Humansities and Social Sciences EG & History EG

Annual Report (2016)
Focus & Objectives

• Scholarly contribution to Antarctic research in the humanities & social sciences (HASS)
• Growth of community of Antarctic HASS scholars, & facilitation of exchange within this community
• Fostering of collaborations within SCAR between HASS disciplines & the physical & biological sciences
Executive Committee

- Literature; Cultural History (Elizabeth Leane)
- Cultural/Media Studies; Anthropology (Juan Francisco Salazar)
- Anthropology (Jessica O'Reilly)
- Governance and Policy (Alan Hemmings)
- Geopolitics (Sanjay Chaturvedi)
- Human Geography (Daniela Liggett)
- Literary/Cultural Studies & ECR (Hanne Nielsen)
- Law (Akiho Shibata)
- Psychology (Gary Steel)

History EG (Cornelia Lüdecke)
Past activities

Joint conference in Fort Collins, Colorado (20-23 May 2015):
“Antarctic Wilderness: Perspectives from History, the Humanities and the Social Sciences”

80 attendees (15 countries)
37 oral presentations
Past activities

2010 – Social Sciences Action Group formed

2011 – Values Workshop (Christchurch, NZ)

2013 – Joint Conference with History EG (Cambridge, UK)

2014 – HASSEG became an Expert Group

2015 – Joint Conference with History EG (Colorado, USA)

2017 – Upcoming Joint Humanities, Social Sciences and History Conference

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Future plans (Highlights)

• Preparation of joint conference (with SCAR History EG) in Hobart, Tasmania, in June 2017

• Exploration of linkages and collaborative efforts (e.g. IASSA, IPHC, WMO’s PPP/YOPP)
Possible research foci

- Science communication
- History of polar science
- Popular framing of Antarctic issues
- Heritage
- Antarctic socio-ecological systems
- Tourism
- Impact of the Horizon Scan
Recommendations

• Formation of a *Humanities and Social Sciences* SSG

• Continued support for the work of HASSEG and the History EG