



Shaping the Future of Polar Research

## Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) in Brazil: growing up and go ahead!

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APECS is an initiative of young and innovative polar researchers which started in the context of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Polar Year (IPY 2007-2008). In order to promote cooperation studies and development of Antarctic and Arctic sciences as a whole, APECS has motivated the formation of the next generation of polar researchers. APECS-Brazil follows the same objectives of the international organization, alongside other particular purposes.

The mainly activity of APECS-Brazil until now was the I Workshop APECS-Brazil (2010). Its intended present APECS-Brazil to the scientific community, government representatives, general public and new potential APECS participants. The II Workshop is being organized as an international event focusing on the theme "South-American Antarctic Research Integration". Other objective of APECS-Brazil are being divulgate the APECS activities as Virtual Poster Session (VPS) and increase the number of membership registered.

With the promotion of this activities we hope to achieve very strong integration between early career scientists of all scientific areas from different countries in order to evaluate the consequences of the ongoing environmental, social and geopolitical changes in the polar regions, and to define the priorities of polar research. APECS was founded as an answer to that necessity and as a legacy of the International Polar Year, and Brazil is willing to contribute strongly to the growth of that Institution.



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**II APECS-Brazil Workshop**  
**South America-Antarctic Research Integration**  
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