



APECS APRIL 2009 Newsletter

"...follow Your heart, do what You love to do, that's a formula for success in polar research" – Martin Bergmann (APECS mentor) – APECS workshop, Bergen 23.03.2009

Welcome to the latest edition of APECS Newsletter. I'm starting this month's edition with a short comment on the Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) in Bergen. First of all, I would like to thank all APECS members for participating in our short workshop. Thanks also to Martin Bergmann, Odd Rogne and Nick Owens, our mentors, who answered many of our difficult questions and encouraged us to pursue our careers as a polar researcher with passion and dedication. The 10th Arctic Science Summit Week provided also an opportunity to meet leading scientists and participate in eight scientific sessions, which summed up the latest findings in Arctic science and discussed plans for future research projects. The second part of summit consisted of management and business meetings. One of the most important events was the announcement of the new structure of the International Arctic Science Committee, which aims to become more integrative and facilitate international consultation and cooperation in all aspects of Arctic research. We hope that our further cooperation with IASC will be even better than so far. Anyway, let's move on to the APECS news of the month - there are plenty new items to explore this month.

- Matt Strzelecki, APECS Vice-President

P.S. In the name of APECS ExCom and Directorate I wish you a Happy Easter.

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- Welcome to Angelika Renner, new Council Member

We had a great new Council member joining our group to help connect us with the exciting things that are happening with the UK Polar Network, the UK APECS group:

Angelika Renner - PhD Student at BAS and the University of East Anglia –
Welcome, Geli !!! It is great to have you as part of our team!

- Amazing Opportunity from SCAR to review Antarctic Climate Change Review

SCAR asked us if we were interested in reviewing the very important Antarctic Climate Change and the Environment (ACCE) Review that SCAR is putting together. This is a great opportunity for APECS to participate in a large international effort dealing with the Antarctic. If any of you are interested in providing comments to one or more chapters, please let Jenny know as soon as possible. As Jenny said, it would be great to have a team of APECS members helping to review this document. We need to submit comments from APECS by April 30th, so the review period is quite short, but manageable for such a great opportunity. For more information contact

APECSinfo@gmail.com

- Council Call Schedule Announced

As you know, the APECS Executive Committee has initiated monthly Conference calls as a way to keep everyone better connected, share new ideas, better connect with the advisory committee, national committees, and get to know each other. These calls are open to all members interested in what is going on and how to get more involved.

Tuesday, 7 April, 1900 GMT - Chaired by APECS Vice-President Ben Beall

Monday, 11 May, 2000 GMT - Chaired by APECS Vice-President Matt Strzelecki

Thursday, 11 June, 1900 GMT - Chaired by APECS President Daniela Haase

Tuesday, 14 July, 2000 GMT - Chaired by APECS Vice-President Liz Thomas

Tuesday, 11 August, 1900 GMT - Chaired by APECS Vice-President Ben Beall

Thursday, 17 September, 1900 GMT - Chaired by APECS Director Jenny Baeseman

- Meet the Applicants for the 2009-2010 APECS Executive Committee

Monday, 12 October, 1800 GMT - Chaired by APECS Director Jenny Baeseman

- Results of the ExCom Elections and initial ideas for 2009-2010

If you would like to join one of these calls, just let us know at APECSinfo@gmail.com

Message from the Director - The Fram Museum and IPY Norway

Hi All,

I have been really enjoying my experiences in Norway these past few months. One of the highlights was the IPY Celebration event for Norway held at the Fram Museum in early March. It was exciting to hear about all the great IPY projects that are happening here in Norway and the amazing results that are being produced. Norway is actively recruiting young researchers and have a number of job opportunities, as well as research collaboration potentials. For more information on these projects, visit <http://www.polaryear.no/seksjoner/english>.

The venue for the IPY event was the Fram Museum in Oslo. The Fram was the strongest vessel in the world, and the one sea-going vessel that has been the farthest both to the north and the south. Inside the museum you will be able to walk onboard the fully restored ship and take your mind back in time to the early days of Polar Exploration. In addition to the Fram, the museum tells the story of the Norwegian polar expeditions, who also represent international history in the field of polar exploration: Nansen's journey across the Polar ocean and his attempt to go to the North Pole, Sverdrup's expedition to Greenland, a voyage where more than 200 000 square kilometers of uncharted land was discovered, and Amundsens journey to the South Pole, the discovery of the Northwest Passage and his attempt to reach the North Pole by plane and airship. For more information on the Fram and the great explorers from the Heoric age, visit the museum website: <http://www.fram.museum.no/en/>.

I know that a number of you will be traveling through Tromsø on your way to Svalbard for research or field schools this summer. I would be happy to meet with you on your way through Tromsø and show you the great city in which I live. Feel free to contact me anytime for a personal tour!

Happy Spring/Fall :)

Message of appreciation form Rhian Salmon, IPY Education and Outreach Coordinator

Dear APECS Council,

At the the end of this week I will be leaving the IPY International Programme Office (IPO), but the work of the office will continue at least through the major IPY Conference in Oslo, June 8-12th 2010.

I just wanted to say a great big THANKS to all of you who have made APECS come into existence over the past few years... from the folks who started the IYSC in 2005 (?!).. to those in Sweden who established APECS in 2007, to the newer members who are most active now and will take it onwards through conferences in 2010 and 2012.... this has without a doubt been one of the greatest successes and highlights of IPY, and is an organisation that I'm incredibly proud to be a part of.

Cheers to you all,

Rhian

Important News from APECS Partners

- The Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research (SCAR) is announcing the launch of its 2009-10 Fellowship Programme Deadline for submissions is the 15th of May.

News Item: <http://www.scar.org/news/scarbusiness/>

Further details: <http://www.scar.org/awards/fellowships/>

- Proceedings from the 5th NRF Open Assembly, Anchorage, Alaska “Seeking Balance in a Changing North” Launched on the NRF website. The proceedings include 44 papers written by panelists, Young Researchers, Position Papers authors and other contributors. Furthermore, special rapporteur presentations were prepared by the Young Researchers from each session and discussion group of the Open Assembly.

The NRF encourages you to go online and study the proceedings articles, which are affiliated to the topics of the 5th NRF Open Assembly in Anchorage, Alaska in September 2008. The titles of the plenary sessions were the following: The Future of Northern Cooperation, The Accessible Arctic in the Global Economy and Leadership in the Age of Uncertainty. Apart from the plenary sessions, the program also consisted of open discussion in breakout sessions, special roundtable discussions about the Arctic Council and multilateral cooperation, theme project group discussions and one project session as well as Young Researchers rapporteur presentations.

The presentations are available on the NRF website www.nrf.is. A direct link to the 5th NRF Open Assembly Proceedings Papers is <http://www.nrf.is/index.php/publications/seeking-balance-in-a-changing-north>

Upcoming Meetings, Workshops, and Conferences

For all meetings related to polar research, visit the APECS run site: <http://polarmetings.blogspot.com/>

- European Geosciences Union – Vienna, Austria, April 2009
If anyone is attending this meeting, please email APECSinfo@gmail.com so we can plan some activities.
- American Meteorological Society's 10th Polar Conference on Meteorology and Oceanography – Madison, WI, May 2009
APECS Contact: Ryan Fogt ryan.fogt@gmail.com
- NZ Annual Antarctic Conference – Auckland, New Zealand, July 2009
APECS Contact: Daniela Haase, Daniela.hasse@canterbury.ac.nz
- 14th International Congress on Circumpolar Health – Yellowknife, Canada, July 2009
If anyone is attending this meeting, please email APECSinfo@gmail.com so we can plan some activities.
- MOCA-09 - IAMAS, IAPSO and IACS Joint Assembly – Montreal, Canada, July 2009
APECS Contact: Alexandra Jahn, Alexandra.jahn@mail.mcgill.ca
- First World Young Earth Scientists (YES) Congress – Beijing, China, October 2009
APECS Contacts: Ivan Sudakov and Penny Wegner, Ivan.sudakov@gmail.com and peneolopewagner@yahoo.com
- Antarctic Treaty Summit: Science-Policy Interactions in International Governance – Washington, DC, USA, November 2009
APECS Contact: Jason Davis, bigjmdavis@gmail.com
- ArcticNet Annual Science Meeting –, December 2009
If anyone is attending this meeting, please email APECSinfo@gmail.com so we can plan some activities.
- American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting – San Francisco, USA, December 2009
If anyone is attending this meeting, please email APECSinfo@gmail.com so we can plan some activities.

International Polar Field School in Svalbard: An Interdisciplinary Experience in Polar Studies

Dates: June 15- July 3, 2009

Location: University Centre on Svalbard, Svalbard, Norway

Website: <http://arcticportal.org/apecs/svalbard2009>

Application deadline: 27 March 2009

**Open to late undergraduate and masters students for a three week field course in beautiful Svalbard.

**Please advertise this event widely amongst colleagues and peers.

UK Polar Network Atmosphere and Modelling Skills Workshop

A practical skills workshop for anyone interested in atmospheric sciences or climate modelling

Dates: April 29th – May 1st, 2009

Location: British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, UK

Website: http://www.polarnetwork.org/new/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=68&Itemid=71

First World Young Earth-Scientists (YES) Congress 2009

Dates: October 25-28th, 2009

Location: China University of Geosciences in Beijing, China.

Website: <http://www.yescongress2009.org/>

The Young Earth Scientists for Society (YES) network, an association of earth scientists under the age of 35 years representing geological societies from around the world, in collaboration with the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE), is organising a world congress for young earth scientists, policy makers, advisors and decision makers.

The conference will discuss global climate, environmental and geological challenges facing today's society, and to establish an interdisciplinary global network of individuals committed to solving these challenges. The YES Congress will be held at the China University of Geosciences, in Beijing, China from October 25-28, 2009. Abstracts for contributed oral presentations, poster presentations, and roundtable symposia will be accepted until March 30, 2009. For more information visit <http://www.yescongress2009.org/>

The 20th International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference & Exhibition

Beijing, China, June 20-25 2010

Call for Papers I ISOPE 2009 I www.isopec.org

Abstract Submission: October 20, 2009

Manuscript for review: January 20, 2010

Final manuscript due: March 24, 2010

Jobs/Opportunities

-4000 Euro prize to a young scientist working on Marine Organisms

The Cosmetics Company DANIEL JOUVANCE MARINE BIOLOGY LABORATORIES is awarding a prize of 4000 € to a young scientist working in fundamental or applied aspects of marine biology, marine chemistry, marine biotechnology or oceanography.

The topic for the 2009 prize is Marine unicellular organisms and viruses : role in ecosystems. Applicants (less than 30 years old) should send before May 10 /2009

- A Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum)

- a short but consistent and fully explicative abstract of the scientific work (4 pages maximum)

- a copy of the title page of published papers and thesis.

To Daniel Jouvance Scientific Committee c/o Prof. Y. LEGAL Station de Biologie Marine du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle CONCARNEAU France

The documents will be sent exclusively by E-mail y.legal2@orange.fr

- Green Talents - The International Forum für High Potentials in Green Technologies

In February 2009, the German Federal Ministry of Research and Education has launched an initiative to invite talented young researchers from throughout the world to visit the leading environmental technology location Germany. The 'Green Talents' competition under the patronage of Research Minister Dr. Annette Schavan addresses excellent young researchers and engineering scientists in the field of environmental technologies to apply for participation in the 'International Forum for High Potentials in Green Technologies'. The International Forum will take place in August/September 2009. For one week, the selected participants will travel through Germany, visit leading universities, research institutes and companies, gather specific information about research activities on site and learn about the possibilities of cooperating with German partners. Individual meetings with experts and the presentation of their own research will be part of the forum - as well as a cultural program and a meeting with Minister Dr. Annette Schavan as a special highlight.

Further information on the competition and an application guideline are provided on the 'Green Talents' website

<http://www.research-in-germany.de/greentalents>

Postdoc - Modeling of ecosystem services (PCN NUMBER: 921385 Job 09-38) - Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks (USA) - For more information, please contact Terry Chapin at terry.chapin@uaf.edu

Conservator - The Scott Polar Research Institute seeks a qualified and experienced Conservator for its Polar Museum. For more information and a PD17 application form, please see www.spri.cam.ac.uk. Dead line : 24.04.2009

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Quaternary Geology and Paleoclimatology - at Department of Geological Sciences, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, Vacancy No: A085-09J

Closing Date: 5 June 2009

For more information see www.geol.canterbury.ac.nz. Enquiries of an academic nature may be made to Professor Jamie Shulmeister, Acting Head of Department, at james.shulmeister@canterbury.ac.nz.

Post-Doc in the Marine Geophysics working group – The Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research(AWI), in Bremerhaven, invites applications for a position as Post-Doc in the marine Geophysics, if you request more info, please contact Dr. Gabriele Uenzelmann-Neben Gabriele.Uenzelmann-Neben@awi.de, Applications, including the usual documents, by April 30th 2009 under reference number 15/Geo to: Alfred-Wegener-Institut for Polar- and Marine Research, Personal Department, Postfach 12 01 61, 27515 Bremerhaven.

Lots of new job opportunities at the Norwegian Polar Institute in Tromsø now!

Norsk: <http://npweb.npolar.no/tema/ledigstilling>

English: http://npweb.npolar.no/english/subjects/open_positions

Mobility Program for foreign Ph.D students and young researchers (IS-MOBILE)

Deadline : 22 April 2009

For more information, visit <http://www.forskningsradet.no/no/Utlysning/ISMOBIL/1231248282195?kilde=n>

If you are not familiar with Norwegian, Google Translate works wonders

Summer Institute for Norwegian Undergrad Students in the Sciences

The application deadline is April 14, 2009. For more information please see www.fulbright.no

Please take a look also at <http://www.earthworks-jobs.com/index.shtml> - probably the biggest job portal for earth sciences!

Reminders

Looking for Arctic and/or Antarctic field experience? Check out the APECS Field School Network

A total of eight field schools taking place during 2009 have been connected through their focus on polar research under the APECS field school network. Connecting the field schools will enhance information exchange between participants from a variety of disciplines and levels of experience. The complete list with links to individual schools can be found on our website <http://arcticportal.org/apecs/field-schools/2009>.

If you know of other field schools that are occurring, please contact Harry Borlase, APECS Field School Network Coordinator at ha080004@unak.is.