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Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Group (HASSEG)

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Summary of activities and other important matters from 2016-18 -

HASSEG membership stands at over 200, about half have detailed profiles on our website. Our main activities are sessions at the SCAR OSC, and in alternate years a biennial conferences, held jointly with the History EG. We held our third and largest biennial conference in mid-2017. We built connections with our Arctic counterparts, in particular the IASC Social and Human Working Group (one of our Executive Committee members attended a meeting of this group in early 2018, and we are organizing a session at POLAR2018 with them). Our Executive Committee has extended to include Cristian Lorenzo (CONICET and National University of Tierra Del Fuego), in recognition of our strong South American membership. Cristian will be convening the next HASSEG biennial conference in 2019. The Committee holds meetings via Skype several times a year, as well as the business meetings at our conferences and sessions which all members can attend (over 50 attendees in 2017). We have a strong online and social media presence through our website, our email communications, Facebook and Twitter. We continue to have a strong working relationship with the History EG.

Recommendations - Together with the SCAR History Expert Group a Humanities and Social Sciences Group is proposed. We will be submitting Action Group proposals along with our main proposal for a Humanities and Social Sciences Group, as well as an SRP Planning Group proposal (jointly with other groups). We also request permission to carry over funds from 2018 to 2019 to ensure sufficient funding for our 2019 Biennial Conference in Argentina.

Summary Budget 2017 to 2020

	2017	2018	2019	2020
	Spent	Allocated	Request	Request
(US\$)	5,509	4,000	4,000	4,000



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Progress and Plans

Major Outcomes/Activities

The major activity for the 2016-2018 period was the HASSEG Biennial Conference, held jointly with the History EG, 5-7 July 2017, at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia. The conference, which had the theme “Depths and Surfaces: Understanding the Antarctic Region through the Humanities and Social Sciences”, attracted 98 attendees, 47 of whom were from overseas (all populated continents were represented). The conference had several associated events, including an art exhibition, a workshop on “Incorporating the Humanities into Large Polar Research Projects,” led by European Polar Board Secretary Renuka Badhe, an APECS workshop, a public panel on Antarctic Gateways, and several tours of local Antarctic heritage sites and museums. The conference received significant media coverage, detailed below.

Conference delegates were invited to submit expanded, revised papers for consideration for publications, of which there are two: a special issue of *The Polar Journal* Vol. 8, Issue 1 (June 2018), edited by Hanne Nielsen and Carolyn Philpott, and a collection of essays entitled *Anthropocene Antarctica*, edited by Elizabeth Leane and Jeffrey McGee, published with Routledge in their “Environmental Humanities” series (2019). The biennial conference is important for bringing together the scholarly community of Antarctic humanities scholars and social scientists at a time when the field is expanding rapidly.

In years when the HASSEG conference is not held, we organize sessions at SCAR Open Science conferences. At POLAR 2018, we will be holding a session entitled “Polar Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Approaches and Challenges,” on Saturday, 23 June 2018. There are 8 other sessions being held under “Humanities and Social Sciences,” indicating the numbers of researchers involved. We are also holding a HASSEG/History EG Business meeting on 18 June 2018.

Cash Flow				
	Allocation	Amount spent		
		2016	2017	2018
HASSEG (2016)	\$4000	\$795*		
HASSEG (2017)	\$4000		5,509.44	
HASSEG (2018)	\$4000			1,500*

* The remaining USD 3,205 were carried forward into 2017. ** We request that all remaining funds from 2018 be carried over into 2019 as we will need the funds in support of our large biennial conference, which will take place again in 2019.

Notable Papers

1. **Roberts, P., Howkins, H, and Van der Watt, L-M. (2016). *Antarctica and the Humanities*. London: Palgrave MacMillan.** - This landmark collection is the first book to make the case for the relevance of the humanities to Antarctica. Two of



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the three editors and four of the contributors are active HASSEG members (with detailed profiles on our website).

2. **Dodds, K., Hemmings, A.D., and Roberts, P. (2017). *Handbook on the Politics of Antarctica*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar** - A comprehensive overview of scholarship on Antarctic politics, drawn from over forty experts in a wide range of humanities and social science disciplines. All three editors and about a third of the contributors are active HASSEG members.
3. **Liggett, D., Frame, B., Gilbert, N., & Morgan, F. (2017). *Is it all going south? Four future scenarios for Antarctica*. *Polar Record*, 53(5), 459-478** - A well-received paper that outlines four potential scenarios of what challenges Antarctic researchers and policy makers will face by 2040. This paper ventures into unknown territories and discusses the future of human engagement with the Antarctic in relation to anticipated global developments.

Forthcoming Activities

Our major future initiatives are as follows:

- June 2018: Propose new Humanities and Social Sciences Group at Delegates Meeting at POLAR2018, which would merge the existing HASS and History EGs. This includes Action Groups and collaboration with other science Groups on an SRP.
- June 2018: HASSEG session and business meeting at POLAR2018
- Present – December 2018 edit Routledge collection from 2017 HASSEG Biennial conference
- June 2018-mid-2019: Planning for and organization of the next Humanities and Social Sciences Conference. The exact dates and venue are yet to be confirmed.
- 2019-2020: propose and convene session(s) for SCAR Open Science conference in August 2020.

Budget

Planned use of funds for 2018 to 2020

Year (YYYY)	Purpose/Activity	Amount (in USD)	Contact Name	Contact Email
2020	SCAR OSC conference	2,000	Elizabeth Leane	Elizabeth.leane@utas.edu.au
2019	HASSEG conference	4,600	Cristian Lorenzo	clorenzo@conicet.gov.ar
2018	POLAR2018 conference	1,000	Daniela Liggett	Daniela.liggett@canterbury.ac.nz
Total		7,600		



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Briefly describe what the funds will be used for and the desired results

SCAR OSC in 2020 and POLAR 2018 conference: The funds will be solely used for providing support to early-career researchers and speakers from countries with developing Antarctic programmes to participate in these events.

HASSEG conference: The majority of the funds will be used for travel fellowships for early-career researchers and scholars from countries with developing Antarctic programmes, whose abstracts have been accepted for presentation at the HASSEG conference. The remainder of the funds will be used to support the organisers of the conference to cover some of the costs that no other funding could be obtained for.

Percentage of the budget to be used for support of early career researchers

2018: 90%
2019: 70%
2020: 70%

Percentage of the budget to be used for support of scientists from countries with developing Antarctic programmes

2018: 10%
2019: 10%
2020: 10%

**Please note that some of the money put towards early-career researchers may go to early-career researchers from countries with developing Antarctic programmes. We have not accounted for these researchers twice.*

Linkages

Direct support from outside organisations received for your activities

The University of Tasmania supported the HASSEG conference with \$10000, and another \$5000 to fund the associated art exhibition, workshop and expenses for keynote speaker Prof. Anne Noble. The Tasmanian Polar Network provided \$1500 to fund an icebreaker and exhibition opening.

Videographer Stephen Curtain produced a 20-minute and a 3-minute documentary of the conference, donating three days of his time to attend the event plus editing time. We paid him an honorarium with the conference funds we had remaining after the event, but this was well below industry rates.



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Major collaborations

Within SCAR

- History Expert Group
- Standing Committee on the Antarctic Treaty System (SC-ATS)

Outside SCAR

- Social and Human Working Group International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)
- Polar Prediction Project (PPP) Societal and Economic Research and Applications (SERA) Task Group

Outreach and Capacity Building

- News media: publicity around the HASSEG Biennial conference – the conference and individual speakers attracted considerable media attention, from three local Tasmanian television channels, local and national radio and online media – a media monitoring report, which we can provide on request, gave an estimated total audience of over 300,000.
- Documentaries: A 20-min and 3-min documentary of the biennial conference was produced for the purposes of promotion and record. Both documentaries are available on Vimeo, where together they have received almost 500 views (<https://vimeo.com/237284492>; <https://vimeo.com/229227070>). The 3-min documentary also is on the HASSEG website. <http://antarctica-hasseg.com/biennial-conference-2017/>
- Public events: the biennial conference included 3 events open to the public: the art exhibition, the public forum on gateway cities, and the workshop on integrating HASS disciplines into polar research projects
- APECS workshop: APECS ran a workshop on 4 July 2017 entitled “Communicating Across Borders”, associated with the HASSEG conference and featuring several HASSEG members as facilitators.
- Social media: HASSEG maintains an active Facebook site with nearly 500 ‘likes’, and a Twitter account with about 600 followers, which has posted a total of nearly 1300 tweets
- Website: HASSEG maintains its own website (in addition to the page on the SCAR website) with information about its governance, membership, news and events, conference information, resources and member projects. We regularly receive membership requests from this website.
- Newsletters: HASSEG uses MailChimp to send emails to a 200+ member list about upcoming events and issues of interest
- Building Arctic connections: Our early-career researcher and APECS representative, Hanne Nielsen, attended a meeting of the IASC Social and Human Working Group as part of the Arctic Science Summit Week in Prague, April 2017.
- Member activity: the above are official ‘HASSEG’ activities, but of course individual members are regularly in local, national and international media. We can provide examples on request.



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SCAR Fellowship Reviewers

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Cristian	Lorenzo	clorenzo@conicet.gov.ar	Political Science & International Relations

Membership

Leadership

Role	First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Country	Email	Date Started	Date Term is to End
Co Chair	Elizabeth	Leane	University of Tasmania	Australia	elizabeth.leane@utas.edu.au	Feb 2015	TBC
Co-Chair	Daniela	Liggett		New Zealand	Daniela.liggett@canterbury.ac.nz	Jan 2010	TBC
Ex. Com. Member (<i>ex officio</i>)	Sanjay	Chaturvedi	Panjab University	India	csggiorg@gmail.com	2010	TBC
Ex. Com. Member (<i>ERC/APE CS rep.*</i>)	Hanne	Nielsen	University of Tasmania	New Zealand/Australia	hanne.nielsen@utas.edu.au	2014	TBC
Ex. Com. Member	Jessica	O'Reilly	Indiana University	USA	jloreill@indiana.edu	2014	TBC
Ex. Com. Member	Juan Francisco	Salazar	University of Western Sydney	Australia/Chile	J.Salazar@westernsydney.edu.au	2010	TBC
Ex. Com. Member	Akiho	Shibata	Kobe University	Japan	akihos@kobe-u.ac.jp	2015	TBC

* *Early Career Scientists*

Other members

Our database has 211 members from six continents: 49 from North America, 17 from South America, 10 from Asia, 50 from Europe and the UK, 3 from Africa and 82 from Australasia. The skew towards Australia partly reflects the location of our last conference; with our next conference in South America, we are hoping to improve our numbers there in particular. Of this membership, 90 have detailed profiles on our website. Although our membership database does not record ECR status, as this



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requires frequent updating, responses to ECR funding for our conferences suggest that we have a strong representation from postgraduates and academics a few years out from their PhD.

Requests to the Secretariat

None