

6th Council Meeting

15th September 2021, [08:30](#) & [15:30](#) GMT



Chair:

First meeting (08:30 GMT): Priyanka
Second meeting (15:30 GMT): José Queirós

Minutes:

First meeting: Liezel Rudolph
Second meeting: Joseph Martin

Present 1st meeting: Priyanka (Council co-chair), Deniz Vural (ExCom), Maaïke Weerdesteijn, Anika Happe, John Woitkowitz, Juliana Souza-Kasprzyk, Elisa Seyboth, Azamat Tolipov, Katharina Heinrich, Liezel Rudolph, Ekaterina Uryupova, Rodrigo Gomez Fell, Rebecca Duncan, Rodrigo Alves, Leena Leppänen (first 25 min), Henriette Hammant, John Mojica, Praveen Teleti, Rodrigo Alves, Tatiana Burmenko, Tayana, Bao Tian

Present 2nd meeting: José Queirós (Council co-chair), Mikhail Latonin, Hiral Jain, Hugo Guímaro (council co-chair), Élise Devoie, Kirsi Keskitalo, Susana Hancock, Will Harcourt (Remote Sensing), Amy Macfarlane, John Read, Joseph Martin, Alexis Bahl, Carla Tapia, Scott Sugden, Maciej Mańko, Maria Scheel, Renato Borrás-Chavez, Sergio Ruez-Villanueva, Stanislav Ksenofontov, Emma Davis, Nicolas Jullien, Lauren Thompson, Lina Madaj, Femi Thomas, Jonathan Wood, Paula De Castro-Fernández, Dalia C. Barragán-Barrera

Apologies: Josefina Lenz (Directorate), Prashant Pandit, Mariel Kievel, Alexandra Zuhr, Nicholas Parlato, Marta Moreno Ibanez (ExCom), John Matthew Doherty, Trym Eiterjord, Shalaka Kiran Patil, Ryan O'Hara, Grace Shephard, Joana Fragão, Sidney Horlick

Agenda

1. [Registrations](#) for Project Groups & [Application](#) for Council Leadership
2. [Council Report](#) - August 2021
3. Directorate Updates

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In terms of updates, I would like to highlight once more that a new ExCom got elected by you: Deniz, Marta, Gwen, Mathieu and Susana are your APECS ExCom 2021/22 (congratulations/welcome & thanks for voting)!
Please note that TODAY is the deadline to sign-up for project groups - please consider continuing! (you may still join later but your star may be delayed as Project Group Leads & ExCom start with approval) - and TODAY is also the deadline to apply for Council Leadership!
Further, we are in the process of drafting agreement letters and also the job announcement for the Directorate at the new host institution! Please be aware that the situation around the new host and offices is still confidential until the official announcement (even though the new host got quite excited already and words were too easily spread).
Thanks for all your contributions in various ways in the Council 2021/22!!
Cheers, Josefine

4. ExCom Updates
5. [National Committees and Project Group Updates](#)
6. AOB
7. Informal meeting at <https://www.wonder.me/>

Minutes

(08:30 GMT)

[Meeting recording](#), [Chat recording](#)

Greetings from Priyanka.

1. Registrations for Project Groups & Application for Council Leadership:
 - Registrations for PG and Applications for Council close today (i.e., 15th Sept., 2021, 11:59p.m).
2. Council Report - August 2021:
 - The Council will have a chance to review the report (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-HMjULfUxBGxnTFTNa4Z87wIRTU9F1VNq7orV_CPPog/edit)
3. Directorate Updates (read by Priyanka on behalf of Josefine):

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4. ExCom Updates:

- Deniz: Thanks PG and everyone's participation and inputs.

Thank you for your dedication and valuable support to APECS throughout the year! 🌸

-Handbook updates: Second draft is in process of being adopted after 2nd round of commenting. Handbook final version to Council vote.

5. National Committees and Project Group Updates:

- Katrina Heinrich – APECS Iceland: have a logo, planning a short event for Polar Week – give PhD & researchers an opportunity to present their research. Maybe a continuing event if it goes well. Presentation during Arctic Circle conference to present APECS.
- Deniz – remember to share your events with APECS to promote.
- Juliana Souza-Kasprzyk - APECS Brazil: Two webinars, Polar Week will be celebrated with APECS Portugal. Mostly lectures for schools and universities, open to anyone who wants to take part.
- Liezel Rudolph APECS South Africa – New leadership team, Video competition for Polar Week.
- Rebecca – Science communication seminar
- Azamat Tolipov – Creating databases to facilitate data sharing (sorry I didn't get all of this)
- Priyanka – Indian Polar Research Network (IPRN): new logo being made, new leadership team is elected, new term will start from October 1 itself

and many new information and changes will be shared and updated on the website and social media platforms as well in time.

6. AOB
7. Anyone can join the informal meeting at <https://www.wonder.me/> after this meeting.

Minutes

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The Chair (José Queirós) began by thanking everyone for their participation.

1. Registrations for Project Groups & Application for Council Leadership:
 - Note that applications were open for project groups as well as council leadership in the next term.
2. Council Report - August 2021:
 - The Chair noted that the Council Report has been completed and can be found linked in the agenda.
3. Directorate Updates:
 - The Chair read a statement from the APECS Director who was unable to attend which can be found in the agenda.
4. ExCom Updates:
 - No ExCom members were present for the Council meeting. The updates provided thanked everyone for their dedication and support and noted that the final handbook would be subject to Council vote before the end of the term.
5. National Committees and Project Group Updates:
 - Updates were provided by the following National Committees - Canada, Portugal, Denmark, Argentina, Switzerland, Colombia, USA and Turkey. It was indicated that Pakistan and Greece are getting National Committees established. The Chair provided updates from Germany and Norway in absentia. Project Groups also gave updates mostly recruiting interest for the next Council term with others highlighting resources available to PGLs and members. Detailed NC and PG updates are linked at Agenda item 5. (Minutes recorder's connection failed several times during this agenda item)

6. AOB:

- There was no other business.

7. Informal Meeting:

- Adjourned the meeting, the Chair thanked the Council once again for their work this term and invited everyone to meet informally on Wonder.