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### FEATURE ARTICLES

#### OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN STEERING COMMITTEE OF SCAR AAA

[Astronomy and Astrophysics from Antarctica \(AAA\)](#) is one of the Scientific Research Programmes of the [Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research \(SCAR\)](#), one of APECS long-term partner organisations. The objectives of Astronomy & Astrophysics from Antarctica are to coordinate astronomical activities in Antarctica in a way that ensures the best possible outcomes from international investment in Antarctic astronomy, and maximizes the opportunities for productive interaction with other disciplines. Their scope also includes astronomy from the Arctic, so someone with research interests in this area would also be eligible. For more information on SCAR AAA, please visit the [website](#).

We are looking for an early career researcher to join the Steering Committee of the SCAR AAA. Ideally this early career researcher would serve on the SCAR AAA Steering Committee until the end of 2016.

If you are interested in this opportunity and your research background would fit this group, please send a statement of interest, description of your research background and CV to [info@apecs.is](mailto:info@apecs.is) by no later than **1 October 2014**. You may also direct questions to this address as well.

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#### LOOKING FOR EARLY CAREER CO-CONVENERS FOR IACS SYMPOSIA DURING 26TH IUGG GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The [International Association of Cryospheric Sciences \(IACS\)](#) and APECS are looking for early-career researchers to be co-conveners for several sessions of the [IACS Symposia during the 26th IUGG \(International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics\) General Assembly 2015](#) that will take place from **22 June - 2 July 2015** in Prague, Czech Republic.

The sessions that need early career co-conveners are:

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#### GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is that time of the year again for APECS elections and the beginning of a new term! We received many excellent applications for both the Executive Committee and the Council. Stay tuned for the election results later this month. I am sure we are going to have another great year! I have really enjoyed being involved with the APECS leadership. During my time on the Council, as Council co-chair and this past year as president, I have learned so many useful skills from proposal writing to workshop organization and team management. But most importantly, I have met many wonderful people along the way. I really encourage all of you to take advantage of everything our group has to offer and get more involved in the coming year if you haven't already. APECS truly has something for every early career polar researcher!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Polar Ecology Conference, University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic, 21 - 24 Sep. 2014**

**Arctic Change 2014 Conference, Ottawa Convention Center, Ottawa, Canada, 8-12 Dec., 2014**

**International Conference on Northern and Arctic Regions, Arkhangelsk, Russia, 8 - 10 Oct. 2014**

**ISTAS Workshop, Plouzané, France, 21-24 Oct. 2014**

**Arctic Biodiversity Congress, Trondheim, Norway, 2-4 Dec., 2014**

**American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2014, San Francisco, California, USA, 15-19 Dec., 2014**

**Arctic Frontiers 2015, Tromsø, Norway, 21-23 Jan., 2015**

- C01 GLIMS and the Randolph Glacier Inventory: where Do We Go from Here?
- C04 Modelling of Mountain Glaciers, Past and Future
- C06 Ice Sheet and Ocean Interactions on Multiple Scales
- C07 Understanding Linkages between Different "Elements" of the High-Latitude Cryosphere
- C11 Climate Downscaling for Modelling Glacier Mass Balance
- C15 Cryosphere, Atmosphere and Climate: Evaluation of the Cryosphere in CMIP5 Models
- C16 Cryosphere, Atmosphere and Climate: The Cryosphere and Polar Amplification of Climate
- C17 Challenges in Cryospheric Sciences: Past, Present and Future

You can find a more detailed description of each of those sessions and their main conveners [here](#).

To apply to be a session co-convenor, please fill out this form [here](#) no later than **28 September, 2014**.

APECS will be selecting the co-conveners from all applicants in cooperation with IACS and will inform the successful applicants in early October. If you have problems accessing this online form, contact [info@apecs.is](mailto:info@apecs.is) and I will be emailing you a Word version.

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## INTERNATIONAL POLAR WEEK SEPTEMBER 2014



APECS is excited to celebrate polar science and discovery during the **International Polar Week September 2014** from **20 - 28 September 2014** and we encourage all of our members and National Committees to participate with events and activities! Please distribute this email within your National Committees! Are you planning an event or activity, or do you have a suggestion for an activity during Polar Week? Please send us an email as soon as possible to [info@apecs.is](mailto:info@apecs.is) with a short description by

**15 September**. Be sure to check out the **International Polar Week September 2014** for a complete listing of planned activities and suggestions for activities. Additional ideas are available at the **Polar Outreach Catalogue**. We also encourage you to send us articles and photos of your activities by **15 October** to [info@apecs.is](mailto:info@apecs.is).

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT A BUSY SUMMER 2014!



The first snow has fallen here in Tromsø, so winter is definitely slowly but surely on its way in beautiful Northern Norway where our APECS Directorate is located. The last few months have been very busy in the APECS office and for our leadership and many volunteers. Some of the highlights I want to point out in my message this time are:

One of the highlights this summer was the 2014 SCAR Open Science Conference in Auckland, New Zealand in late August. APECS organised three very

successful events together with partners: a Science Communications Workshop together with [Polar Educators International](#) (PEI), a networking cruise with the [SCAR AntClim21](#) (Antarctic Climate Change in the 21st Century) as well as the [Antarctic Environments Portal](#) & APECS workshop. It was great to see so many of you there!

APECS has been busy working with some of our partners to create to more opportunities for early career researchers. I would like to point out the ongoing calls you find in the Feature News section to have [early career co-conveners for the IACS Symposia during the 26th IUGG General Assembly](#) as well as the opportunity for [one early career researcher to join the Steering Committee of one of SCAR's Scientific Research Programmes, the Astronomy and Astrophysics from Antarctica \(AAA\)](#). APECS will continue to work with our partners on many more opportunities for our members over the next year, so keep an eye on our website and emails!

The APECS website is one of our most important platforms to provide information and resources to our members. We are currently working with our partner, the [Arctic Portal](#) in Iceland on creating a completely new website to display the content even better and help you find what APECS has to offer more easily. The new website will be launched in fall / winter 2014.

Last but not least: APECS is celebrating [International Polar Week September 2014](#) at the moment and we want to encourage all of you to join us doing so! Some of our National Committees are very actively organising events around the world and any of you can do the same! Find our more information on Polar Week September 2014 on the [website](#).

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### 2013-2014 COUNCIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY



Between January to June 2014, the Council has kept a number of its key activities rolling, which have included updating the mentorship databases, arranging monthly webinars and

publishing research features, as well as organizing many exciting events for APECS members to network and develop their Polar research potential. Alongside these key areas many new developments are happening, such as a cool 'Where are they now' project ([Membership and Involvement Committee](#)), the website working group ([Research Activities Committee](#)) and the Antarctica Day celebration ([Education and Outreach Committee](#)) taking place this winter in cooperation with [Polar Educators International \(PEI\)](#) and [Our Spaces](#).

As we now approach the final leg of this council term, we appreciate the effort from Council for successfully strengthening international ties, working group, and national committees. Click here for the full [council term report summary](#).

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### APECS REPRESENTATIVES IN ARCTIC FRONTIERS 2015 SCIENCE COMMITTEES



APECS has been working again this year together with our partner Arctic Frontiers on creating opportunities for early career researchers at the upcoming [Arctic Frontiers 2015 "Climate and Energy" conference](#) in

Tromsø from **18 - 23 January 2015**. We are happy to announce our three representatives for the science committees for the conference:

**Dr. Inga May** (Alfred Wegener Institute, Germany) for Part 1: Arctic climate change - global implications

After working as the Executive Director for the International Permafrost Association, Dr. May now works as a research assistant at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research. In addition, Dr. May works on the EU project Page 21 that deals with the consequences of climate change in Arctic regions.

**Ms. Mar Fernandez Mendez** (Alfred Wegener Institute, Germany) for Part 2: Ecological winners and losers in future Arctic marine ecosystems

Ms. Mendez is approaching the end of her PhD program at the Alfred

## FROM THE PRESIDENT PARTNER NEWS

### EARLY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES DURING ARCTIC FRONTIERS 2015



There are some great opportunities for early career researchers planning on attending [Arctic Frontiers 2015](#) in Tromsø, Norway from **18 - 23 January 2015**:

1) Continued success of the conference is dependent upon a devoted team of volunteers. If you are interested in this exclusive opportunity, please send an email to the [Arctic Frontiers Secretariat](#) with a short description of yourself and your background. Please include a description of your technical and language skills as well as any relevant experience you might have.

2) The [ARCTOS network](#) is organizing a workshop for PhD students at Arctic Frontiers (BIO-8516). Students participating in this workshop will be required to attend the entire conference, give a presentation (oral or poster), and then travel to Lofoten for a 5-day seminar. In the seminar, workshop participants will receive training for writing grant proposals. Travel and conference funding is available for workshop participants. For more information on the workshop, click [here](#).

3) APECS contributes to the development of the Young Scientists Forum. Information on our planned activities will be announced in the coming weeks.

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### ARCTIC FRONTIERS 2015 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



The [9th Arctic Frontiers conference](#) will be held in Tromsø, Norway, with the title: Climate and Energy, from **Sunday, 18 January to Friday 23, January 2015**. The Arctic

Frontiers conference is a central arena for discussions of Arctic issues. The conference brings together representatives from science, politics, and civil society to share perspectives on how upcoming challenges in the Arctic may be addressed to ensure sustainable development. Arctic Frontiers is composed of a policy section and a scientific section.

Arctic Frontiers has published its [September Newsletter](#) with important information for all of you that are planning on attending the conference.

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### PHOTO CALL FOR IASC YEARBOOK AND CALENDAR

Ms. Mendez is approaching the end of her PhD program at the Alfred Wegener Institute trying to understand the biological carbon cycle in the rapidly changing Arctic Ocean. Her long-term aim is to be able to predict how primary production in the Arctic will change due to global warming.



**Ms. Coco Smits** (Royal Haskoning DHV, the Netherlands) for Part 3: The Arctic's role in the global energy supply and security

Ms. Smits is currently working as an environmental & social policy consultant for the international engineering consultancy firm Royal HaskoningDHV. Her work is focussed on the interaction between societies and the environment. Ms. Smits is interested in how developments in the Arctic fit in the global resource picture.

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## SCIENTIFIC JOURNEY: BRAZIL AND THE ANTARCTIC TREATY



In concert with the **XXXVII Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ACTM)** in Brasilia, Brazil, from **28 April - 7 May, 2014**, **APECS-Brasil** organized the Scientific Journey: Brazil and the Antarctic Treaty. This program was designed to promote awareness and discussions in Brazilian schools and communities about the global importance of Antarctica. Support was provided by the **Programa de Mentalidade Marítima (PROMAR)** of **Secretariat of the Inter-Ministerial Commission for the Resources of the Sea (SECIRM)**. Over 3000 students and 60 professors and researchers from all over Brazil were involved in activities including conferences, workshops, and readings. More information about the event can be found at this [Facebook page](#).

The ACTM is an annual event and was a product of the Antarctic Treaty of 1 December, 1959 and the International Geophysical Year (IGY) of 1957-1958. The Treaty aims to ensure the peaceful use of Antarctica would be used for peaceful purposes only, and promote international cooperation and scientific investigation.

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## APECS REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SCAR HORIZON

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The **International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)** is looking for photographs to include in yearbook and other publications (e.g., website, brochures, and calendars). IASC welcomes images depicting anything related to Arctic science (e.g., scientists in the field, animals, landscapes, everyday life, etc.). While IASC cannot pay for copyright, they will provide appropriate credit to the photographer and his/her institution.

Submitted photos must have dimensions of at least 3500 x 2500 pixels. In addition, photo submissions must include a short description of the photograph, the location of the photograph, and the name of the photographer and institution, and his/her contact information. Photographs may be sent to [Ms. Mare Pit](#).

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## IASC PROGRESS NEWSLETTER



The International Arctic Science Committee has published its latest **IASC Progress newsletter**. This special fall issue is dedicated to the **3rd International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP III)** and includes: 1) short summaries of ICARP III events that occurred during the last few months; 2) an outlook on upcoming activities; 3) the perspectives of new ICARP III partner organizations, and 4) an introduction to the forward-looking Horizon Scan conducted by the **Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)**. We hope you will enjoy the reading. For more information on ICARP III, please visit the [website](#). The final ICARP III Conference will take place from **27-30 April, 2015** in Toyama, Japan. More details are available at the Arctic Science Summit Week 2015 [website](#).

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## CAFF PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



The Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Secretariat, in celebration of the **Arctic Biodiversity Congress** and in cooperation with **sponsors**, invite you to participate in the **Arctic Biodiversity "Through the Lens" photography competition**.

One grand **prize** winner will receive a trip to the beautiful **Ilulissat Icefjord**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Selected images will be displayed at the **Arctic Biodiversity Congress** from **2-4 December, 2014** in Trondheim, Norway, and be exhibited across Arctic countries. The competition welcomes entries across four categories: landscape, biodiversity,

## APECS REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SCAR HORIZON SCAN MEETING, APRIL 2014



Four early career scientists participated in the **Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)** Horizon Scan Retreat, held in Queenstown, New Zealand from **20-23 April, 2014**. Since the retreat was on invitation only, it was a great honour for the four of us to attend this event where several world's leading Antarctic scientists and policy-makers gathered. Fifty-five scientists from 24 countries convened for this Antarctic and

Southern Ocean Horizon Scan initiative, with as aim to identify the most important scientific questions that should be addressed by Antarctic research over the next two decades. From over 800 questions, 80 questions were retained and developed during the three days of the retreat. All attendees actively participated in voting sessions and discussions.



The four early career scientists present were: **Charlotte Havermans** (Belgium), **Erli Costa** (Brazil; APECS council member and APECS-Brazil president), **Polina Morozova** (Russia), and **Xichen Li** (United States). It is important to mention also the participation of **Jenny Baeseman** (Norway), the founding Director of APECS and **José Carlos Caetano Xavier** (Portugal, United Kingdom), leader of APECS-Portugal, showing the importance of APECS in the training of leaders in polar science.

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peoples of the North and business and science in the Arctic. Young photographers are especially welcome to submit and the competition has special prizes for young photographers under the age of 18 and 14. Award-winning photographers **Carsten Egevang**, **Paul Nicklen**, **Einar Gudmann**, **Cristina Mittermeier** and **Lawrence Hislop** will judge winning entries.

For more information, please visit the CAFF International Secretariat, or contact them by [e-mail](#).

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## SURVEY ON PERMAFROST RESEARCH PRIORITIES: HOW YOU CAN HELP



The **International Permafrost Association (IPA)** and the **Climate and Cryosphere project (CliC)** are seeking your input. We invite you to participate in a survey on **'Permafrost Research'** identifying the top priorities which aims to identify the top priorities in permafrost research. The

process will span much of 2014 engaging the research community and will result in a short publication listing and putting into context research priorities. The document shall become the benchmark against which permafrost research should be gauged starting in 2015. The final document of priorities will be sent to national and international funding organizations, policy makers, and others with interests in supporting permafrost research. It will form one of the outputs of the **International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP III)**. It's only with the generous help of individuals like you that our overview of global permafrost research priorities can be successful.

Questions can be directed to **Karina Schollaen**, Executive Director of the IPA, or **Jenny Baeseman**, Director of CliC.gencies, international

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## SIX PRIORITIES FOR ANTARCTIC SCIENCE

The official outcomes of the 1st SCAR Antarctic and Southern Ocean Science Horizon Scan were published online today as a COMMENT in Nature (512, 23–25; 2014) entitled "Six priorities for Antarctic science." In April 2014, the **Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)** convened 75 scientists and policy-makers from 22 countries to agree on the priorities for Antarctic research for the next two decades and beyond. This is the first time the international Antarctic community has formulated a collective vision through discussions, debate and voting. The Horizon Scan narrowed a list of hundreds of scientific questions to the 80 most pressing ones.



APECS was happy to participate in the inaugural **Canadian High Arctic Research Station (CHARS)** management committee meeting at the end of April 2014 with Jennifer Provencher representing APECS Canada as the current chair of the APECS Canada board. The CHARS management committee consists of representatives from northern stakeholders including aboriginal groups, territorial governments, federal departments working in the north, industry, and APECS. The meeting laid out both the long term and short term (2014-2019) objectives for CHARS. Considerable discussion centered around these objectives with many groups feeling that the short term objectives need to be expanded in order to better reflect the priorities identified during the consultation process, specifically around healthy communities. Two task forces were set up by the committee to move projects along. One task force will be reviewing and approving the work plans for the coming year. A second task force has been established to outline the terms of reference and rules of procedure structures for the large management committee moving forward.

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## FIELDWORK ADVICE AND INSPIRATION AT EGU



During EGU, APECS and PYRN hosted a fieldwork panel discussion. Our four invited speakers (**Andreas Richter**, **John Connelly**, **Marc Oliva** and **Bryn Hubbard**) each gave a short presentation full of tips, anecdotes and inspiration. The following are a selection of vital tips:

- Test all your equipment (in representative conditions) and make necessary adjustments *before* you go.
- Take equipment that can be repaired easily, as well as spare tools and parts.
- Do not rely on other people to supply critical equipment (e.g., generators).
- Budget logistics into funding proposals, as freight is expensive.
- Prioritise your research plan and keep it flexible.
- Maintain an organized field notebook and **back it up** (take a picture of each page).
- Connect to local people and researchers, as the local people know the area best. Read local regulations before you go.

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The questions fall broadly into six scientific priorities

- define the global reach of the Antarctic atmosphere and Southern Ocean;
- understand how, where and why ice sheets lose mass;
- reveal Antarctica's history;
- learn how Antarctic life evolved and survived;
- observe space and the Universe;
- recognize and mitigate human influences.

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## TIM NAISH AWARDED THE 2014 MARTHA T. MUSE PRIZE

The selection committee for the '**Martha T. Muse Prize for Science and Policy in Antarctica**' announces that the 2014 prize has been awarded to Tim Naish. He was awarded the 2014 Muse Prize for his outstanding research in understanding Antarctica's response to past and present climate change and the role of Antarctica's ice sheets in global sea-level change through time. Naish is currently Director of the Antarctic Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington, which continues to develop and has more than trebled its capacity under his direction.



The Martha T. Muse Prize is awarded by the **Tinker Foundation** and administered by the **Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)**. It is presented to an individual in the fields of Antarctic science or policy who has demonstrated potential for sustained and significant contributions that will enhance the understanding and/or preservation of Antarctica.

For more information about Naish and past award recipients, please see the Muse Prize [website](#) or contact [Renuka Badhe](#).

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- Sleep and food are vital.

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## UPCOMING ARCTIC IN RAPID TRANSITION (ART) SCIENCE WORKSHOP



The **Arctic in Rapid Transition** initiative (ART), the official **IASC** network, the **Association of Polar Early Career Scientists** (APECS), and the **European Institute for Marine Studies** (IUEM, France) are organizing the joint workshop **"Integrating spatial and temporal scales in the changing Arctic System: towards future research priorities"** from **21-24 October 2014** in **Plouzané, France**.



This international workshop aims at discussing the integration of spatial and temporal scales to better understand the changing Arctic system as a whole, by including various Arctic research fields: physical oceanography, sea-ice, biogeochemical cycles and ecosystems functioning, marine biodiversity, land-ocean interactions, ocean-atmosphere exchanges and ocean acidification, paleo-reconstruction and biological archives, and social sciences. Results of the workshop will feed into the **ICARP III** (3rd International Conference on Arctic Research Planning) meeting in Toyama, Japan

in April, 2015. The abstract submission and registration submission is currently open, and limited funding will be available for early career scientists. For questions please send an e-mail to [istasworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:istasworkshop@gmail.com).

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## "WHERE DOES YOUR GOOSE TAKE YOU?" PROGRAM LAUNCHED

APECS and Canada Goose are kicking off a partnership by featuring six polar early career researchers from around the globe. APECS received a total of 56 applicants for the 'Where does your goose take you' program. Congratulations to **Lydie Lescarmontie** (Australia), **Marc Oliva** (Spain), **Pierre Dutrieux** (UK), **Pamela Wong** (Canada), **Andrian Vlkakhov** (Russia) and **Emily Stevenson** (USA). Join us in following these Arctic and Antarctic early career researchers!

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### CALL FOR INPUT: ADAPTATION ACTIONS FOR A CHANGING ARCTIC COMMUNITY SURVEY



The **Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic (AACA)**, a project of the Arctic Council's **Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)**, announces a call for input on a community survey about changes in the Beaufort, Bering, and Chukchi Regions. The goal of the AACA project is to determine what actions people

are taking to adapt to the rapid changes that have occurred in the Arctic, how scientific information can help inform decisions, and what information is needed to better respond to these changes in the Arctic. These include changes in climate, changes in economy, changes in access, and changes anticipated in the next 20 and 70 years. The survey also solicits information about ideas or actions already implemented and what information stakeholders need for decision-making to prepare for the changes coming in the future.

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## ARCTIC FRONTIERS 2015 - CALL FOR PAPERS



The **Arctic Frontiers 2015: Climate and Energy conference** will be held in **Tromsø, Norway** from **18 - 23 January, 2015**. This conference serves as a central arena for discussions of Arctic issues and will bring

together representatives from science, politics, and civil society to share perspectives on how upcoming challenges in the Arctic may be addressed to ensure sustainable development. Arctic Frontiers is composed of a policy section and a scientific section. The conference will address three main themes:

- Arctic climate change – global implications
- Ecological winners and losers in future Arctic marine ecosystems
- The Arctic's role in the global energy supply and security.

The Scientific Program Committees invites interested individuals to submit one or more abstracts (for oral or poster presentation) to any of the three themes for the science section of the conference from **21 - 23 January, 2015**. All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the three scientific committees for rating of abstract quality and presentation content. The Call for Papers period ends on **22 September 2014**. For the full call for abstracts and to submit your abstract, click [here](#).

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## APECS FINLAND SAUNA DURING ASSW 2014

The **Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW)** took place in Helsinki from 5-11th of April 2014. As part of that conference, APECS organized a **workshop on 7 - 8 April** on the interaction between scientists and indigenous people in the Arctic. The APECS Finland National Committee, organized a social event for workshop in cooperation with the ASSW and Geysire, participants, mentors, and other interested ASSW participants for the evening of 7 April. Participants could visit a sauna, listen to music, and socialize over refreshments and snacks.



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## POLAR NEWS

### ARCTIC OBSERVING ASSESSMENT

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SUSTAINING ARCTIC  
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The **Arctic Observing Assessment (AOA)** is being conducted to support the U.S. **Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC)** and the international Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) objectives for observing coordination and data interoperability. Details about the assessment, its relationship to IARPC and SAON, including FAQ's, are available on the **ArcticHub** under the Arctic Observing Assessment header. In this first step of the assessment, we are

building a list of Arctic societal priorities that will help scope the effort. Your input is needed to help identify Societally Significant Information and Products (SSIPs) to assess the capacity of observational networks in the

Arctic. There are two methods for submitting Arctic societal priorities to this

## FROM THE PRESIDENT NEW AMAP REPORT SUMMARY - ARCTIC OCEAN ACIDIFICATION



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The Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) has released a new **report on Arctic Ocean Acidification (AOA)**. This new report is a summary of the scientific/technical information presented in the comprehensive AMAP AOA published in 2013. To download the new AMAP summary aimed at the general public and the AMAP scientific reports aimed at the scientific and research community, please click [here](#). To download additional AMAP technical reports, please click [here](#). To view AMAP films and video productions, please click [here](#). For more information, please contact the **AMAP Secretariat**.

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## NEW CANADIAN POLAR COMMISSION REPORT FOCUSES ON KNOWLEDGE PRIORITIES OF NORTHERNERS



Canadian Polar Commission  
Commission canadienne des affaires polaires

The **Canadian Polar Commission** has released a wide-ranging new report on the state of northern knowledge in Canada that analyses the significant gains made since the beginning of International Polar Year 2007 with a view to determining today's high-level research opportunities. The report was produced under its mandate to monitor and report to Canadians on the state of knowledge of the polar regions, and was released in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, on **25 April, 2014**. Be sure to check out the report [here](#).

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## IASC BULLETIN 2014 NOW AVAILABLE

Each year the **International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)** reports on its activities and highlights international Arctic science initiatives in its Bulletin. The 2014 Bulletin is now available for download on the IASC website. For a digital copy, click [here](#). APECS contributed an update to the 2014 IASC Bulletin which can be found in chapter 9 "Capacity

Building" on page 94.



Arctic. There are two methods for submitting Arctic societal priorities to this effort via an [anonymous online web form](#) or via [e-mail](#). Online and e-mail submissions will be compiled into one list. Additional priorities will be sourced from available Arctic vision, strategy, and priority documents and reports.

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## CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ARCTIC-FROST



The new **US National Science Foundation (NSF)**-funded Research Coordination Network (RCN) - Sustainability Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (SEES) network, entitled "**Arctic-FROST: Arctic Frontiers Of SusTainability: Resources, Societies, Environments, and Development in the Changing North**" announces a call for membership. Arctic-FROST is an international interdisciplinary collaborative network and platform for research exchange, developing interdisciplinary synthesis, and international research about Arctic and sub-Arctic sustainability. The network teams together environmental and social scientists, local educators, and community members to enable and mobilize research on sustainable Arctic development. For further information and to register, click [here](#). For questions, contact [Andrey Petrov](#).

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## NEW WEB-DOCUMENTARY SERIES PROFILES RESEARCHERS WORKING IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC



**Profiles from the Arctic**, a web documentary series about research in the Canadian high Arctic, was released on **1 April, 2014**. It is currently being distributed over a period of several months as a set of 25 profiles. This series will bring life to science and field stories from the Arctic, as well as highlighting the importance of conducting research in this

challenging environment. The series will feature interviews conducted with prominent scientists, students, and staff who work around Resolute Bay's Polar Continental Shelf Program (PCSP). New profiles will be released regularly, in which the audience can engage with audio clips, short videos, and photographs.

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