

Get to Know: APECS Oceania

APECS Oceania is the national committee for Australia and New Zealand. It was formed in 2011, after the IPY Conference in Montreal. Currently, we have 5 members involved in the committee (representing Australia; Sarah Ugalde, Meagan Dewar, Holly Winton, Molly Zhongan Jia and Julie Janssens, representing New Zealand; Sira Engelbertz, Lorna Little and Nita Smith), but our National Committee has had up to 10 members in the past.

APECS Oceania's strength is in coordinating outreach and networking events at yearly conferences and meetings. For example in New Zealand, we held a "speed meet and greet" event during the New Zealand Antarctic Conference in 2012. In Australia, during the Strategic Science in Antarctica conference in Hobart, 2013, we organised a highly successful informal networking event for early career researchers. In addition, APECS Oceania assisted in the science communication workshop in collaboration with APECS as part of the SCAR Open Science Conference in Auckland, 2014. Upcoming initiatives include a twitter conference as part of Antarctica Day on December 1st, 2015 and will be running a workshop during the New Zealand Antarctic Conference to share the outcomes of the APECS World Summit with the Antarctic community.