

Minutes from the APECS Council call on 21 September 2010

Introduction by Daniela: All of the ExCom and the Council members will introduce themselves (apart from those who are out in the field) during this meeting, and voting for the ExCom positions will be during the coming week. Send your votes by the 27th.

Applicants:

- Allen Pope
 - Originally from USA, now at SPRI working on his PhD. He's using satellite imagery to study glaciers
 - worked on UK Polar Committee and was member of the EX-Com for the past couple of months
 - stated that this is a crucial time for APECS and for polar science, as we're moving on from the IPY
 - stated that we need to find sustainable funding for APECS

- Angelika Renner (Geli)
 - Just now arriving in Norway back from field work. Has problems with the Internet connection so look online at her application

- Gerlis Fugmann
 - finishing PhD and teaching at her university in Germany
 - has worked on ExCom as the President for the last year - it has been a very exciting time and has entailed a lot of work
 - the new ExCom will be tackling the funding issues

- Jennifer Rhemann
 - Working on MA in Polar Law at the University of Akureyri.
 - currently working on finding funding for the recently-formed Polar Law Institute and working with some other researchers to form a consortium of universities to offer a joint Polar Law & Policy degree program.
 - Promoting the international & interdisciplinary cooperation that she has seen in APECS is one of her main goals. Participation in APECS workshops (as a participant and organizer) and in other APECS activities has highlighted the relevance and the benefits of interdisciplinary cooperation amongst polar researchers.

- Did not have a working microphone during Council call, so is available to answer questions via e-mail.
- Mariette Wheeler
 - From South Africa and works in sub-Antarctic
 - wanting to promote more participation in South Africa researcher and develop outreach and education with children and people
 - has found the international cooperation and communication of APECS to be a very valuable way to learn more
 - Question from Alan: Are you involved in South African APECS Committee? do you have any ideas to have more things done in the SA APECS committee? Answer from Mariette: APECS SA very small network, people talk by email. She has contact with educational people in the University.
 - question from KIM: do you know people in a network (not got the name) Answer from Mariette: yes, she knows the people Kim is talking about
 - Jeremy Ecle
 - From Philippines. New to APECS, but experienced in international organization and management
 - Has never been in a conference call before and is very nervous about it
 - Question from Allen: What could you bring to APECS as an Executive Committee member. Answer from Jeremy: I have experience in the management of international organizations and could offer my skills in this regard.
 - Siljie- Kristin JENSEN
 - Doing field work cannot participate to the call, but sent to all the council members an email with her candidacy. Please send her emails to ask what she thinks to do in APECS if she will be elected.
 - Suhas Suresh Shetye
 - From India. Doing a PhD and working as a research scientist
 - working on diatoms as a tool for researching climate changes
 - would like to see India better represented in APECS since there is a large pool of young minds to foster - there are great opportunities for education and outreach in India
 - Would like to fund APECS INDIA. Alan asks him if he knows Punyasloke Bhadury (PB) who has recently funded APECS INDIA. Suhas doesn't know

him but looks forward to communicate to him and see how they can work together for APECS India.

○ Yulia Zaika

- Originally from Murmansk, but now working with Moscow State University. She is a glaciologist as formation but interested in sustainable development.
- Five ideas for APECS: 1) promotion of APECS through Russian venues 2) Education and outreach goal 3) promotion of APECS through publication (for example IPY publications) in Russia 4) Find sponsors (??) and 5) find more Russian mentors. In order to accomplish these five goals I need to be APECS representative.
- Question from Kim: when did you get to know APECS? Answer from Yulia: I heard of APECS in 2008 in Canada at Sustainable Arctic conference. Liu told me about Permafrost network and APECS.
- Question from Gerlis: Are you working with Alexey and Dubrava? They are already doing quite a lot of stuff. Answer from Yulia: yes, we just started to communicate. I met in OSLO with Alexey, and we started planning an activity for a carrier development workshop at St Petersburg.
- Question from Ivan: What are your APECS Russia activities this autumn? Answer from Yulia: I am keen to help with APECS Russia and have suggested to do so to Dubrava already.

Council members:

○ Anna Wagner

- doesn't have a microphone. Typed in this: Hi everybody. I have been an environmental engineer with Cold Regions Research Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) in Fairbanks. I am originally from Sweden. Mainly work with Arctic Engineering issues and also snow distribution modeling. I have been an APECS council member since winter 2010.

○ Ben Bell

- Post doc in north western Ohio. Working on the great lakes. Taking care on APECS newsletter.

○ Bree

- In Canada. Joined APECS after OSLO. Trying to see what is going on in circumpolar research. Hoping to contribute more to APECS website. Trying to put more things together with other Canadians.

- Dubrava
 - Sadly, doesn't have a microphone.
 - Ivan
 - doesn't want to say anything.
 - Kim
 - Starting 2nd year PhD. Originally from Germany. I'm an APECS Research committee member. I think it would be very helpful to have more people involved in this.
 - Nathalie
 - French but post doc in Tromsø. Work in Arctic marine ecology. I try to do presentation to general public. Have a contract until December, don't know what will be doing next.
 - Torsten
 - I'm a postdoc at the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences but did my PhD on terrestrial carbon fluxes at AWI. that's also where I first got involved with APECS pretty much from the beginning. and, of course, also don't have a clue where I'll be after my current term, which ends in March
 - Tosca
 - Originally from Italy. Now Post doc in the USA. Member of APECS Italy. Most activity with APECS in the last term has been posting jobs.
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Final comments:

- Allen: please APECS members from various countries join the APECS Council.
- Gerlis: thanks to council members to send your reports and for the work you have done in the past year. Hopefully I will be able to work with you again.
- Daniela: thanks to APECS members for the work done