



# PYRN Newsletter September/October 2014

Dear PYRN members,

We hope you all have had excellent summers and successful field seasons. PYRN is continuing to reach out to the permafrost community and to expand its activities under the direction of a newly elected executive committee for the period of 2014-2016

(<http://pyrn.arcticportal.org/index.php/en/executive-committee-about/pyrn-excom-2014-2016>). The new executive committee came together at the 4th annual European Conference on Permafrost (EUCOP) in Évora, Portugal in June and has already started planning for its participation in several upcoming meetings.

PYRN is also working to expand its web presence with initiatives such as a fieldwork blog on the PYRN facebook page, as well as broadening the PYRN database of abstracts and these and keeping an up-to-date website with job postings, the newsletter, conference lists and networking opportunities. PYRN would like to invite all members to contribute to our facebook field work blog by submitting a short text and some photos from their field seasons. Also, we are working to build up the PYRN library and members are encouraged to submit their publications to be included here

(<http://pyrn.arcticportal.org/index.php/en/academicpubpublications>).



*The new executive committee in Évora, Portugal in June, 2014.*

## Meetings/Workshops

The PYRN Russia meeting was held this 25th of September in Moscow. This event was dedicated to field expeditions and field work of permafrost researchers (young as well as senior) in 2014. There were many participants who reported about Yamal, Chukotka, Eastern and Western Siberia and the Himalayas.



There will be a PYRN-DACH (Deutschland, Austria, Confoederatio Helvetic) workshop at the AK Permafrost meeting in October, the annual working committee meeting of German, Austrian and Swiss permafrost researchers. This meeting has been held annually since 2008 and this year is organized and hosted by Prof. Michael Krautblatter from the Technische Universität München at Ammersee in Bavaria. A professional half-day PYRN workshop, funded by the IPA, on "10 steps to write and publish a paper" has been organized with 30 to 40 participants.

Also, we are looking forward to seeing PYRN members and participating in a young researcher's workshop at the Arctic Change conference in Ottawa, Canada this December



(<http://www.arcticnetmeetings.ca/ac2014/>). This workshop will be put on by APECS (Association of Polar Early Career Scientists), in collaboration with ASA (ArcticNet Student Association) and ACERA/ADAPT (ADAPT Early Career Researchers Association/Arctic Development and Adaptation to Permafrost in Transition). At Arctic Change there will also be a social event put on by APECS, ASA, PYRN and ADAPT, more details on this as we get closer to the date.

## Announcements

The PYRW (Permafrost young researchers workshop, organized by Page21, ADAPT, APECS and PYRN) workshop report from the EUCOP4 in Évora is now available on the PYRN homepage as well as a small report about the PYRN-IPA awards



([http://pyrn.arcticportal.org/images/activities/2014\\_PYRN\\_report\\_EUCOP\\_evora.pdf](http://pyrn.arcticportal.org/images/activities/2014_PYRN_report_EUCOP_evora.pdf)).

Also, the IASC Progress Newsletter 2014 is available online (<http://www.iasc.info/home/service/news-archive-browser/269-special-progress-newsletter-icarp-iii>). On page 3 there is a section about the PYRN workshop and the EUCOP Townhall meeting-- for further reading consult that newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and participation,

Sincerely,

The PYRN Executive Committee



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