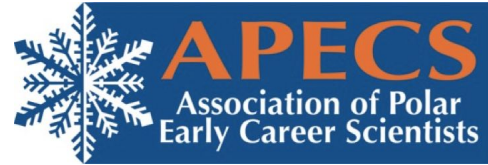


## APECS Council Meeting

7 December 2016

16:00 GMT



**Present:** chairing the meeting: Lorna Thurston (Council co-chair), Alice Bradley (President), Gerlis Fugmann (Director), Alex Thorton (ExComm), Gabriela Roldan (Council co-chair), Jilda Caccavo (NC coordinator), Bruno Ibanez, Gary Wesche (PEI), Sara Aparicio, Igor Stelmach Pessi, Jennifer Cooper, Marta Bystrowska, Scott Zolkos

**Apologies:** Luis Huckstadt, Josefine Lenz, Henrik Christiansen, José Queirós, Hanne Nielsen, Hanna Kauko, Bruce Boles, TJ Young, Douwe Matt, Lydie Lescaumontier, Laura Hobbs

### Agenda

- Welcome and introduction to new leadership
- APECS 10th Anniversary
- NC Updates
- Council Reporting

**Lorna Thurston (Chair) opens the meeting at 16:06 GMT**

### Welcome

Lorna welcomes all attendees and introduces leadership on the call: ExCom members Alice, Gerlis, Alex, Council co-chairs Lorna and Gabriela, and National Committee (NC) Coordinator Jilda. If anyone wants to find out more about APECS NCs, please contact your NC Coordinators Jilda ([goredsox747@gmail.com](mailto:goredsox747@gmail.com)) and Sarah ([sstrey@northland.edu](mailto:sstrey@northland.edu)). If anyone is struggling finding documents in Google or understanding what to do/how to help their project group please email your Council Chairs Lorna ([lit74@nau.edu](mailto:lit74@nau.edu)) and Gabriela ([gabriela.rolدان@pg.canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:gabriela.rolدان@pg.canterbury.ac.nz)).

### APECS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

- Alice, Gerlis Alex Thorton comment: A logo has been selected and APECS is looking for ideas for celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The logo winner will be notified shortly and the logo design will be available soon after. Please make the 10th Anniversary logo visible in any event or activity that you are organizing.

- Also, ExCom is in the process to prepare a paper to publish about the 10 years of APECS, several workshops are being organized and social gatherings too.
- ExCom are welcoming ideas that members may have to help with the celebrations. Please email ExComm with ideas at [info@apecs.is](mailto:info@apecs.is)
- Gary Wesche, representing **Polar Educators International (PEI)** informed of their 5 year anniversary celebrations. PEI is organising a social event during the 3rd International Workshop of Polar Educators International (PEI) that will be held from the 11 to the 14 of April 2017 in Rovereto, Trento Italy. There will be live events and side events. For more on this event see <http://www.polareducator.org/activities/featured-events/170-2017italyconf>
- Maybe there is a possibility to do a joint event in Italy with APECS? If you are attending this workshop and have ideas on how APECS can participate or want to organize something for this event, please email ExCom.
- Gary: example of PEI members' participation: record on your phone your name and where you are based, etc, and then say 'I am a Polar Educator'. Submit via email to PEI, who will make a movie with all videos.

#### NC's update:

- Jilda, NCs coordinator: the group had their 1st call a few weeks ago, 13-14 participants, lots of enthusiasm to work together, summary of what every NC is doing. Minutes available on Google Docs.
- Also, Jilda and Gerlis reminded those NCs that APECS has some funding available for one event per year only, as funding is limited to EU 300-350. Plan ahead and apply for funding for your project.

#### Project Group Progress Updates:

##### Project Group

**Antarctica Day:** Jilda filled in information on this group: can't give much details yet but emails went out and NCs organized events. NCs are asked to submit reports on what they've done to Gerlis, sending photos of the event, date and any useful information to be included on APECS website.

Congratulations to Bruno APECS Peru for their video to celebrate Antarctica Day and the launch of its new NC.

**Alpine Cryosphere:** Alice: different group as Merran (coordinator) is the only Council member in the group. Have recruited volunteers and they are going through existing resources so not to duplicate, will start a webinar series of what to expect when doing field work. They have lots of ideas and are looking to work with partners experts in alpine

environments

**Arctic Frontiers 2017 - Science for Schools / Politics & Communications Panel & Poster Awards:**

**Sara** on Science for Schools: this is a side event from the Conference in Tromso, a 3-day session. Inviting schools near Tromso to participate and will engage the students with speakers of Polar Sciences. Students will create science posters that will be judged by scientists. There is also the Nansen award for conference posters.

**Gerlis** on Politics & Communication: career path panel, open to anyone in Tromso regarding your attendance to conference, information soon to be on APECS website

**APECS Report 2008-2016:** **Gerlis:** ExComm working on a draft to be finalised before Xmas break, has to be submitted by the end of January 2017 as it is the report for APECS directorate funding.

**APECS 10 Year Video:** **Gerlis:** starting to work on it in January

**APECS Workshop at Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) 2017:** **Igor:** on 2 April 2017 there will be 2 panels in the morning: working with international organizations and collaborations with indigenous communities, and break out groups. Registrations are open, more info on: <http://apecs.is/events/upcoming-event-highlights/assw-2017.html>

**APECS Workshop at International Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS) 2017:** **Gesche:** group is gathering ideas at the moment and deciding on the topic. The workshop date is 7 June 2017

**APECS Workshop at SCAR Biology Symposium:** **Igor:** organizing a workshop probably before symposium starts on 10 July, waiting to hear from potential participants

**APECS Social Event at the European Geophysical Union (EGU):** **Gerlis:** we don't have a volunteer at the moment, if anyone is willing to put their hand up please let us know. Otherwise we will take it off the group projects list.

**Education & Outreach Strategies:** **Gerlis:** not much from this group yet as it is about to get started.

**IASC Fellowships 2017 Review:** **Gerlis:** the review is completed, currently waiting to hear back from IASC. Cannot comment any further as there are applicants for this position in this call.

**International Online Conference 2017:** **Lorna:** very excited with the results of the meetings. The theme is 'Outside the box', short 10 min presentations welcoming alternative ideas, different methodologies, application of problem solving, anything that is different. Will be open

to APECS and non-APECS members, looking for volunteers (i.e. chairing, IT solutions). Date will be for start of Polar week (20 March). Open to ideas and suggestions of potential speakers. It has its own logo for advertising. The webpage will go live today, hopefully.

**Madrid Protocol Celebrations:** Gary: it's a small group, some from PEI too. Soon, in the process of writing an article to be available by beginning of January, and to have a team to write the school curriculum to go with it.

**Mentorship Award:** Jennifer: the application/nomination process for this award has changed, requesting only 2 letters of recommendation, changing in the nomination date deadlines so they don't clash with polar field work.

**Non-Academic Careers:** Jilda: working on an action plan, looking at what has been done and not duplicating. Reaching for potential mentors, looking at using resources that are already available within APECS website, creating a Q&A section on the website for non-academics. Will touch base with group in the new year.

**Polar Match:** Garry: this is a PEI project too, matching educators with researchers that are willing to make an appearance at a school (can be virtually) and be linked with the educators.

**Polar Weeks:** Alex: the first meeting will be end of Dec-beginning of Jan, looking for ideas so please email the leaders: for March 2017, Jean Holloway, and we are looking for someone for September 2017.

**Social Media Group 2016/17:** Marta: brainstorming how to communicate more efficiently information and to promote events. Asking for people to contact them with any information, they would like to produce a weekly update. Please email to [social-media@apecs.is](mailto:social-media@apecs.is)

**Summary of Polar Organizations:** Gabriela: group had an attempt of meeting before Gabriela left for Antarctica, first meeting likely to be in early January for the response obtained so far. Looking for innovative ideas to showcase efficiently all polar organizations. Asking for other groups to send the names of organizations they are working with to secure we compile all.

**Webinars Group:** Scott: good ideas are emerging from the meetings. Webinars will happen in Jan, Feb and March, there will be webinars for non-academic topics and outreach, particularly in March for Polar week. From April onwards the schedule is open, welcoming suggestions.

**World Summit 2018 Planning Committee:** Jen: had a couple of meetings and are deciding the theme for a 2-day workshop, it will be a bi-polar theme. Planning ahead and with plenty of

time, next meeting will be early next year.

### **Council Reporting**

- Reminder: **Council Reports due 31st of January**. We will circulate the reporting form in January and for those who are heading south we will make the form available earlier (Lorna).
- Council Chairs (Lorna & gabriela) are here to help so please don't hesitate to contact us with your questions or info for your groups, etc

### **Meeting Close**

Floor open for final questions and comments prior to meeting close: Gerlis: if you have any updates of what has happened this year, APECS puts together a video with the year's highlights. Please send all info (pictures, events, etc) to [info@apecs](mailto:info@apecs). Is

***Next Council meeting will be by the end of January, date to be advised.***

The Meeting closed at 17.03 GMT.