

## APECS Sweden: Summary of activities from IPY and beyond

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The Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) is an organization that aims to stimulate interdisciplinary and international research collaborations, in addition to developing effective future leaders in polar research, education and outreach. We carry out APECS' mandate on a local level by providing networking and career development opportunities for early career researchers in Sweden. APECS Sweden currently has over 60 members.

### Networking & Outreach

APECS Sweden developed from the Swedish IPY Youth Steering Committee, which was formed in 2007 and enjoys a partnership with Vetenskapsrådet (VR), Sweden's Science Council.

In the spring of 2008, APECS Sweden participated in Göteborgs Vetenskapsfestival (a science fair for primary schools) and lead discussions focused on polar science.

In the same year, we arranged an international and interdisciplinary networking workshop on Utö in the Stockholm archipelago. 25 early career polar researchers from 13 nationalities came together to discuss their career development needs, and the future of polar research in Sweden.



APECS Sweden members at the Utö workshop.



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### Career Development

In January 2010, APECS Sweden held a career development workshop in Stockholm. Professionals from academia, industry, and government, all with experiences in polar research, were brought in to provide advice on how to succeed in their respective industries.

APECS Sweden has also been able to provide support for early career researchers to attend international conferences and events.

### APECS Sweden in the future

APECS Sweden strives to continue to promote polar research throughout Sweden through Education and Outreach events and to support the development of effective leaders in polar research through career development events. We also serve as a platform to promote Swedish polar research within Sweden and internationally. In the future, we plan to increase mentorship opportunities prior to conferences in Sweden, in addition to expanding the network of early career polar researchers throughout Nordic Europe.