 12 years old - "Academy for young polar researchers"
- Presentations in schools
- Participated in **European night of scientists**

APECS CANADA

NC REP 2018 for APECS Canada - Martine Lizotte (apologies for not attending the meeting: I am on the icebreaker Amundsen in waters of the Nunavik and Nunavut territories)

APECS Canada board members organized and participated in a number of activities, here are some examples ordered through time.

1. November 2017. Second Edition of the Intercultural Indigenous Workshop, led independently by students - many of which are APECS Canada board members (Marianne Falardeau, Gwyneth MacMillan, Cécile de Sérigny and Allyson Menzies). Organized at the Students' Society of McGill University in Montreal, Canada, the workshop was an invitation for early career scientists conducting fieldwork in Canada's North or with an interest in conducting research on traditional territories across Canada. The overall goal of this workshop was to foster cooperation and balance between scientific and indigenous local knowledge, and to promote the sharing of perspectives between the scientific and northern communities.

https://gcbs.ca/events/events-in-collaboration-with-the-gcbs-2/iiw/

Article about the event:

Website of the event:

 $\underline{http://lebeagle.qcbs.ca/post/169850394011/ushering-in-a-new-era-of-researc} \ h-in-canadas$

2. December 2017. International Arctic Change meeting in Quebec City, Canada. APECS Canada board members held a table with flyers and information on both APECS international and APECS Canada during coffee breaks and lunch breaks. Jean Holloway gave a short presentation about APECS during the opening remarks of the Student Day. Marianne Falardeau and Kate Snow (ArcticNet Student Association) presented the winner of the APECS Canada - ASA Mentor Award, Lisa Loseto.

Article about this year's winner of the Mentor Award: https://apecscanada.wixsite.com/ehpecs/lisa-loseto

3. January 2018. First Sentinel North student assembly, Québec City, Canada, Martine Lizotte gave a talk about the far-reaching roles of APECS and how it

may help students engaged in northern studies get access to information and networks.

- 4. January 2018. McGill Northern Research Day, Montreal, Canada. Marianne Falardeau gave a talk about APECS and APECS Canada. She had also set a table with flyers and information on both APECS international and APECS Canada.
- 5. February 2018. Social gathering in Ottawa organized by Jill Rajewicz and Jean Holloway. The social evening was held at the Lieutenant's Pump in Ottawa following the Ottawa-Carleton Student Northern Research Symposium. Jean did a short presentation about APECS at the Symposium.
- 6. February 2018. Webinar organized by Jill Rajewicz and featuring Dr. Jennifer Provencher "Working with northern communities to build collaborative research partnerships: Perspectives from an early career researcher". There were 16 participants, and the webinar was recorded and posted on the APECS Vimeo channel.
- 7. February 2018. Talk given by Cécile de Sérigny entitled 'La contribution d'APECS Canada à une nouvelle ère de recherche nordique et polaire' at the Journée de conférences sur le Nord et l'Arctique, Chaufferie du Cœur des sciences de l'UQAM, Montréal, Canada, organised by the Portail sur la recherche nordique et arctique de l'UQAM. APECS Canada board members (Gwyneth MacMillan and Marianne Falardeau) set a table with flyers and information on both APECS international and APECS Canada.
- 8. March 2018. Documentary showing of "Angry Inuk" at the University of Ottawa and the University of Manitoba as part of our Polar Week activities. The film showing in Ottawa was organized by Jean Holloway, and in Winnipeg by Tonya Burgers.
- 9. March 2018. During Polar Week, APECS Canada presented a series of #researchreality memes on our social media pages, and encouraged our members to contribute their own memes. Many of our APECS Canada board members used their own photos to make memes for our Facebook and Twitter pages.
- 10. April 2018. Webinar streaming of the Queen's University Northern Research Symposium. The Symposium featured several keynote speakers, as well as student presentations. Organized and hosted by Jackie Hung. Jackie also did a short presentation about APECS at the Symposium.
- 11. May 2018. Creation of informal facebook groups for early career researchers working in different regions of the Canadian North to encourage networking, information sharing and collaboration. Organized by the education and outreach committee, and spearheaded by Gwyneth MacMillan and Jackie Hung.

- 12. May 2018. Led by Jackie Hung and several other APECS Canada board members as well as members of the ArcticNet Student Association, a call has been launched for the APECS Canada-ASA Mentor Award to recognize a mentor who has contributed significantly over a period of several years to the mentoring and fostering of polar early career researchers in Canada.
- 13. May 2018. A short survey was posted online in order to gather insights from the whole APECS Canada community on ECR experiences working with northern indigenous communities. APECS Canada wanted to know how ECRs doing community-collaborative research and outreach with Arctic indigenous communities could be best supported in the future.
- 14. May 2018. Two representatives of APECS Canada (Marianne Falardeau and Gwyneth MacMillan) were invited to speak about the "Student Perspective" on research ethics and community-collaborative research at the "Arctic Sustainability Summit" of the G7 Research Summit Series on May 23 and 24, 2018 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, Canada.
- 15. May 2018. APECS Canada board members collectively submitted ideas and suggestions to the Call for Input from Polar Knowledge Canada on their 2020-2025 Research Plan and Strategic Plan.
- 16. June 2018. During the 'Journées Nordiques' organized by the Institut Nordique du Québec, Québec, Canada, Marianne Falardeau gave a talk entitled 'Le futur de la recherche nordique: recommandations des chercheuses et chercheurs en début de carrière'
- 17. June 2018. During the POLAR 2018 World Summit, Davos, Switzerland, a talk was given by Jean Holloway addressing the issue of Recruitment and retention of ECR leadership.
- 18. June 2018. APECS Canada board members collectively submitted feedback and suggestions for the APECS International Policy Statement draft.
- 19. June 2018. A webinar featuring Chantal Risdale and Gabrielle Alix from the Canadian Cryospheric Information Network/Polar Data Catalogue and entitled 'Data Management Essentials' was organized by Jill Rajewicz.
- 20. Work in progress: APECS Canada has been working on its governance structure by updating the following documents: Terms of Reference (ToR) and Rules of Procedures (RoP). The National Committee of APECS Canada is working on both english and french versions of these documents.
- 21. Work in progress: Led by Marianne Falardeau and several APECS Canada board members, we are working towards developing an MoU with Polar Knowledge Canada.
- 22: Work in progress: APECS Canada has been working regularly on improving our new website (Launched in September 2017). The Education and Outreach

	Working Group recently launched two new web pages with resources for members, one with general resources, and one with resources about community-collaborative research.
	Link to web pages: https://apecscanada.wixsite.com/ehpecs/resources https://apecscanada.wixsite.com/ehpecs/community
	23. Coming up, July 2018: Sentinel North International PhD School, 'Shedding light on Marine Arctic Ecosystem Services', onboard the Canadian Coast Guard Ship icebreaker Amundsen, Baffin Bay, Nunavut, Martine Lizotte will give a short talk featuring APECS goals, mandates etc. to the PhD students taking part in the summer school. http://sentinelnorth.ulaval.ca/en/baffin2018
	24. Coming up, August 2018: During the Sentinel North annual meeting, Québec City, Canada, an APECS-flavoured talk will be given by Martine Lizotte: 'Shaping the future of polar research: emerging views from and for Early Career Scientists'
APECS SPAIN	Since the last council members of APECS Spain have met during POLAR 2018. During the meeting it was discussed the next steps to try to get a LOA. We have also drafted the schedule for the APECS Spain meeting that will take place in Madrid in September. At the APECS summit we got in touch with APECS Portugal and APECS Bulgaria to try to collaborate closely in Europe and in Antarctica (the Spanish and Bulgarian stations are close by).
APECS Belgium	The NC has been active in a number of events/activities, briefly listed below. For more extensive information please visit https://apecsbelgium.wordpress.com/
	 AABBAA symposium: co-organized this first event of AABBAA (Belgian Antarctic Archives) and gave a talk on APECS & APECS Belgium (Yi Ming Gan) Continuous posting of new polar jobs in Belgium on our website (all) Story contest with school kids including visits to school and printing of a book (ongoing; Benoit Durieu, Eveline Pinseel, Caroline Jacques, Valentina Savaglia) Participation in POLAR18/World Summit etc. (Franz Heindler, Valentina Savaglia, Caroline Jacques, Yi Ming Gan, Benoit Durieu) New online category: "Polar View" (all) New online categoru: "Data tutorials" (Yi Ming Gan) In progress: brainstorming about a joint "APECS BeNeLux" activity for polar week in September (Valentina Savaglia, Henrik Christiansen & APECS NL & LUX) Advertisement of B120 expedition (Henrik Christiansen, Franz Heindler, Yi Ming Gan) Advertisement of public Antarctic events: a roundtable and a photo exhibition (Yi Ming Gan, Henrik Christiansen) Participation in "Day of Science" in Ghent with pictures and poster

	from APECS Belgium (Francesca Pasotti)
APECS Switzerland	The presidency of APECS Switzerland changed to Carla Perez Mon (carla.perezmon@wsl.ch) from the WSL/ETH and Rebecca Gugerli (rebecca.gugerli@unifr.ch) from UniFR. The two presidents will from now on be the representatives and spoke person for this group. The former presidents are: Martin Proksch, Saskia Gindraux and Anneli Strobel.
APECS Brazil	 V APECS-Brazil Symposium (held in Minas Gerais from 15th-18th May 2018). Presidency new term (2018-2020) Participation on the World Summit/POLAR2018. Antarctica or Antarctica: how to insert the polar sciences in the curriculum of Basic Education - an extension distance learning course (60h) directed to teachers of basic education in Brazil and Portugal. Registrations are open until 21 August 2018.
APECS Italy	The NC has been active in a number of events/activities, briefly listed below. For more extensive information please visit http://www.apecsitaly.it/ and the facebook page of apecs-italy
	11 September 2017
	Science Communication and Social Media For the occasion of the PAIS conference in Trieste, APECS Italy is organizing a workshop about the use of Social Media to effectively communicate science to the wider public. The ability to communicate our research is often undervalued. Instead, the capability to clearly expose the results of our research to a large public is fundamental. Involve, impassion, educate. These are the three objectives that every researcher should have in mind when concluding a project. In a society in which the relationship with scientific topics is becoming fragile, it is unavoidable to use multimedia tools of information and to be efficiently present on social media, the main stage of discussion (and often of conflict). The workshop, organized as a collateral event of PAIS Conference, aims to provide basic practical tools to better organize your social media presence, after an overview on traditional and multimedia information tools thanks to the participation of experts. Pictures of the events are available on the web page and on FB page
	29 September 2017 Veneto Night 2017 In connection with the european night of the research Apecs Italy in collaboration with the University of Venice has organized a parallel events for the public for discover the past climate and how it can be studied from natural archive. Additionally the events was dealing with the human impact as well as the recent technological development for monitoring the air quality as well the classic meteorological parameter

1st December 2017 Antarctic Day

The University Theather centre of Venice and Apecs Italy with the support of the Environment ministry and of the Ca Foscari university if Venice has organize a day with the theme "Salvare un patrimonio a rischio: dalle spedizioni polari alla minaccia del riscaldamento globale". The events was also combining art and science

North Exploring Treviso - A classroom in Svalbard

Apecs together with the CNR is supporting the activities of a classroom going in Svalbard. The activities of Apecs was related in giving lesson to the student from the history of Svalbard to the recent research that is undergoing in the Archipelago. Information can be found in apecs italy webpage and at the following addres https://schoolraising.it/progetti/net/

Apecs and EUSO - the Olympic game of science

We also support another classroom going at the EUSO Olympics game of science, a competition for the high school student held in Copenaghen. We help a classrom from the "Liceo Plank" in Treviso giving them lesson about climate change and the study of the ice core

APECS Norway

World Summit Attendance

Hanna Kauko represented NC Norway at the World Summit / Polar2018 in Switzerland. Work will commence after the summer holidays for the NC to be formally recognised by APECS international. We will create a leadership framework and establish goals.

New Logo

After a round of public voting and internal discussion we have chosen a new APECS Norway logo.

Polar Week

APECS Norway hosted a public lecture event at the University of Oslo.

APECS Germany

<u>Note:</u> We have not yet finally decided our NC rep for the upcoming term (so far it was Josefine Lenz), but we'll have a decision about that during our next meeting on the 18th of July 2018.

Our latest activities are listed below (please also refer to our website: http://apecsgermany.wixsite.com/apecsde)

[Conferences, workshops, seminars:]

- 27 Apr 2017: APECS Career Panel @EGU2017 ("Which career path might be mine?"), in Vienna
- 08 Jun 2017: Participation in the meeting of the German NC SCAR-IASC, in Cologne
- 24 Jun 2017: Talk at the "Long Night of Science" in Potsdam
- 20 Sep 2017: 2nd APECS Germany Workshop "Career paths and funding opportunities for Post-Docs", in Erlangen
- Sep 2017: APECS int. Polar Film Festival 2017: "Glacial balance" screening @ AWI Potsdam

- 25 Mar 2018: 3rd APECS Germany Workshop "Getting involved in Polar Organizations: Opportunities & challenges", in Rostock (Int. Polar Conference 2018)
- 11 Jun 2018: Participation in the meeting of the German NC SCAR-IASC, in Kiel
- 17-18 Jun 2018: Participation at the APECS World Summit in Davos, Switzerland

[Publications, posters, presentations on APECS activities:]

- Poster APECS Germany at the "Science on the Road" tour 2017 (Berlin, Munich, Hamburg, etc.)
- Poster APECS Germany at the "Open Ship 2017", RV POLARSTERN, Bremerhaven
- Mar 2018: #PolarPride poster at the Int. Polar Conference in Rostock, Germany

[Other activities:]

- Since Apr 2017: Support of the "Adopt-a-buoy"-project (Steffi Arndt, AWI Bremerhaven)
- Support of the APECS Mentorship Award 2017 for Hugues Lantuit (APECS Category)
- Feb 2018: Participation "Antarctic Flag Day", Weddell Sea, Antarctica (Steffi Arndt, AWI)
- Mar 2018: Participation in selection of Poster prices at the Int. Polar Conference in Rostock (German Society for Polar Science, https://www.polarforschung.de/?lang=en)
- May 2018: Start of our twitter account @apecs_germany

APECS South Africa

Polar2018

APECS SA was present at Polar2018 and new students contacted to join APECS and APECS SA.

SANAP Symposium

We will be holding a workshop at the upcoming SANAP PI & Student Symposium, to be held 13-16 August 2018 in Hermanus, South Africa (http://www.sanap.ac.za/event/5th-sanap-symposium-hermanus/). The Symposium is sponsored by the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa and all costs for participants is covered by the NRF. The call for registration for the symposium will be sent out toward the middle of July. APECS gave APECS SA some promotional material at Polar2018 to give out to participants of the workshop. At the workshop APECS SA will also vote in a new National Committee.

Polar Week 2018

APECS SA is also in talks with the University of Pretoria to hold a series of events during the upcoming Polar Week. This will include posters/flyers on APECS, APECS SA, SCAR, and SANAP (South African National Antarctic Programme). We will also hold a series of lunchtime lectures on the work being done by South African researchers in the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic. All events organised will be targeted to students and scholars from nearby schools, and all free-of-charge to attend. We are still looking into getting funding to print posters, flyers, other promotional material and perhaps refreshments for the lunchtime lectures.

APECS Netherlands - New board since February 2018: https://apecsnl.wordpress.com/apecs-netherlands-board-members/ -Frequent posts on our Twitter and Facebook account -APECS stand at the Pool tot Pool dag 2018 https://apecsnl.wordpress.com/2018/03/13/apecs-nl-at-the-pool-tot-pool-dag -2018/ -Newsletter send to our APECS members in May 2018 -APECS NL Informal Outing Friday June 22nd: invitation for an APECS NL cafe combined with a visit to an art exhibition about the poles in Rotterdam: Unfortunately no one registered for this event, so it was cancelled. https://apecsnl.wordpress.com/2018/06/13/apecs-nl-informal-outing-friday-j une-22nd/ *In progress:* brainstorming about a joint "APECS BeNeLux" activity for polar week in September (Valentina Savaglia, Henrik Christiansen & APECS NL & LUX) Meeting with NWO, the Dutch national research institute, about collaboration between APECS and the Dutch Polar Programme The NC has been active in the organisation of a polar week at la cité des APECS-FRANCE sciences de Paris in last March 2018. However, great communications difficulties exist among the Exé. Office. To resolve it, we fire the alarm and require a transition/election of new NC office member. (See below). *In progress:* -Great work done by few members of the Ex. Office to make a transition with a new board, to reactivate the motivation and let the ones who need to take a health rest to be free to do so. New board should be elected by 6th of September. -With this new transition we hope to carry on some annual projects such as : Polar week on march 2019 -Update the APECS-France website (out of date for the moment...) -Clarification of the mailing list between membership of APECS-Int and APECS Fr . To be more efficient in the sharing of informations with our member. -We would like to stimulate the news of our member by a newsletter/ and Fb/twitter sharing interface. -New board may arrive with other suggestions and ideas of activities. **APECS Turkey** APECS Turkey Outreach Activities During 2017-18

- Presentation on How Polar Regions Affects our Earth and Points out
 The Result TED Eskişehir College
- PolSTeam Booth at Back to School Festival Istanbul Technical University
- Polar Science Coordination Workshop between Bulgaria & Turkey -Istanbul Technical University
- Educational Conversations in Gaziantep Ilgi Schools Presentation of Assoc. Burcu Özsoy who is also director of ITU PolReC, as Turkish scientist in the Antarctic Continent
- Seminar with Marine Technology Club in Karadeniz Technical University The Faculty of Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering
- Turkish Translation of «Celebrating Antarctica» Book Celebrating
 Turkish Consulate in Boston
- Global Circulation of Arctic & Antarctica Presentations ITU
 Maritime Faculty
- Antarctica Art Contest 234 pictures were achieved from the participants all around Turkey
- Experiences on National Antarctic Expedition I Interview with Young Science Magazine
- Conversations on Global Climate Change with Polar Student Club -Answering the questions of students about CO2 food print, ecosystem, conveyor belt
- Interview with Prof. Dr. Artemis Karaali Experiences of Atok Karaali who was the first Turkish scientist has been in Antarctica for 1 year listening from his wife
- Introduction to PolSTeam & Our Goals Meeting with new volunteers
- The Result of Antarctica Art Contest Publishing the winners and the special jury prizes to the participants who applied all around Turkey
- **1st December Antarctica Day Seminar -** Celebrating Antarctica Day with creating awareness of the Continent
- Polar House Polar Museum & Activity Center
- Global Climate Change Awareness Presentations Istanbul Technical University Development Foundations Sedat Üründül Kindergarten
- Introducing School & Turkish Students' Polar Research Team and Activities to Middle School Students (Çağlar College) - Istanbul Technical University
- Conversations on Polar Research with Turkish Early Scientists Kıraç
 Educational Institutions
- Refrigerators of Earth: Arctic & Antarctic Presentations 60th Year High School
- Refrigerators of Earth: Arctic & Antarctic Presentations Adnan Menderes High School

- Awareness Presentations on Polar Regions and Climate Istanbul
 Technical University Development Foundations Elginkan High School
- Climate Change & Global Warming Presentations Mevlana Primary School
- Global Climate Change Awareness Presentations Ege System Middle School
- Awareness Presentations on Polar Regions and Effects on Climate
 Change Ege System High School

APECS Oceania

POLAR2018

APECS Oceania Leadership participated in the APECS World Summit and presented on "Effective Engagement of Mentors" and participated in the APECS workshop.

During POLAR2018, APECS Oceania organised an informal catch up over for APECS Oceania current and new members. This provided members with an opportunity to meet other members from the Oceania region.

Social media announcements of APECS Oceania member talks and posters were regularly posted during the conference to encourage members to support each other's work.

Executive Committee Meeting also held during POLAR2018.

APECS Oceania Symposium

In 2017 we held our first ECR symposium in Melbourne, Australia. We are currently planning the next ECR symposium which will be held in NZ. Proposed date will be during POLAR week in 2018.

Hobart Social Events

APECS Oceania has been running regular social events in Hobart once a month. These events provide members with an opportunity to catch up and network. It also provides an opportunity for new members or prospective members an opportunity to learn more about APECS Oceania.

APECS Poland

APECS Poland is still under reorganization, but we're trying to be active as most as possible. At Sympozjum Polarne (The **Polar Symposium 2018** - http://polarne2018.amu.edu.pl/) we've held event/panel called "Poznaj swojego reprezentanta" - "Meet your delegate", and it was something for, mainly, APECS Poland members and other young researchers from many fields, which are interested in Polar Studies. They had opportunity to met our Polish delegates for the most important organisations from "Polar world", such as e.g. IASC.

APECS World Summit - Davos - Our Polish delegates to APECS World Summit said that meeting was fantastic and they are very optimistic about working with us (they joined APECS Poland). Maybe they will join APECS Council too.

APECS Poland and Polish delegation will be present again at great event called **Arctic Circle Assembly** in Reykjavik in 2018! Our great scientists going to organise session "Biotic indicators of Arctic environmental changes".

We're still running our **Facebook page**, APECS Polska:

https://www.facebook.com/apecs.polska/ and we are in continuous contact with Polish Polar Consortium (Polskie Konsorcjum Polarne - FB page: https://www.facebook.com/PolskieKonsorcjumPolarne/) which is our the most important partner in Poland.

USAPECS

April 2018 - present

- USAPECS has launched a bi-monthly science communication blog series: http://usapecs.wixsite.com/usapecs
 - Posts are cross-posted on the APECS blog

June 2018

 POLAR 2018: NC Reps attended the 2018 APECS World Summit and engaged in discussion around successful recruitment and retention, relationships with large national funding bodies, as well as the need for encouraging more diversity in the polar sciences.

July 2018

- New USAPECS Twitter Guest Editors! USAPECS has established two new Twitter Guest Editors for August 2018 to February 2019 to keep content going on the USAPECS account.
- Polar Film Festival: Video submissions are now open for the Polar Film Festival (to take place during the upcoming September Polar Week) https://goo.gl/forms/dNhTVGX1BzV8cllz2
 - We are looking for locations around the world to host in-person screenings of videos as well (indicate interest on the google form above)

December

 AGU Early Career Scientist Panel & Meet and Greet: USAPECS is running a panel on a topic (to be determined) relevant to early career scientists at the AGU Conference in Washington, D.C., as well as an in-person meet and greet in conjunction with PYRN