

Summary of 31 January Council Reports

There are some highly engaged and busy members in the 2017-2018 Council - we now have 18 active Council Project groups! National Committees are also very active, organising a wide range of events. The main activities include:

- Leading project groups
- National Committee coordinator
- Organising project group meetings
- Reviewing applications for various opportunities
- Coordinating online events/webinars
- Posting to APECS website or social media
- Organising in person events

Publications since the last report:

- Henrik Christiansen (2017) Polar research across borders - getting involved as an Early Career Scientist. Invited oral presentation at Dutch National Polar Symposium, The Hague, Netherlands.
- Yi Ming Gan & Henrik Christiansen (2017) What is APECS Belgium? Poster presented at the reception of the public lecture of Prof. De Deckker about "The Belgica expedition. A scientific success poorly known outside Belgium", Brussels, Belgium.
- Presented poster on APECS activities in a National Conference on Polar Sciences, May 16-17, 2017 at National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa, India
- <https://www.instagram.com/p/Bc1h5kkF19I/?taken-by=itupolrec>
<https://www.facebook.com/polarresearchcenter/photos/pcb.745923978938350/745868752277206/?type=3&theater> We prepared a Workshop between APECS Bulgaria & APECS Turkey to share our activities about education and outreach side. We also talk about the steps that we take setting a Polar Clubs in the middle- high schools. Our curriculum for 20 weeks to study in the Polar Clubs as a activity time. We met making a collaboration to build something similar in Bulgaria.
- APECS SA Newsletter:
https://apecssa.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/apecssa_newsletter1_-aug2017.pdf Marius Rossouw (APECS SA NC) presented on APECS and APECS SA at the recent IAPSO-IAMAS-IAGA Assembly, which was held in Cape Town, South Africa, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC).

Future planned representation of APECS at conferences/workshops/seminars:

APECS will be represented at a wide range of conferences/workshops/seminars over the coming months, including:

- MEASO conference
- UArctic Congress
- EGU
- Nordic Winter Meeting

- International Conference on Arctic Margins
- Polar2018
- World Summit
- APECS Online Conference
- ESSAS (Ecosystem Studies of Subarctic and Arctic Seas) Annual Science Meeting
- JOURNÉE DE CONFÉRENCES SUR LE NORD ET L'ARCTIQUE
- Polar Prediction School
- Joint conference of two councils of young scientists of the NARFU and FRCoCIA
- Russia - UK seminar 2018
- ArcticNet

Much of any new recruitment by present Council Members is by word of mouth or via social media.

Contributions to the APECS website is now mostly done centrally by APECS Secretariat. All Council members are encourage to send info. Those who are sharing news and events via social media should send this information to info@apecs.is so it can be included on the website. Many members are sharing APECS news and events on social media, speaking at schools and science fairs, universities and institutes.

For some Council members, Council meetings are always at an inconvenient time. We are going to trial a 2-meeting system to address this. Council members who cannot attend a particular meeting are encouraged to send their updates pre/post meeting to the Council Chairs.

NC reps would like a "how-to" document for new reps. This was discussed at a recent NC call and work has begun on drafting this.

Many members wanted to thank Gerlis for keeping everything running efficiently and ExCom for continued help and advice.

Actions from 31 January Council Reports:

- Clare and Jenn will trial 2 council meetings at the April Council meeting. The meeting minutes from both meetings will be available for all Council Members to comment on. We will use email and google docs to keep in touch with council members who can't make the meetings.
- Clare and Jenn to remind council members to fill out the Periods of Absence Form.
- Clare and Jenn to remind council members that they can organise APECS related events in their home institute, at conferences they attend and on school visits.