

1st Council Meeting

4th November 2020



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Agenda:

1. Welcome all new and returning council members to the APECS Council
 - a. [Advice for individual council members'](#) document
 - b. People presenting themselves
 - c. Functioning of the council meetings
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(<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting.html>)
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 - a. Summary of Ex.Com meeting
(<https://apecs.is/who-we-are/leadership/executive-committee/meeting-notes.html>)
 - b. [Away Times](#)
5. Project Groups (PG) and National Committees (NC)
 - a. Possibility of changing PG
 - b. Number of PG per member
 - c. Proposal of new PG (how to do it)
 - d. PG leaders update (for those who already had a meeting/ have a PG leader)

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(ii) Indigenous Collaborations Group: Had a meeting on 2 November. Selected a leader who is Stanislav Ksenofontov and two co-leaders: Tayana and Sergey. Will arrange a plan shortly.

(iii) Non-Academic-Careers PG: Elisa Seyboth took the leadership role, and we expect to have the next meeting during November. Since now, we are pending for material that could be included on Non-Academics Careers Information (NACI) - the platform created by APECS in which people who consider a career outside academics are able to find information, and for job opportunities that can be interesting in the context of this PG.

(iv) Alpine Cryosphere Group: The team is organizing activities for the upcoming International Mountain Day (December 1th). By November 11th, a photo contest will open through all APECS social media including the following categories: Nature, People and Research in the Mountains (Outdoors and indoors during the pandemic lockdowns). The Mountain Field Guide document is still under review.

The group will have a shared leadership during 2021: Carla Tapia and Rodrigo Alves, with Kelly Huh as supporting role.

- e. NC representatives updates (for those present)

6. Discussions/presentations by council members (from next meeting onwards)

7. AOB/questions

- a. Antarctic Covid-19 research - deadline 08 Nov, 2020 (23:59 GMT)
- b. Submission deadline for Project Plans - 15 Nov, 2020. However, delay for a few days will be fine looking at the initial starting stage, just keep ExCom informed about whenever you're planning to submit it.

1st Meeting - 09:00 GMT

Present: Priyanka (Chair), Mathieu Casado, Joaquin Bastias, Heike Midleja, Josefine Lenz, Sakshi Mankotia, Jilda Caccavo, Joseph Martin, Shalaka Patil, Vikram Goel, Juliana Souza, Lina Madaj, Anika Happe, Maaïke Weerdesteijn, William Harcourt, Georgi Laukert, Rebecca Gugerli, Ekaterina Uryupova, Rebecca Duncan, Doğaç Baybars İşiler, Tatiana Burmenko, Ryan O'Hara, Leena Leppänen, Priyanka Gaikwad, John Doherty, Mia Bennett, Stas Ksenofontov (Indigenous Group), John Woitkowitz, Elisa Seyboth, Charlie Hewitt, Elise Gallois

Minutes

1. Introductions (Priyanka (meeting 1 chair), Hugo (meeting 2 chair), Jose).
 - a. Use the Advice for Individual Council Members document for help on APECS code of conduct, responsibilities, etc.
 - b. Optional council introductions.
 - c. Meetings' functioning.
 - i. 6-7 meetings over the course of the term.
 - ii. One approximately every 2 months.
 - iii. Each meeting is held twice at different times of day (accounts for different time zones).
 - iv. Must attend at least 3, but try to be at as many meetings as possible
2. Remember that all meeting and event times are in GMT
3. Directorate updates (Josefine):
 - a. APECS Interim Director hired 1 Nov: Josefine Lenz
 - b. Currently APECS Directorate: Josefine and Heike Midleja, Andrea and Lisa leaving in November, hopefully more capacity by new project officers soon
 - c. Main task for the coming year: Finding a new host for 2022.
 - d. Go to the APECS website → "Who we are" for [directorate bios](#).
4. ExCom updates (Mathieu):
 - a. To follow up on ExCom activities, go to the meeting notes on the APECS website → "Executive committee". These will summarize the important events at each meeting.
 - b. If a council member will be away from APECS for an extended period of time, be sure to fill out the relevant information on the APECS Leadership Away Times document (found in the APECS Council folder).
5. Project groups and national committees:
 - a. If a council member wants to change their project group, contact the council chairs.
 - i. Changes must be made ASAP.
 - ii. All individual council members must be in a maximum 2 project groups. Later in the term, council members can add more groups on a case-by-case basis.

- b. New project groups can be proposed to council chairs.
 - i. Project groups must tangibly benefit APECS' mission and APECS stakeholders.
 - c. Project group updates:
 - i. *IPCC Group Review*: During October, applications were evaluated and selected candidates were contacted. The individual review process will begin in December.
 - ii. *Indigenous Project Group*: Selected one leader and two co-leaders. Aim to create the term plan at their next meeting.
 - iii. *Remote Sensing Project Group*: Selected leader and are in the process of selecting co-leaders and project plans.
 - d. National committee coordinator updates:
 - i. (Shalaka) NCCs will be having a meeting next week.
6. Looking for presenters to speak during meetings.
- a. Can be either council member technical presentations (15-30 min) or guest speakers.
 - b. Council brainstorming:
 - i. Keep presentations shorter (approximately 15 min).
 - ii. Classroom-style, interactive (possibly done using Zoom breakout rooms).
7. Reminders:
- a. Antarctic COVID-19 research survey was emailed several weeks ago. Deadline to fill out is November 8th.
 - b. Term project plans are due on November 15th.

2nd Meeting - 16:00 GMT

Present: Hugo (Chair), Mikhail Latonin, Lisa Winberg von Friesen, Mathieu Casado, Jhon Mojica, Jonathan Wood, Nicholas Parlato, José Queirós (Council Co-chair), Carla Tapia Baldis, Alexandra Zuhr, Jill Diederich, Clément ASTRUC-DELOR, Jack Buckingham, Scott Sugden, Lauren Thompson, Kirsten Reid, Andrea Bueno, Olga Kulikova, Dalia C. Barragán-Barrera, Paula de Castro-Fernández, Francesc Roura Adserias, Katharina Heinrich, Joel Singley, Maciej Mańko, Emil Ísleifur Sumarliðason, Jilda Caccavo, Marlen Kolbe, Emma Davis, Vinod Kumar Nathan, Hiral Jain, Henrietta Hammant, Claudia Maturana, Shridhar Jawak, Har Amrit Singh Sandhu, Azamat Tolipov, Tomás Bolaño, Gwenaëlle Gremion, Priyanka (Council Co-chair), Friederike Säring, Grace Shephard, Susana Hancock, Minghu Ding, Rodrigo Alves.

Minutes

1. Welcome all new and returning council members to the APECS Council.
 - a. [Advice for individual council members'](#) document: everyone is asked to please pay attention to this document. Especially to the point 3.2.1 about council meetings. Everyone has to attend a minimum of 3-4 meetings. The council meetings are important to maintain the relationship and exchange.
 - b. People presenting themselves
 - c. Functioning of the council meetings: 6-7 meetings (1 every two months). Every meeting happens twice in a day to allow for different time zones. If you feel unsure about the time zone – use the link here below.
2. Time zone changes reminder
(<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting.html>)
3. Directorate Updates Jilda (on ExCom, representing Josefine in this meeting):
 - a. Josefine Lenz is the new Interim Executive Director. The directorate thanked everyone for patience and support during the handover. Josefine has been involved in APECS Germany a lot, and been involved in several EU projects. Also she led the MOSAiC School 2019. Studies permafrost, based in Potsdam.
 - b. Andrea and Lisa will leave the APECS Directorate in November, EU projects will hopefully allow us to increase capacity early 2021
 - c. The main task now for the Directorate is to find a new host for APECS (it has been AWI until the end of 2021).
4. ExCom introductions and updates (Deniz Vural)
 - a. Summary of Ex.Com meeting
(<https://apecs.is/who-we-are/leadership/executive-committee/meeting-notes.html>)
 - b. bi-weekly ExCom meetings. You can find the meeting summaries via the link here above. If you want to ask something about a meeting, you can contact anyone in ExCom.
 - c. [Away Times](#)
 - d. Important to let other project members know when your away period/s are.
5. Project Groups (PG) and National Committees (NC).

- a. Possibility of changing PG: it is possible to change groups if you want. But please do it now or very soon by contacting the chairs.
- b. Number of PG per member: there is a maximum of two PG for each member. It is more important to be in one group and be helpful rather than being in many. But of course if you have time you can join another one.
- c. Proposal of new PG (how to do it): if you have any ideas, you are welcome to suggest (but has to fit APECS overall agenda, and partners of APECS)
- d. PG leaders update (for those who already had a meeting/ have a PG leader)
 - i. (Nicole) *Antarctica day*: 1st of December. Planning and preparing is going well. NC reps are invited to collaborate with something specific from their Nation. Contact Nicole if you're interested.
 - ii. (Jonathan Wood) *Indigenous collaborations*: Have elected 3 co-chairs (Stanislav), Putting strategic plan together
 - iii. (Sasha) *DEI*: Having a first meeting next week to finalize the structure.
 - iv. (Carla) *Alpine Cryosphere*: Had two meetings last week. Planning international activities for 11th of December. By the end of this week they will introduce different types of photo contributions.
 - v. (Jill Diederich) *APECS art and March polar week*: First meeting next week.
 - vi. (Jhon) *Podcast*: First meeting this week.
 - vii. (Susana Hancock) *IPCC Group Review*: The team worked on the evaluation of applications during October. We just contacted the selected candidates to tell them that they have been selected and to provide them with information about the group review process (guide for individual reviewers, Slack channel...). We are now waiting for them to send us the participation agreement signed. The individual review process will start in December.
 - viii. (Dalia) *Non-Academic Career Group*. Elisa Seyboth took the leadership role, and the team expects to have the next meeting during November. Since now, the team is pending for material that could be included on Non-Academics Careers Information (NACI) - the platform created by APECS in which people who consider a career outside academics are able to find information, and for job opportunities that can be interesting in the context of this PG.
 - ix. **New Project Group APECS science diplomacy**: suggestion on training on how to build social and political science insights into the natural sciences, how to communicate with policymakers, and how to influence the Arctic policy of your country. **Contact Nicholas Parlato if interested.**
- e. NC representatives updates (for those present)
 - i. (Susana Hancock - NC co-coordinator) They will meet with all NC representatives next week. These will be fairly informal. Good to ask questions, the aim is to establish a relationship.
 - ii. *Chile*: organized quite a few activities. Involved in Antarctica day.
 - iii. *Luxembourg*: during the last six months it has been complicated to perform the planned school activities. Postponed to next year.

- iv. *Denmark*: started up this year. Tricky with in-person activities. Had some online activities and recruiting members at the moment via a new website etc.
 - v. *Germany*: in-person film festival during polar week. Collaborating with the society for polar research in Germany. Creativity competition graduate students running at the moment.
 - vi. *UK*: very recently switched leadership. Involved in several online conferences and in several PGs. Planning of school activities. Join activities with APECS Russia.
 - vii. **APECS Colombia**: Jhon Mojica talked about APECS Colombia participation in an Education Conference, the "[VIII Encuentro de Investigaciones de la Facultad de Ciencias y Educación](#)", which was held online in Bogotá (Colombia) by the "Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas" in October 26-30, 2020. As part of this Conference, they presented a talk and submitted a short manuscript about updates of APECS Colombia, which will be part of the Memories Book. Additionally, Jhon mentioned that they conducted a call to receive some articles about Antarctic women-in science for the "[Revista Digital Fulica](#)", since the idea is preparing an article to publish in February within the framework of "Women's day in science". Dalia Barragán, also suggested that it's a good idea to conduct specific activities from APECS to celebrate the "Women's day in science" in February 2021.
 - viii. *France*: polar week in spring (students 6-10 years). Next one next week with almost 10 ECS speakers.
 - ix. *Spain*: planning an online conference for Antarctica day to get to know each other. Created a WhatsApp group for communication.
 - x. *Brasil*: We have been doing online webinars once a month. Last week we closed the international polar week with the participation of more than 30 schools. And now we are planning the Antarctica's Day. One of the activities will be a live with integrants from the Brazilian Antarctic station. And next year, we will have our symposium on polar research, and next month we will publish our next semi annual newsletter describing brasilian researches and our activities.
6. Discussions/ presentations by council members (from next meeting onwards)
- a. Suggestion on how to make the council meetings more interactive: choose a couple of council members that present something? Invite speakers (could be a good motivation to get people to join)? Many think it is a really good idea. Also a suggestion to make break out rooms to get a bit more discussion
7. AOB/questions
- a. Antarctic Covid-19 research - deadline 08 Nov, 2020 (23:59 GMT)
 - b. Remember to do the project plans in PGs! Deadline 15th of November