



APECS Council Call Minutes
Tuesday February 8, 2011 19:00 GMT

Chair: Silje-Kristin Jensen

Note takers: Eleanor Darlington

Present/guests: Alejandro Veliz, Alexey Pavlov, Luga, Julia, Kim, Maja, PB, Silvia, Tosca, Yulia, Allen, Silje, Geli, Jenny, Mariette & Ella. Suhas couldn't connect due to internet issues.

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

Agenda:

- 1) Council Members update
- 2) HTML Newsletter
- 3) Council wrap up. Moving forward with RAC and ODC
- 4) ExCom update
- 5) Any Other Business

Item 1: Council Member Introductions

APECS Council 'to do' list: Keep posting jobs, events, videos- Let's keep the APECS website active and exciting!

Overview: LOTS going on! VPS, interactive field site maps, E&O, workshops... what an amazing start to the new year!

- Welcome to Maja Lisowska who is thinking of joining the marvellous APECS council.

- Alejandro
 - Engineering discipline group coordinator for APECS
 - Originally from Chile, currently studying for a PhD in UK
 - It has been a long time since last Council call- touching base
- Alexey
 - Still living it up in Tromso!
 - Organised a very successful Virtual Poster Session (VPS) in Jan 'Get to know APECS'. This involved the core ideas which APECS is built upon and can be viewed at:
 - February's VPA will be posters from the Arctic Frontiers conference which took place at the end of January, in Tromso.
 - Presently working on a workshop
- Ella
 - UKPN update: presently 315 members on the list! We had a very successful 'Communicating your Science' workshop in Aberdeen 12-14th Jan
 - Helped with Arctic Frontiers information pack
 - Posted some jobs
 - Posted Antarctic Science Symposium event
- Inga
 - Has been working on the very cool interactive field site map! All APECS members are encouraged to insert their fieldwork locations.
<http://www.yendegaia.com/apecs/se.php>
 - Not obvious on the APECS website that it's there- we need to highlight to members.
 - IUGG workshop in June is rapidly approaching- Application form set up.
 - There will be a one day session on 11th April- distribute info.
 - Presently looking for mentors- Jenny's amazing 'How to get mentors' document which was sent round earlier in the week will be very useful for this task.
http://apecs.is/images/stories/files/apecs_mentor_panel_guide.pdf
- Julia
 - Is currently defrosting having recently returned from Antarctica!!!
 - As part of the atmospheric group is going to organise April's VPS
 - List serve to determine which exciting topic to focus on
- Kim
 - Calling from almighty Wisconsin, USA
 - Has been working on the VPS with Alexey
- Maja
 - Is a PhD student studying glacier forms and is located in Poland.
 - Hopefully Maja will be joining the Council soon!
- PB
 - Is part of the fieldsite working group
 - Working on the National Chapter of India- will soon be travelling to Goa to push boundaries for Polar Science- Cool!
- Silvia
 - Calling from Portugal

- Currently planning an APECS workshop in April- will be discussing national agenda
- International conference and will be able to highlight the importance of Polar Science
- Will also hold talks and lectures in schools to inspire the younger generations
- Doing some absolutely fantastic work! Reminder- post on 'APECS News'
- Tosca
 - Calling from Virginia
 - Preparing for a seminar on 24th March 2011
- Yulia
 - APECS funding resources- 56 pages on the budget
 - IASC funding guide
 - Planning an event at the end of February for young scientists
 - Unfortunately I missed the beginning of Yulia's updates as I was attempting to multi-task- Eejit! Sorry!

Item 2: HTML Newsletter

- Allen gives an introduction to the newsletter
 - Has been working on the wonderful new Newsletter format
 - In html, rather than an attachment- draft viewed.
 - The links are much easier to access, but when lots are together become difficult to understand.

Item 3: Council wrap up. Moving forward with RAC and ODC

- Silje: Council Charter approved with 16 votes to confirm it
- Allen
 - Encourages everyone to look at the descriptions of the two committees on the APECS website- what is the mission of each?
 - Need to chose which part of the committee to join

Item 4: ExCom update

- Geli has been sort a 'Where is APECS' document- a really useful tool for finding out where events are being held and by who. https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AgKNU6-D8DudDE2N003QWN0QXk5VXB0ZG91NW95clE&hl=en_GB&authkey=CPfq_bwN#gid=0
- Brochure and letter to advisory committee being formed.
- Poster about core APECS facts has been made- can be found in the Drop Box
- Powerpoints about APECS are also available

Mariette Wheeler

- More input on the interactive map is needed! The more locations, the more exciting it will be

Item 5: Other business

No other business today so Silje ends the call since its been over one hour and thanks everyone for participating