

# 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 07:00 & 16:00 GMT



## Chair:

First meeting (07:00 GMT): Hugo Guímaro  
Second meeting (16:00 GMT): José Queirós

## Minutes:

First meeting: Ryan O'Hara  
Second meeting: Alexandra Yingst

**Present 1st meeting:** Hugo Guímaro (Chair), Mathieu (ExCom), Deniz Vural (ExCom), Jilda Caccavo (ExCom ex-officio), Josefine Lenz (Director), Kirsi Keskitalo, William Harcourt, Ryan O'Hara, Rebecca Duncan, Nicholas Parlato, Jhon Mojica, Juliana Souza-Kasprzyk, Tatiana Burmenko, Azamat Tolipov

**Present 2nd meeting :** José Queirós (Chair), Gwen (ExCom), Josefine Lenz (Director), Renato Borrás-Chavez, Susana Hancock, Tomás Bolaño-Ortiz, Prashant Pandit, Alexandra Zühr, Élise Devoie, Katharina Heinrich, Anika Happe, Lina Madaj, Ekaterina Uryupova, Vinod Kumar Nathan, Carla Tapia Baldis, Henrietta Hammant, Sergio Ruez-Villanueva, Elisa Seyboth, Joseph Martin, Minghu Ding, Biao Tian, John Woitkowitz, Rodrigo Alves, Femi Thomas, Maria Scheel, Alexandra Yingst, Raphael Fernandes Vieira, Jack Buckingham, Vanya Pandey

**Apologies:** Alexis Bahl, Kirsten Reid, Natalia Ribeiro, Melanie Stammier, Kelly Hugh, John Doherty, Paula de Castro-Fernández, Dalia C. Barragán-Barrera, Mikhael Latonin, Hiral Jain, Louise Borthwick, Joana Fragão, Mariel Kieval, Trym Eiterjord, Christy Rouault, Priyanka (council co-chair), Marlen Kolbe, Rodrigo Gomez, Leena Leppänen, Amy Macfarlane

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## Agenda

1. [Applications](#) to ExCom term 2021-2022
2. Next Council Report
3. Directorate Updates
  - a. Summer season in APECS Office
  - b. New EU Project [Arctic PASSION](#) started
  - c. Status of New APECS Host

4. ExCom Updates
  5. National Committees and Project Group Updates
  6. AOB
  7. Informal meeting at <https://www.wonder.me/>
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## **Minutes**

**(07:00 GMT)**

1. [Applications](#) to ExCom term 2021-2022
  - a. Deadline is August 16th, 23:59 GMT.
  - b. More information is found in the above link.
2. Next Council Report
  - a. Another form will be emailed out to the council in the near future.
  - b. Like the first form, the report will cover each council member's recent APECS-related activities.
  - c. Available until August 15th.
3. Directorate Updates
  - a. Summer season in APECS Office, so the office is emptier than usual.
    - i. Josefine is the main point of contact in the office.
  - b. New EU Project [Arctic PASSION](#) started.
    - i. Aims to improve Arctic observation systems
  - c. Status of New APECS Host
    - i. Recommendation & bids will be announced via email in the near future.

- ii. Council will need to approve the recommended APECS host.

#### 4. ExCom Updates

- a. Council will need to approve changes to the APECS handbook. Email with the voting information and relevant information should be sent out in the next day or two.

#### 5. National Committees and Project Group Updates

##### a. **NC Canada**

- i. Charter updated.
- ii. Created new DEI group.
- iii. Working on several different collaborations.

##### b. **NC Portugal**

- i. Planning next online workshop (taking place in November).
- ii. Newsletters sent out on a regular basis.
- iii. Antarctica education initiative has been coming along (can be shared during the next Polar Week).

##### c. **NC Oceania**

- i. Strategic plan in the process of being finalized.
- ii. Launched online seminar series (next seminar on scientific communication coming soon).
- iii. Set up DEI group.
- iv. Working to increase member engagement.

##### d. **NC Russia**

- i. Put on a successful education workshop in June.

##### e. **NC Brazil**

- i. Ran successful online symposium in February, planning next symposium for 2022.
- ii. Put out monthly webinars.
- iii. Ran online Polar Week in May.

- iv. Running joint Polar Week with APECS Portugal in September.
  - v. Active social media presence.
  - f. **PG Polar Week September 2021**
    - i. Looking for assistance in organizing or adding activities to the September Polar Week (contact Jhon Mojica).
  - g. **PG Remote Sensing Database**
    - i. Low activity.
    - ii. Recently finished working on a database that would help polar professionals connect with remote sensing programs.
  - h. **PG Science and Diplomacy**
    - i. Ran panel in May on US/Greenland relations.
    - ii. Hoping to run two more events before the end of the term.
  - i. **PG APECS Art**
    - i. Working on organizing a polar art webinar.
  - j. **PG T-MOSAIC Vlogs**
    - i. Planning to make videos from researchers and journalists to increase Arctic awareness.
    - ii. Hoping to make a 3-4 minute video out of small clips.
6. AOB
- a. Arctic Remote Sensing organization (SIOS) looking to recruit a new member. Contact Will Harcourt for more information.
7. Informal meeting at <https://www.wonder.me/>
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# **Minutes**

## **(16:00 GMT)**

1. [Applications](#) to ExCom term 2021-2022

- a. [Applications](#) for ExCom term 2021-2022 should be submitted at this link.
- b. Deadline is August 16th.

## 2. Next Council Report

- a. Link for the report will be sent later this month.
- b. Please fill out between the 1st and 15th of August.

## 3. Updates from Director

- a. Summer season in the office
- b. New EU project Arctic Passion has begun
  - i. [Arctic PASSION](#) is the link for more information
  - ii. Will improve Arctic observation system
- c. New APECS Host
  - i. Two offers have been received, ExCom has reviewed and voted.
  - ii. Council will need to approve ExCom's recommendation

## 4. Updates from ExCom

- a. Improving handbook with comments
- b. Will soon vote on new structure of the Council

### ● **The council will need to**

- **Vote the New host**
- **Vote for the Council structure**

## 5. National Committees and Project Groups update

### a. **NC Brazil**

- i. Founded in 2008.
- ii. Symposiums every two years. Hosted symposium online in February of this year with 300 participants, 8 discussion panels, 4 short

courses. More than 6,000 views. The next symposium will be in person in 2022.

- iii. Held online polar week in May, and next polar week will be September 27th to October 1st.
- iv. Post almost everyday on social media.

**b. NC Canada**

- i. Updated charter.
- ii. Working on a new subgroup for diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- iii. Kick-off with film - Picture of a Scientist.
- iv. Great updates on the APECS Canada website.

**c. NC China**

- i. China Polar Youth Forum held in 2019.
- ii. Held academic lectures and winter camp activities in 2020. Also doing outreach in primary schools about the polar regions.
- iii. In 2021, Polar Youth Report worked on and outreach about polar science was done in a middle school.

**d. NC Denmark**

- i. Committee is currently 5 people.
- ii. Have been doing a monthly seminar series, increasing social media activity, and a monthly newsletter. Member numbers have also doubled.
- iii. Monthly seminar series will continue for the rest of the year.
- iv. In December, there will be an ECS meeting (in Danish) and Arctic Policy event, where we will present APECS as poster.

**e. NC Italy**

- i. [Website](#) has been created.
- ii. Social media and YouTube channel worked on.
- iii. Thinking about Polar Week in middle school, as well as a series of webinars this fall.

**f. NC Chile**

- i. Polar gatherings started two weeks ago. Will be a talk on viruses tomorrow.

- ii. Check social media for more information.
- g. **PG DEI**
  - i. Survey will go out to all APECS members. Will be out in the fall.
- h. **PG Reducing CO2 in Arctic research**
  - i. Putting together a guidebook and working on a survey about what control people have over their CO2 emissions.
- i. **PG T-MOSAIC Vlogs**
  - i. Looking for people to share research with short videos.
- j. **PG Mental Health Resources**
  - i. Working on information from survey. Will share it later.
- k. **PG APECS Podcasts - Polar Times**
  - i. Still looking for people to fill out this form:  
<https://forms.gle/ESywcRe5qiMeh9bz7>)

\*\*Informal meeting at <https://www.wonder.me/> - people can't make it today but there is interest for next time.