

2nd Council Meeting

12th February 2021 0900 & 1700 (GMT)



Apologies: John Doherty, Sergey Chernikov, Dhanendra Singh, Mia Bennett, Shinae Montie, Claudia Maturana, Freya Sykes, Tatiana Burmenko, Megan Sher, Marta Moreno Ibanez, Priyanka (Council Co-Chair), Rodrigo Gomez-Fell, Ekaterina Uryupova, Sidney Horlick, Marlen Kolbe, Katharina Heinrich, Georgi Laukert, Kim Minkyong, Liezel Rudolph, Charlie Hewitt, Scott Sugden

Agenda

1. Reminder:
 - a. [1st Council report](#)
 - b. Event [funding](#) & [reporting](#)
2. Directorate updates:
 - a. [Call for Bids to host the APECS International Directorate](#)
 - b. four EU Projects APECS is involved in, new office staff: Boris, Svenja & Franziska
 - i. Online technician training course for EU Project ARICE
 - ii. New project group starting in April: Guide on CO2 Reduction in Arctic Science
 - c. APECS Newsletter planned mid-months: [News submission](#) until 10th of each month
3. ExCom updates;
4. [Project Groups \(PG\) and National Committees \(NC\) updates](#);
5. AOB/Questions

1st Meeting - 09:00 GMT

Present: José Queirós (chair), Emma Davis, Olga Kulikova, Azamat Tolipov, Jhon Fredy Mojica, Joaquin Bastias, Maaïke Weerdesteijn, Lina Madaj, Friederike Säring, Henrietta Hammant, Juliana Souza, Leena Leppänen, Rebecca Gugerli, John Woitkowitz, Elisa Seyboth, Julia Garcia-Oteyza, Lisa Winberg von Friesen, John Woitkowitz, Joana Fragão, Mathieu Casado, Tayana Arakchaa, Emil Ísleifur Sumarliðason, Josefine Lenz, Heike Midleja, Rodrigo Alves, Neelu Singh, Deniz Vural.

MINUTES

1. Reminders (Chair)

- a. 1st Council report to be filled by all members by the end of the month (February). Another report will need to be filled over the current Council term;
- b. Funding opportunities for those Project Groups (PGs) looking for financial resources. Guidelines were shared.

2. Directorate updates (Josefine)

- a. Josefine Lenz talked a bit about her position as the Executive Director of APECS, and her excitement about the activities of the different PGs of this term.
- b. She raised points about new initiatives in the Council, and the new call for Bids to host the APECS International Directorate.
- c. New staff working in the office, namely Boris, Svenja & Franziska.
- d. Online technician training course for EU Project ARICE was explained
- e. Information on upcoming APECS events can be submitted until 10th of each month using a specific form, so they can be included in APECS monthly Newsletter.
- f. Applications of Council members to join a group starting in April (Guide on CO2 Reduction in Arctic Science) are very welcomed.

3. ExCom updates (Mathieu Casado and Deniz Vural)

- a. Informed the group about different initiatives from NCs, new information to be shared in the APECS website (aiming to start new discussions on different topics within the members and also to serve as an archive).
- b. Dedicated subgroup working on restructuring the APECS Code of Conduct, Rules and Procedures, and other documents.
- c. APECS Handbook is also being developed. Currently there are two ways of being involved in the process before the vote process is started (some target groups will be contacted and volunteers are welcome to contact the ExCom to join the subgroup):
 - i. taking an active writing role and then working on one of the sessions of the document
 - ii. giving feedback on the handbook once it is shared with the Council.

4. Project Groups (PG) and National Committees (NC) updates

- a. APECS Workshop at UArctic Congress 2020/21 (Juliana Souza):
 - i. Because of the current Covid-19 pandemic, the workshop has been postponed from May to October 2021, so hopefully it can be an in-person event.
- b. Updates and issues faced by other PGs can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1369aDJQruzn8gmmYzTJUutlFQ6PVoxk/view>.
- c. APECS-Brazil (Juliana Souza and Rodrigo Alves):
 - i. They have very successful events and great public engagement over the last months, including monthly webinars, activities to celebrate the International Polar Week in December 2020 (online lectures given to schools and two webinars, to open and close the event), and to the Antarctica Day 2020 (live on Instagram with crew from the new Brazilian Antarctic Station, which was reopened recently).

5. AOB/Questions

The floor was opened for questions, and some were raised to the group:

- a. Tayana Arakchaa (International Polar Week PG asked about the possibility of having info/material from indigenous artists in an online gallery.
 - i. Heike replied to that, informing that it is possible, but there's a need for permission from the artists involved.
- b. Jhon Mojica (Polar Week) asked to be included in the last meeting of the International Polar Group, to learn from them given the PG he is involved with.
 - i. Tayana agreed that such interaction between the groups is positive.
- c. Henrietta (Podcast PG) informed that the PG produced a disclaimer form that was shared with the participants of the podcasts, and some indicated that it needs to be improved. She asked for someone with experience in producing this kind of legal document to give their PG some advice. Josefine offered to share a draft with the legal department of AWI.

2nd Meeting - 17:00 GMT

Present: José Queirós (chair), Gwenaëlle Gremion, Josefine Lenz, William Harcourt, Alexis Bahl, Susana Hancock, Anika Happe, Hiral Jain, Élise Devoie, Carla Tapia, Kelly Huh, Kirsi Keskitalo, Louise Borthwick, Spencer Weinstein, Jilda Caccavo, Maciej Mańko, Nicole Stark, Mikhail Latonin, Sakshi Mankotia, Erin Kunisch, Vinod Kumar Nathan, Prashant Pandit, Adrien Wehrlé, Alexandra Zuhr, Kirsten Reid, Florent Fayolle, Dalia C. Barragán Barrera, Julie Schram, Shalaka Patil, Saule Akhmetkaliyeva, Neelu Singh, Mariel Kieval, Paula de Castro-Fernández, Allison Cusick, Andrea Bueno, Anna Gebruk, Tomas Bolaño, Elise Gallois, John Read

MINUTES

1. Reminders (Chair)

- a. Individual Council Member reports - due now, by the end of this month. ASAP please!
- b. If you need funding in a PG, you can request funding from APECS. Funding guidelines at beginning of form. Any questions, ask directorate.
- c. After any event from a PG, NC etc. need to report activity. Very short and helpful for ExCom and APECS in general.
- d.

2. Directorate updates (Josefine)

- a. Looking for a new host for APECS. Please spread the call for bids as far as possible in your own channels. National reps could investigate interest in home institutions.
- b. Good news: New EU project starting this year, currently already involved in 3
- c. Few closing up, especially:
 - i. Online teaching training course March-April (particularly from technical backgrounds but also scientists figuring out methods). First course "How to build a deep sea robot"
 - ii. New PG soon - Producing a guide on how to reduce carbon in the polar fieldwork etc. Invite you to express your interest. Will be a list to sign up in March.
 - iii. Moving from publishing newsletter from end of the month to middle of the month. Submit your activities by 10th of each month!
 - iv. Good to have all great APECS work visible on the website - so let directorate know!

3. ExCom updates (Mathieu Casado)

- a. Thanks for efforts in PGs etc.
- b. Would like to streamline communication with excom and council - thinking of sharing excom meeting summaries via email. Will continue to place these on the website. Easier to start discussions if necessary.
- c. Currently restructuring code of conduct with DEI and other documents that detail the structure of APECS etc.

- d. Producing a single handbook that will be voted on by Council ofc. Can be involved in this process if you like:
 - i. can volunteer to write it - contact excom if interested (will set up special group);
 - ii. can provide feedback on document- all will be able to review handbook- hoping it will be an interactive process

4. Project Groups (PG) and National Committees (NC) updates

- a. Remote sensing database PG:
 - i. Just released a survey to get a handle on how people are using remote sensing data in their research. Will be a social media post coming out about it - please re-share!
- b. Polar Organisations PG:
 - i. Slow start as no PG leader has been elected or any old members from last year. Meeting next week and should have updates soon.
- c. International Online Conference PG:
 - i. Set date for 12th of May. Abstract submission opens soon (~date 31st March).
- d. Podcast PG:
 - i. Planning a special episode for Polar Week- looking for suggestions for ideas. Progress going well in general!
 - ii. Gap in our disclaimer - in the process of updating that. If anyone has any legal expertise then please let us know!
- e. March Polar Week PG:
 - i. Had a meeting for ideas. Not yet finalised anything yet! Collaborating with art and podcast group.
 - ii. Have a few competition ideas: photos, poetry, essays etc.
 - 1. (Josefine) will have polar week news in the newsletter anyway- any activities which are more fixed then let the directorate know!
- f. APECS Chile:
 - i. New initiative with APECS Norway- Arctic vs Antarctic! Want to start sharing during Polar Week. Need to contact the person in charge of that PG. Couldn't get into APECS newsletter last year- so want to promote it a lot this year! Welcoming ideas/feedback. Will consist of social media interventions etc.
 - ii. How to make sure of getting in the APECS newsletter?
 - 1. (Josefine) submit it to the form and it goes to the inbox of directorate or email them directly
- g. APECS Canada:
 - i. In December they hosted an event at Arctic-NET conference on zoom and were zoom-bombed. Want to set up guidelines of how to manage these kind of meetings.
 - ii. Any interest in how to take this wider from just APECS Canada?
 - 1. No response at this stage
- h. UKPN:
 - i. Invited to take part in panel between UK and Iceland next month. Iceland doesn't have an APECS group yet.

1. (Gwen) **New committee starting in Iceland**
 2. (Susana) letter of endorsement signed last week. Interim NC leads assigned - figuring out structure asap.
- ii. Online conference with APECS Russia in February
 - iii. Technical funding difficulties - hoping for a meeting with excom soon
 - iv. Represented APECS in Arctic task force- including implementation plan for next 10 years (details in annual review)
- i. APECS France:
 - i. Live webinar from Antarctic station for public to ask questions
 - ii. New activities with project working with young students to introduce them to glaciology- partnership with french polar institute coming soon
 - iii. Starting to organise annual polar week in May- celebrate Antarctic Treaty meeting in France this year
 - iv. Thinking of new project: improve relations with other NCs i.e. perhaps a place to meet people in other committees, have more exchanges, find out about each others activities etc.

5. AOB/Questions

Nothing raised