

## APECS Italy

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APECS Italy is composed by a National Committee and by an Education and Outreach (E&O) group. The National Committee is composed by Matteo Cattadori, Carlo Ossola, Giuseppe Aulicino, Silvia Olmastroni, Antonio Zeoli, Maddalena Macario, Danilo Comba and Tosca Ballerini (APECS International Council co-chair for 2011/2012). The APECS Italy E&O group is composed by Matteo Cattadori, Carlo Ossola and Maddalena Macario.

The APECS Italy committee is active since 2011 with the organization of several in-person meetings, training courses and schools and participating to international conferences and workshops. On October 2012 the APECS Italy committee organized the first meeting of APECS Italy members with the Italian managers of Polar Research. The meeting was held at the Italian Antarctic Museum in Siena. Anyway it is still pending an official registration as non-profit organization. The association counts about 60 members which works in several fields of scientific research and education.

Some of the objectives of APECS-Italy are:

- to recruit Italian Polar early career scientists as active members in the APECS and APECS-Italy national committee;
- to persuade the Italian Antarctic Institutions to sign an agreement to include APECS representatives in their organizations, in the same way as SCAR, IASC and numerous other international scientific organizations did;
- to establish common strategies of participation and contribution to national and international educational activities;
- to create working groups within APECS Italy that coordinate their activities with the various working groups of APECS International;
- to promote the participation of APECS Italy members to the activities of APECS International, both in person or via the internet;
- to support early career polar scientists in their first steps into international research activities;
- to disseminate polar sciences at all levels of education thanks to the E&O group activities.

A list of educational activities organized in 2014/15 by the APECS Italy (and its Outreach and Education community) is provided below:

- Partecipazione to the PEI (polar educators International) meeting, exComm Matteo Cattadori. The edition 2017 will be held in Italy.  
<http://www.polareducator.org/news/pei/159-pei-workshop-2015-hannover-germany>
- 4th edition of Polar Summer School for science teachers (SPES)
- Meeting with teachers and schools “Polar Sciences at school”:

Milano Expo Maggio 2015

<https://www.facebook.com/piera.ciceri.9?pnref=story>

Cremona, 28 Aprile 2015

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1420110678296202/>

Padova Febbraio 2015

<http://www.dta.cnr.it/content/view/8685/2/lang,en/>

Trieste Novembre 2014

<http://www.ogs.trieste.it/it/content/28-29-novembre-valflu-edu-workshop-insegnanti>

Trieste Next Settembre 2014

<http://triestenext.veneziepost.it/>