

The APECS Virtual Poster Session: a virtual platform for science communication and discussion

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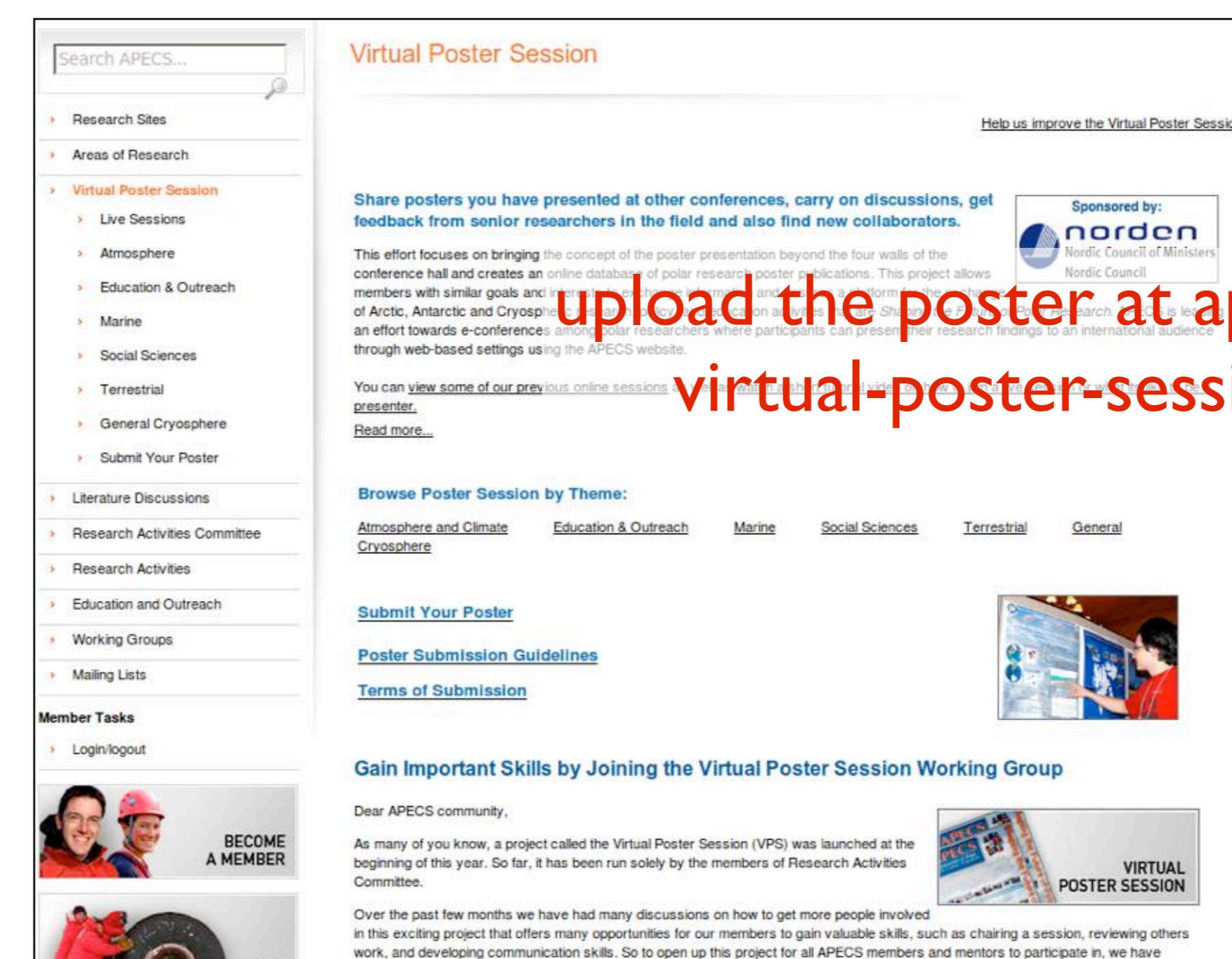
The idea

- take posters beyond the walls of a conference session and make them accessible online open-access tool for publishing conference posters & facilitating discussion
- no boundaries regarding nations, travel distance, funding, disciplines, or career level
- training of communication, presentation, and networking skills for early career researchers
- online resource for cutting-edge polar research

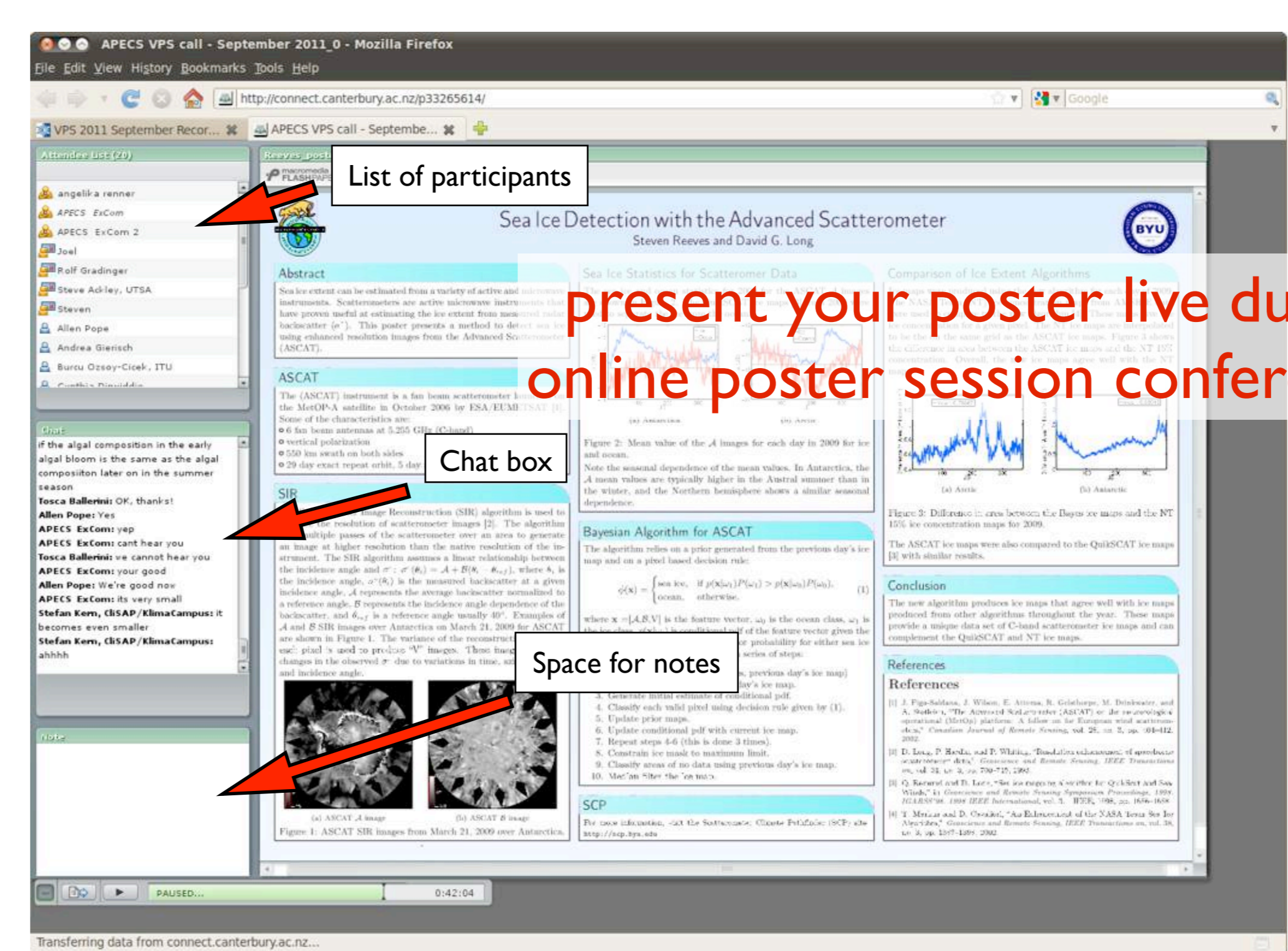
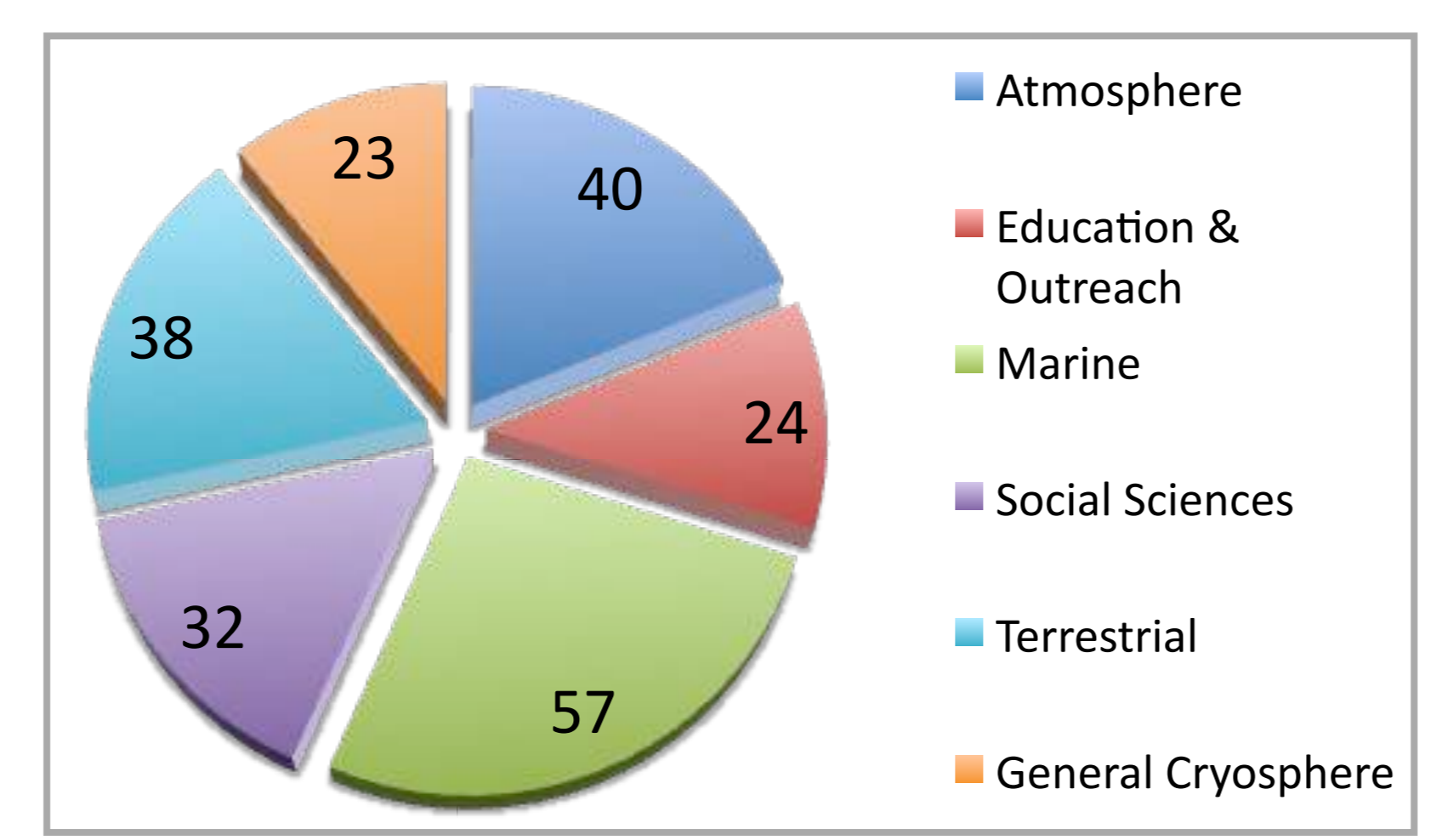
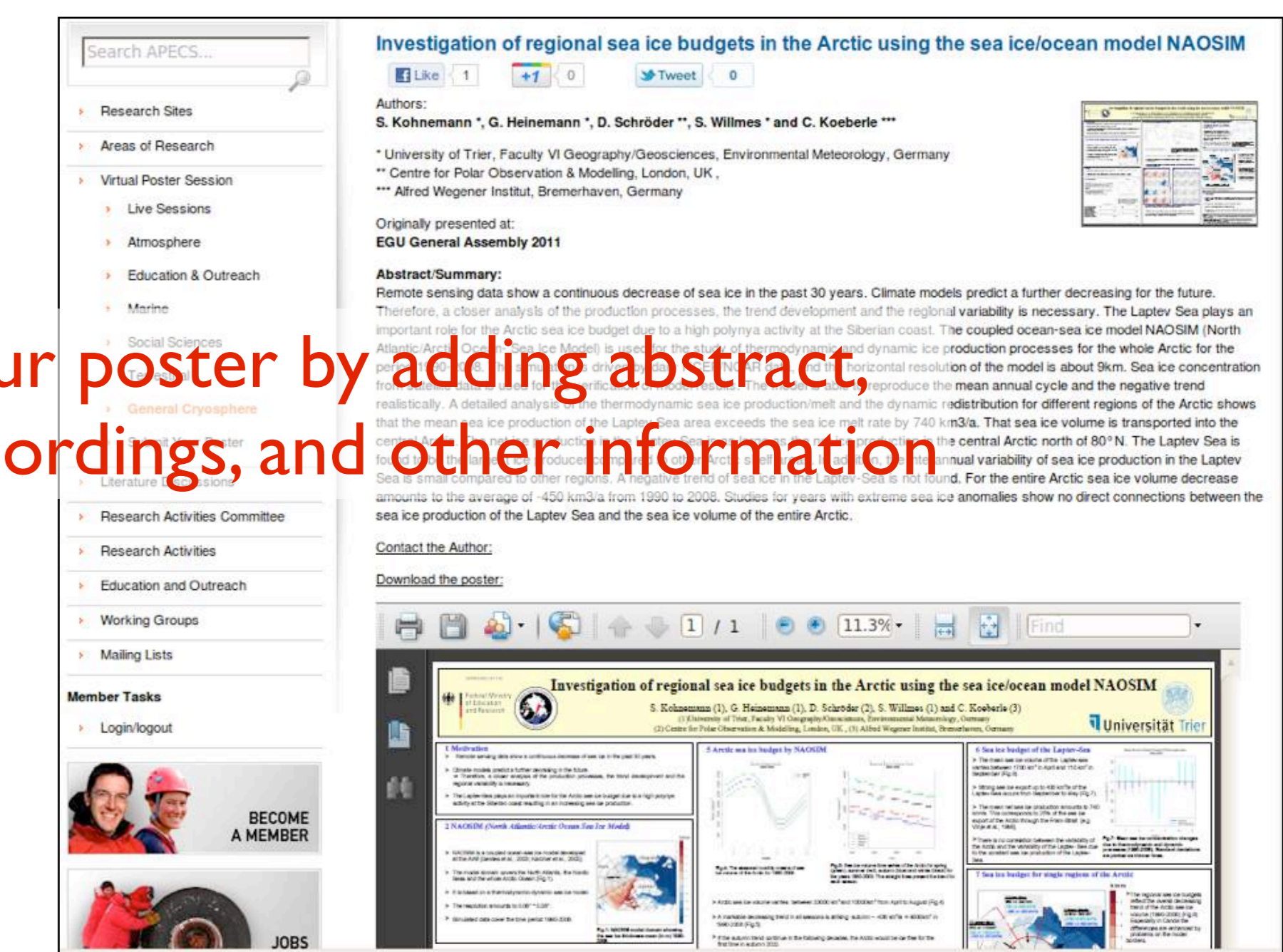
The poster database

- as of 18 Nov 2011 > 214 posters uploaded and published on the APECS website
- 6 main categories
- 1st author contributions from 31 different countries (34 taking into account all authors)

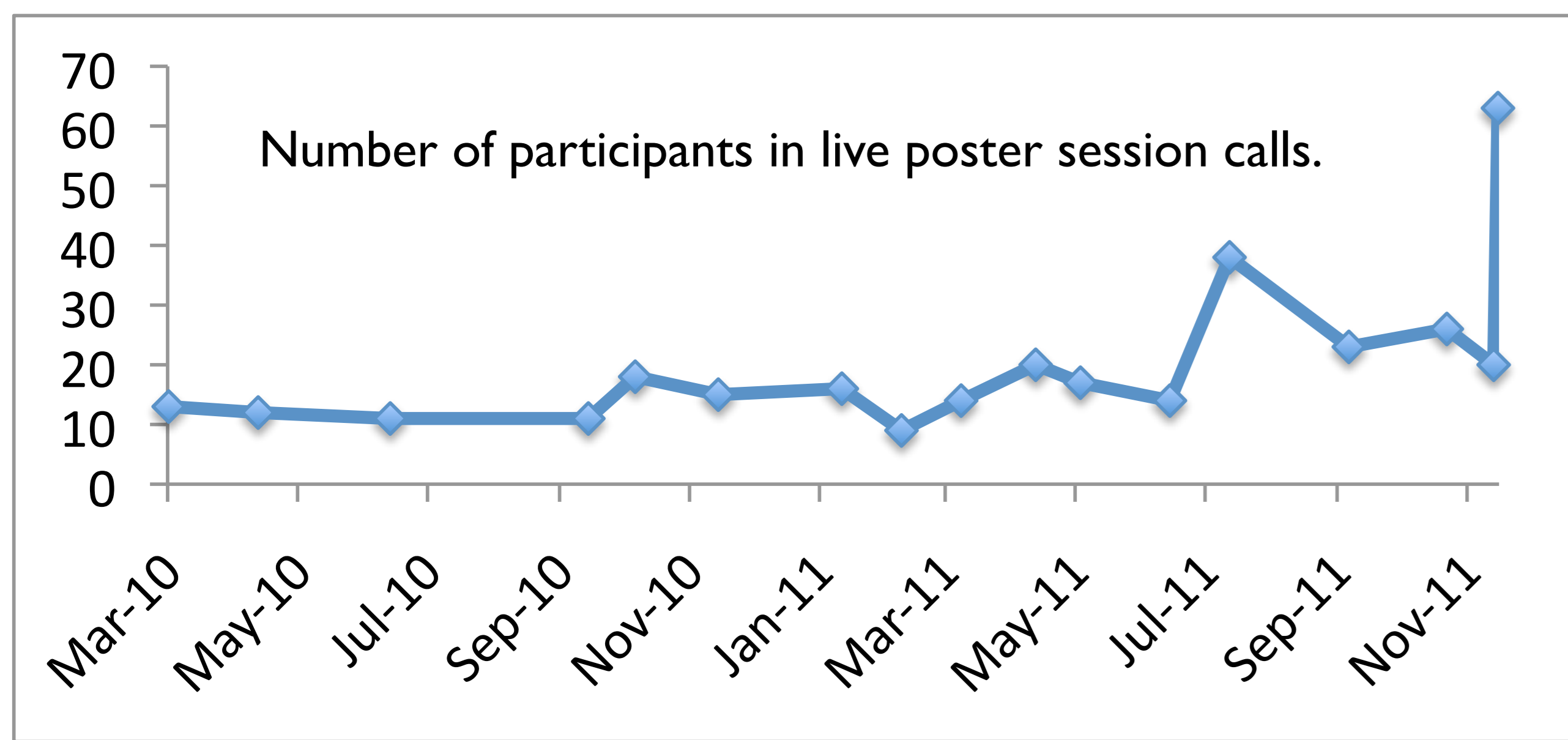
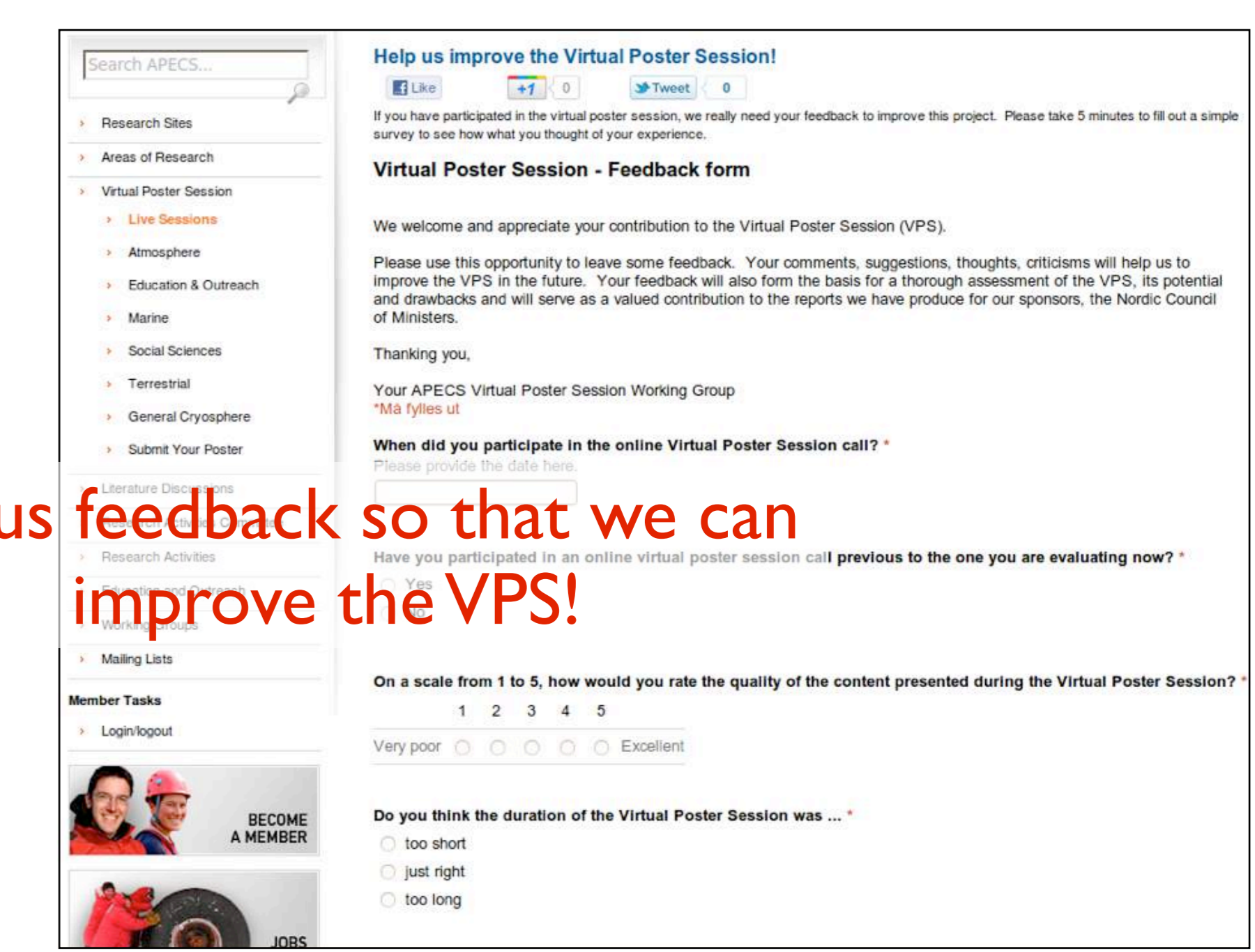
The process



show off your poster by adding abstract, comments, recordings, and other information



give us feedback so that we can improve the VPS!



The live poster session calls

- approx. monthly calls
- open for all on an online conferencing system
- 3-6 presenters from all career levels
- themes: disciplines, research regions, country activities and more
- 18 calls with >330 participants so far

Coming next:

- next calls: January - Limnology, February - Terrestrial Ecology
- collaboration with other APECS projects such as the Discipline of the Month
- survey on impact and benefits of the APECS Virtual Poster Session

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