



APECS Council Meeting

January 19, 2016

1600 - 1630 GMT

Present: Rachel Downey, Scott Zolkos, Kristina Creek, Archana Dayal, Alena Dekhtyareva, Ivan Dubinenkov, Vikram Goel, Meagan Grabowski, Svenja Halfter, Lara Hughes-Allen, Ming Jing, Alia Khan, Elena Kuznetsova, Béatrice Laudet, Juliana Marson, Claudia Maturana, Ellorie McKnight, Mar Fernandez Mendez, Bernabé Moreno, Sara Strey, Paul Suprenand, Laura Thurston, Matthias Wietz

Apologies: Gerlis Fugmann, Ruth Vingerhagen, Hanne Neilsen, Tristy Vick-Majors, Vicki Sahanatien, Zuzanna Swirad, Adam Campbell, Katya Uryupova, Jennifer Cooper, Anna Varfolomeeva, Alice Bradley, Lydie Lescarmontier, Friederike Gehrman, Alexander Thornton, Nikita Kuprikov, Karolina Paquin, Gunnar Gunnarsson

Agenda:

- Welcome new Council members
- Project group updates
- Council Reports updates
- ExCOM updates from meetings
- Workshops/conferences/meetings attended by APECS representatives of the Council
- AOB (any other business)

Meeting opened by Rachel Downey at 1600

Welcome new Council members

- Camila Signori (APECS Brazil)
- Katya Uryupova
- Vicki Sahanatien (APECS-Chair Canada)
- Meagan Grabowski (APECS-Chair Canada)

Project group updates

- Review of project groups and leaders:
 - o Antarctica Day (Lead: Hanne)
 - o Polar Week (Lead: Hanne)
 - o Social Media Committee (Lead: Hanne)
 - o Website group (Lead: Ruth)
 - o Webinars group (Lead: Tristy)
 - o APECS Online Conference (Lead: Rachel)
 - o Promotional Materials (Lead: Tristy)
 - o Mentorship Award & Mentorship Programme (Lead: Ruth)
 - o APECS: Shaping Polar careers (Lead: Alice)
 - o Blog (Lead: Heather)
 - o Frostbytes (Lead: Gerlis)

- o Medical Section (Lead: Heather)
- Antarctic Day: no update at present
- Polar Week
 - o Ellorie McKnight: things moving along, next meeting in ~1 week; will have better update then
- Social Media Committee
 - o Sara Strey: Meeting scheduled for ~Jan 26; keeping social media updated, as permitted by accessibility
- Website group
 - o Working on RSS feeds for pages with frequent updates
 - o Working to clean up membership database, too
 - o *Figure Fridays has positive reviews, but more Council participation needed!*
- Webinars group (Rachel)
 - o Have had several meetings
 - o Speakers for career development- 2 hopefully arranged?
 - o Will send out google form re: what types of webinars (i.e. topics) are people interested in? (In January 2016)
 - o Scott: Arctic Snapshots, ~10 stations contacted thus far; will reach out to several more, aim to begin connecting field stations in mid-March
- APECS Online Conference (Rachel)
 - o Online Conference will be mid-April; notice for abstract submission will be sent in several weeks
 - o Emails sent out to potential guest speakers
- Promotional Materials
 - o Been working on producing 3 brochures: mentorship, members, teacher
- Mentorship Award & Mentorship Programme (Matthias, Mar)
 - o Have had 1-2 meetings thus far
 - o Will select mentorship award nominations at end of month
 - o Have made updates to membership database, made it more attractive to contact mentors
 - o Mar Fernandez-Mendez: organizing science for schools events, workshops for upcoming polar week; updated contacts for national committees
- APECS: Shaping Polar Careers
 - o Elena Kuznetsova: planning to have a meeting soon; working hard on this, more updates for next call!
- Blog group
 - o Mar Fernandez-Mendez: recent progress not so much, but will have more!

Council Reports update

- First Council reports due on the 31st January
- For details, see:
 - o <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14XLJ40kMGrsvwLvWTFZr5G8XXRLtvt8sI8ORDVBQVo/viewform>
 - o <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14XLJ40kMGrsvwLvWTFZr5G8XXRLtvt8sI8ORDVBQVo/viewform>

ExCOM updates from meetings

- No updates presently, will update at next meeting

Workshops/conferences/meetings attended by APECS representatives of the Council

- Past meetings/events
 - o ArcticNet Vancouver, Dec 2015
 - APECS Natl. Committee + Arctic Net Student Assoc.
 - APECS ~ PYRN collaboration for pub night trivia event
 - o AGU Fall Meeting, Dec 2015
 - Sara Strey: US APECS held an early-career workshop at AGU Fall Meeting Dec 2016
 - Political, research, administration sectors participated, as did undergraduates
- Upcoming events
 - o SCAR 2016:
 - Early Career Conveners
 - APECS Workshop
 - Antarctic Women Scientists Wikibomb
 - o ASSW/AOS March 2016
 - APECS also organizing workshop at ASSW/AOS
 - Talk w/ Alex Thornton
 - o APECS meeting in Brasilia (July 2016)
 - Camila: organizing workshops for early career researchers and meetings/lectures with senior scientists

AOB (any other business)

- Next Council Call: March 2016, date and time TBD

Meeting closed at 1630 GMT