

‘Indian Polar Research Network (IPRN)’

Working to connect youth to poles!

Indian Polar Research Network (IPRN), formerly known as APECS-India, was formed in 2011 by a group of students for polar research outreach and education activities in India. IPRN’s executive committee consists of 3 working groups, namely, Research Education and Outreach (REO); Membership, Affiliations and Finance (MAF) and Social Outreach and Website (SOW). The REO group promotes polar research and related disciplines by conducting workshops/seminar/panel discussions in schools, colleges, universities and research institutions. The SOW group communicates advances in polar research and science among educators, students, media and the general public through various modes of social media. MAF group manages activities that attract membership to the group and conducts networking activities among national and international collaborators. Some of our activities include a career workshop on polar ocean acidification for early career scientists, an online photography contest, poster presentations (PAGES and BVS, Goa) and talks in schools. IPRN’s website has details on our mission, team members, activities, opportunities and links to major research organisations involved in polar research. Our Facebook page and Google group mailing list regularly update our members on interesting research articles and academic opportunities. We have 200 registered members and over 700 online users who interact with us on a regular basis. IPRN has been working to provide a platform for young polar researchers in India to interact, collaborate and network in the field of polar sciences.

Several IPRN members are research fellows, students and scientists from premier research institutions and colleges. Many of our members work in the field of polar research, and have a first-hand account of the experience of Arctic as well as Antarctic which they regularly share to encourage the growing community of IPRN’s polar enthusiasts! We aim to encourage polar research discussions at Indian research centres and connect motivated young researchers with the international community.

We would like to share a few photographs of our activities around the country:



We look forward to strengthening the capacity of this unique and small pool of early career polar researchers as a national committee under APECS.

Cheers!

The IPRN Team.