

APECS Council Call Minutes
Thursday April 28, 2011 20:30 GMT

Chair: Silje-Kristin Jensen

Notetaker: Silje and Penny

Participants: Silje, Gerlis, Jenny Fisher, Julia Schmale, Mariette Wheeler, Nikolas Sellheim, Oliver, Penny, Silvia and Claudia

Hosting: The call was hosted via Adobe Connect at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Agenda:

1. Council members update
2. Introduction from the sub committees chairs (ODC, RAC)
3. Excom update
4. Other business (Q & A)

Item 1: Council member update

Silje: has been and still are in field on Svalbard. Not so active during this month. Been participating in last RAC call and working with the new sub.com chairs. Working with the funding resources group. Working now with Jenny B to release the funding videos from the funding workshop held in January.

Gerlis: Involved in planning a workshop with social science at ICASS VII in Akureyri. Anyone who is attending the conference is welcome to attend. Contact Gerlis if interested or visit the workshop page on the APECS website at: .

Jenny Fisher: working with Julia with the April discipline which was atmosphere and just attended the VPS. Planning something for the mercury meeting in July.

Julia: working with the VPS and working with the restructure of the RAC and setting up the discipline of the month.

Mariette: working with Canada for a climate change conference in November. Planning status. Looking for funding sources. Potential event/workshops for COP17

Nikolas - gave APECS presentation to a graduate school telling about APECS. Working with Univ. of arctic student association closely linked to APECS. Representing APECS at the academy and at the Uarctic council meeting.

Penny: We have notified every APECS member for the sea ice listserv to join and now have approximately 40+ members. I would like to encourage the participation of the cross-discipline listserv participation that was stated previously, but I have to say that I am unaware of the best way to do this outside of advertisements. Though I will not be able to participate in the council meeting, can we touch on what is the best way that the DC's can optimize their specific research areas with regards to:

- How can we engage how APECS members in these disciplines (under each DC) who participates in each listserv, whether it be job postings, discussion, VPS,...etc.
- What is the role of DC's as opposed to the RAC? As DC's, how can we hone in on how we can improve and grow each discipline/community?

Though this is still new, these listservs are a great opportunity for all the APECS members to easily communicate with peers and I am curious as to how it is progressing with the other sectors. Any advice to advance the sea ice one would be very helpful.

Oliver: in wellington spreading the word about APECS. Putting together an APECS panel discussion for a conference in July. Attending IUGG meeting in Melbourne and is interested in getting in touch with the APECS folks there.

Silvia - APECS workshop in polar Portuguese polar science workshop. 40 students (master/PhD) at workshop discussing our role in polar science, did two presentations about APECS to show how students can get engaged with the group.

Tosca: last month gave APECS talk to poster session group. 12-15 people attended. Working with Claudia with the marine biology page for APECS.

Updates pr email:

Virginie Roy: No update to say from the ArcticNet Student Association in Canada.

Punyasloke Bhadury: A) Liaising with Suhas Shetye to formally launch the APECS India. NCAOR (Goa, India) will host the APECS India webserver.

[I have kept Jenny Baeseman in the loop. She has more details in case you need it]

(B) Suhas will coordinate the APECS India funding. We will submit a proposal

to the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt of India for funding support

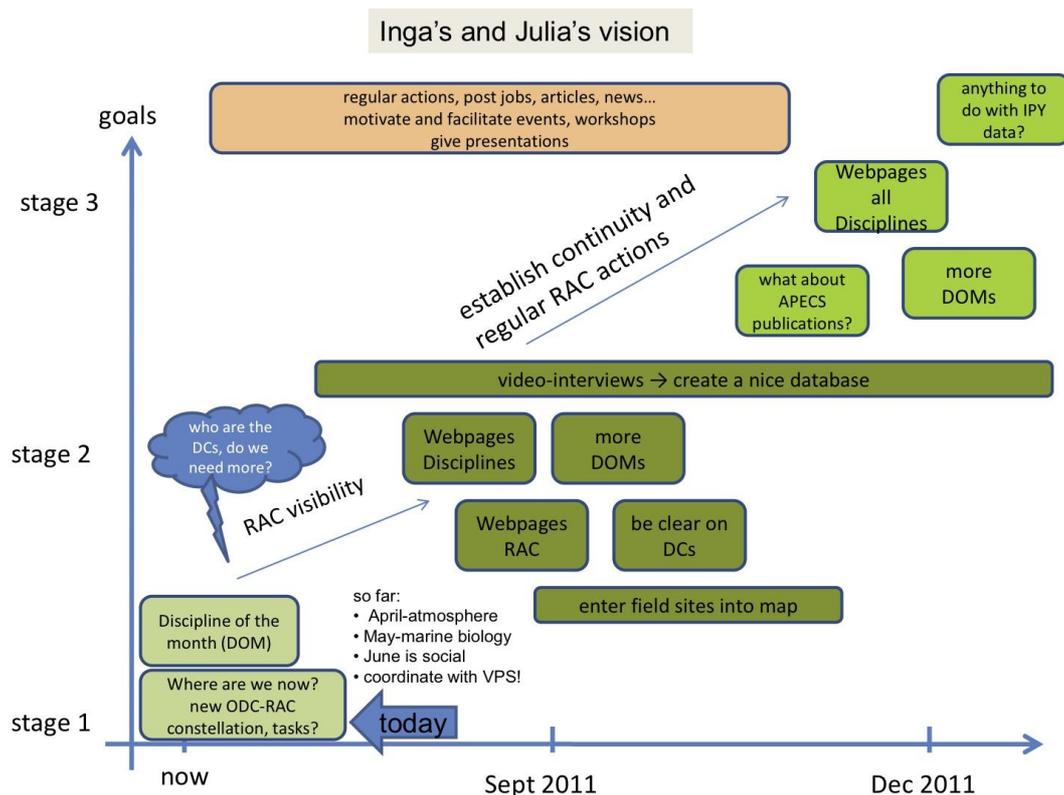
(C) Activities associated with the Field Sites WG.

Claudia Maturana

- In December we have a meeting with the Chilean Antarctic Institute in which we established mutual collaboration and the official support to our activities like publicity in their webpage and information about Antarctic activities in Chile.
- We recently received the national Antarctic research committee support. They showed very enthusiastic about working together. Probably we are going to have a meeting when we can describe the kind of help we need.
- In the next official CNIA meeting in October, we are planning to organize some scientific activity like a Workshop, Francisco Fernandez is working better this idea.
- Yesterday I have a meeting with CONICYT which represent the National Research Agency here in Chile, and we established a series of activities that APECS can contribute like school fairs, talks, been member of a jury and referees or advisor of students proposals
- We also are working in our new webpage, looking for sponsorship to making the principal way of communication between us and our members.
- I was preparing the next discipline of the month which is Marine Biology and I think is already finished, my plan (already discussed with Jeny Baseman) is to keep uploading articles and pictures after the DOM

Item 2. Introduction from the sub committees chairs (ODC, RAC)

RAC call last week for status quo and future plans: graphic showing flowchart of ideas for Council members, RAC, ODC, and DC's.



- Who prefers to be in RAC and ODC? Need to get back to that.
- Organizing Q & A session at Copenhagen to set up interviews. Will post interviews on discipline of the month websites and by the end of the year this will help to set up a database
- Each DC to establish website for each discipline by the end of the year:
 - a) Help with list serves
- We need to compile an update list for the DC's
- We need to update RAC webpage with what we are doing and research page
- We need to have more disciplines of the month
- Sharing policy for data and how far does APECS wants to get involved with that? Improve data management.
- Involving locals to include their knowledge in APECS somehow.

Nikolas: ODC status - preliminary thoughts

- developing an external and internal strategy where APECS is visible in already established groups by using a tag "cloud?"
- Who is who in polar science
- Getting together the idea of 'organization of the month'
- Next call is in may and Yulia has sent out the doodle poll

Item 3. Excom update

Gerlis and Mariette:

- fundraising campaign packet being compiled
- Allen took part in an APECS panel and organized social event for 90 people at EGU
- Allen represented APECS at developmental meeting in St. Petersburg - presentation uploaded on APECS website
- climate change working group needs some help and members
- mentorship database working group needs some participation
- Jenny and Gerlis created publication database for APECS website
- for pubs on APECS related topics: APECS workshop, any article published about APECS, etc....

<http://apecs.is/publications/database> Montreal IPY in April 2012, second circular published next week.

APECS workshop will be organized together with ArcticNet Student Association (chaired by Kimberly Keats - APECS - and Karley Campbell - ASA) More events will be organized for the conference so there will be more opportunities to get involved...if anyone is interested please let Gerlis know.

Suggestion: Can we build a new working group to build videos for the APECS webpage (or webpage).