

**APECS Council Call Minutes**  
**Thursday August 12, 2010 at 16:00GMT**

**Chair:** Gerlis Fugmann

**Notes:** Silje-Kristin Jensen

**Present/guests:** Alexey Pavlov, Anna Wagner, Anton van de Putte, Ivan Sudakov, Jen Rhemann, Marcel Sachse, Tosca Ballerini, Punyasloke Bhadury

**Hosting:** Call was hosted via Adobe Connect at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

**Introduction.** We started 15 min late due to some connection problems. Gerlis welcomed everyone and went on to the agenda.

**Agenda:**

1. New council members
2. Updates from the APECS council (individual updates)
3. Updates from APECS Executive committee (Excom)
4. Excom elections
5. Council activities
6. Questions and comments

**Item 1: New Council Members**

APECS has two new council members, Jen Rhemann and Bryany Denning. Jen gave a short introduction about who she is. We welcomed them to the council.

**Item 2: Updates from the APECS Council members**

- Silje-Kristin Jensen updated us about recruiting new students at the international university student meeting in Tromsø, Norway.
- Tosca Ballerini updates us about a successful APECS panel held at the SCAR meeting in Argentina with over 200 people participating. Report about the meeting is coming.
- Anna Wagner updated us about a career development workshop being held at December 12<sup>th</sup> 2010. Anna and Jenny Baeseman are working on an application to get funding and they expect 30-35 people on this workshop which will be about the Arctic, Antarctic and about permafrost.
- Ivan Sudakov updates us about the terrestrial biology, climate, and polar heritage list servs. He explains some problems with feedback from the people on the email list. Members of the call suggests promoting the list server better with new posting on APECS web page, facebook announcement, a new recruitment email and working with the arctic portal. Jen Rhemann will help connecting trough the arctic portal.
- Alexey Pavlov updated us about the Virtual poster session (VPS). The working group did not have many activities through the summer due to holiday and fieldwork. The next VPS call will be in September and will be about Atmospheric science.

- Marcel Sachse asked the council if APECS will organize a panel / workshop at the ArcticNet meeting in Ottawa in December. As nothing is planned yet, he offered to look into this and start organizing something and will discuss that further via email.
- Punyasloke Bhadury updates us about APECS India. The National Centre for Antarctic & Ocean Research is supporting APECS India with admin support, host and office and provides money for small events. They are negotiating a small travel budget as well.
- Jose Xavier updated via email about his activities:
  - SCAR OPEN Conference in Buenos Aires was a great success for early career scientists, as 99 travel grants were offered by SCAR. Argentina and US also offered several grants for early career scientists to come. APECS and SCAR organized a panel entitled "ANTARCTIC SCIENCE: Role of SCAR in promoting early career research opportunities" with Chuck Kennicutt (SCAR President), Jeromino Lopez-Martinez (SCAR Spain), Francisco Fernandoy (APECS EXCOM; APECS CHILE) and Viviana Alder (SCAR Argentina). More than 250 people attended (a quarter of the conference attendants!) and about 150 came to our networking event afterwards for a drink. Good success!
  - APECS was represented in SCAR Standing Scientific Groups (SSG) for the first time. I was representing APECS in SSG- Life Sciences, Francisco Fernandoy (SSG- Geosciences) and Ryan Fogt (SSG- Physical Sciences). All three gave an APECS introductory talk in our SSG groups and they were well received. Lee Stanish represented APECS in the Science Research Program Evolution and Biodiversity in Antarctica. I was elected the new co-secretary of SCAR, with Meghana Rajanhally.
  - Proposal for new APECS working group "How to submit your first papers". (Mentors: David Walton and José Xavier). The rationale is: Publishing your first paper is always a relevant moment in your career. However, the process of submitting it is not a simple process. Indeed, it can be a major blow if the editor refuses it even before giving it to referees to review it. Here, we create an APECS working group to aid early career scientists in submitting their first papers and on ethical issues that may arise:
    - Review the structure of the manuscript
    - Review the English and the language structure
    - Reply to any ethical requests (e.g. supervisors want to be first author although they did very little)
    - Guidance to where to submit it

What is needed:

- Group of English speaking APECS members, that already has some experience in publishing papers, happy to review manuscripts (> 10 members?)
- Leading APECS member of the working group
- Group of APECS members from main research areas (may not be required)

The members of this working group will gain valuable experience as “prototype journal editors”, improve their reviewing skills and provide valuable assistance to

other early career scientists. Hope that we can advertise to APECS members that would like to take the lead.

- APECS Portugal. I gave a group of University lectures on Polar Science, as part of a University MSc Course of the University of Coimbra on Conservation and Management of Biodiversity. Also gave a speech on Antarctic. In Oslo IPY conference, APECS Portugal was heavily represented with more than 10 early career scientists (that won national and APECS travel grants) from marine and terrestrial sciences and education and outreach. I gave 8 oral presentations talks, author in many other talks and in posters, been in a APECS panel and contributed to OSLO film festival. Numerous other scientists were heavily active in the APECS and teachers workshops and during the Science conference. In September, I hope to get a new APECS Portugal member in the council, as I will officially become a mentor (finally!!!!)

### **Item 3: Updates from the APECS ExCom**

Gerlis updates us with news from the excom. They are still working on funding strategies and how to attract sponsors. The next excom call will be next week. Gerlis updates us about plans to apply for funding to have another IMPETUS workshop on Sea Ice that is planned to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia in 2011.

### **Item 4: ExCom Elections**

Applications for the Excom election is encourage and the deadline is on September 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 5 ExCom seats available. Council terms are up at the end of September as well and Gerlis asked the Council members to let the ExCom know if they wanted to stay on the Council for another term.

### **Item 5: Council Activities**

Short Council reports (just a few bullet points and nothing formal!) about any activities of the Council members are due mid-September. It worked great in March and it showed great all the activities that the Council members had been up to. Please send this via email to the ExCom.

### **Item 6: Questions and Comments**

Silje suggested sending out a reminder to keep posting job announcements to the APECS web page to have a greater variety of jobs and information available.

Punyasloke is wondering if the young earth scientist network could collaborate with APECS and will be in touch with the ExCom about that.

Gerlis ends the call with announcing the next APECS council call will be held in mid-September with all the ExCom candidates.