



**Dear PYRN members, welcome to the fall newsletter of our network.**

We hope you had a great field season and, depending on your latitude, are enjoying a golden autumn under falling leaves. Here you can find some announcements of past and coming activities of PYRN!

### **PYRN Membership survey**

We kindly invite you to participate (if you haven't already) in the PYRN membership [survey](#), the first survey since the establishment of our network nearly 10 years ago. It will only take you 10 minutes and it will help us to better meet your needs in the future.

Much appreciated!

## GTN-P Seeks Young National Correspondents!



Here is your chance to get internationally involved in the Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost by coordinating the activity of National Correspondents to feed bore hole and active layer thickness data into the data base.

If you're interested, please send a brief application (1/3 page and a short CV) to the [National Correspondent of your country](#).

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## Recent meetings:

### Joint EGEA-APECS-PYRN-ArcticFROST workshop at IGU-2015 in Moscow

In the framework of the International Geographical Union Congress (IGU-2015), held this August in Moscow, this workshop for young scientists was organized. The format of the workshop was primarily a panel discussion: «The role of young researchers' networks in shaping the future of geographical sciences», organized by EGEA, PYRN, APECS and ArcticFROST. The meeting was chaired by the representatives of these networks: Alexey Maslakov (PYRN), Maria Kolesnikova (EGEA) and Andrey Petrov (ArcticFROST). As an introduction, there were short reports about each organization and following that, a discussion about the role of thematic youth networks in the scientific and cultural life of young researchers.



*Participants at the EGEA workshop in Moscow*

## **PYRN Award for Outstanding Oral Presentations at GeoQuébec**

A PYRN Outstanding Oral Presentation Award was presented to two Carleton University students at the GeoQuébec 2015 meeting.

The award of \$300 CAD was shared by Brendan O’Neill and

Marcus Phillips, who gave excellent presentations entitled “Permafrost Degradation Adjacent to Snow Fences along the Dempster Highway, Peel Plateau, NWT” and “Improving Water Content Description of Ice-rich Permafrost Soils”, respectively. Congratulations!



*Winners Brendan and Marcus of the oral presentation award at GeoQuébec*

## **PYRN Russia meeting #33 in Pushchino, Russia**

On September 28, 2015, in the framework of the International Conference “Permafrost in XXI Century: Basic and Applied Researches” (Pushchino, Moscow region, Russia) the **33rd PYRN Russia** meeting was organized. During this event, a foresight session titled "The role of young researchers in the Arctic investigations" was held where young researchers and senior scientists discussed important for young researchers.

The meeting was attended by about 30 PYRs from different cities in Russia and abroad. The event, sponsored by the International Permafrost Association, turned into an informal way to celebrate PYRN's 10th anniversary.

During the meeting, young scientists tried to implement a unique and productive method of collective visions on the future of permafrost in the Arctic - Rapid Foresight (RF). The result of such an RF was intended to be a roadmap until 2035 however no final conclusions were made. Despite this, all participants acquired the valuable experience of implementing such methods in permafrost science and discussing different issues with each other.



33rd PYRN Russia meeting



Participants in the 33rd PYRN Russia meeting

## Upcoming Events:



### ArcticNet Student Icebreaker, December 7th

PYRN and the ArcticNet Student Association (ASA) will be organizing the [Student Day icebreaker at ArcticNet](#) on 7 December, 2015 in Vancouver, Canada. Everyone is welcome to join!



*United States Permafrost  
Association*

## **USPA Annual meeting at AGU, December 15th**

During the AGU Fall Meeting in December in San Francisco, the United States Permafrost Association (USPA - [uspermafrost.org](http://uspermafrost.org)) will be holding its annual meeting. The USPA invites PYRN members attending the conference to join the USPA annual meeting and social event. If you would like to join, please send an email to Jennifer Frederick ([Jennifer.Frederick@dri.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Frederick@dri.edu)) and George Tanski ([George.Tanski@awi.de](mailto:George.Tanski@awi.de)).

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Dec 15, 7:30-10:30PM at the Thirsty Bear brew pub ([thirstybear.com](http://thirstybear.com)).

Annually, the USPA awards AGU travel grants for U.S.-based graduate students and post-doctorate researchers presenting first-authored, permafrost-related research at AGU. Preference is given to students and post-docs who are both USPA members and PYRN members. The award announcement and application has been posted on the USPA website ([uspermafrost.org](http://uspermafrost.org)) and USPA Facebook page, so check it out! Travel awards will be presented at the USPA annual meeting on Tuesday Dec 15, so stop by and congratulate your fellow PYRN members!

## **Abstract submission and registration for ICOP2016**

We are happy to announce that the abstract submission and registration is now open for [ICOP2016 in Potsdam](#), Germany, 20-24 June, 2016.

The abstract deadline is December 1st, 2015



## **Young Researchers Workshop at ICOP2016**

PYRN is currently busy organizing the Permafrost Young Researchers Workshop together with APECS and young researcher representatives from USPA and ADAPT.



The “**Young Researchers Workshop**” will take place at the XI International Conference on Permafrost (ICOP 2016).

The workshop aims at providing opportunities to young researchers to learn and build interdisciplinary knowledge:

-how to get published in scientific journals (professional trainer)

-practical methods and

-essential soft skills.

For detailed information on the Young Researchers Workshop program, please have a look at the [attached program](#).

The soft skills portion, presenting and sharing knowledge about the Arctic and Antarctic permafrost regions, will be a focus. To achieve this, the participants will enter into dialogue and exchange in thematic break-out sessions.

The application deadline for the workshop is the December 1, 2015. The maximum number of participants is 150. If more applications are submitted, an evaluation of the applications will be done.

Approval will be sent out until February 11, 2016 to successful applicants.





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### ICOP 2016 YOUNG RESEARCHERS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Organisers:



Time	FRIDAY (17/06)	SATURDAY (18/06)	SUNDAY (19/06)	Time
09h00			Key note 1: 'junior' professor's perspective on careers in science and academia	09h00
09h15		How to get published in scientific journals – part 1	Key note 2: 'senior' professor's perspective on careers in science and academia	09h15
09h30			Panel discussion with the 'junior' and 'senior' professors	09h30
10h00			Coffee break	10h00
10h30		Coffee break	Breakout sessions II-1	10h30
11h00			Scientific field work: Planning Arctic expeditions safely and successfully	11h00
11h30		How to get published in scientific journals – part 2	How to prepare for and present at conferences	11h30
12h15			Working outside academia: Perspectives in the private/public sector	12h15
12h30		Panel discussion on "How to get published in journals"	Work-Life-Balance and Self-management	12h30
13h00			Lunch break	13h00
13h15		Lunch break		13h15
13h30			Breakout sessions II-2	13h30
14h00		Breakout sessions I-1	Scientific field work: Planning Arctic expeditions safely and successfully	14h00
14h30		Community-based research	How to prepare for and present at conferences	14h30
15h00		Scientific methods I: Acquiring remote sensing data for your project	Working outside academia: Perspectives in the private/public sector	15h00
15h30		Scientific methods II: Permafrost modelling	Work-Life-Balance and Self-management	15h30
15h45		Scientific methods III: Data Management	Coffee break	15h45
16h15		Coffee break	Key note 3 and panel discussion:	16h15
16h30		Breakout sessions I-2	How to present and communicate your science to the public and media	16h30
17h00		Community-based research	Workshop Wrap up and	17h00
17h30		Scientific methods I: Acquiring remote sensing data for your project	End of workshop	17h30
18h00		Scientific methods II: Permafrost modelling	PYRN General Assembly:	18h00
18h30		Scientific methods III: Data Management	Report of the Executive Committee,	18h30
19h00	Young Researcher's Icebreaker		Introduction of the upcoming PYRN Executive Committee	19h00
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			Conference Icebreaker at the Kongresshotel	

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## Football Tournament at ICOP2016

Besides the usual science, at ICOP2016 there will be an All-Star Football Tournament. Every conference participant- from young to senior scientist or engineer, is warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in this event as an active player or supporter/spectator.

# icop 2016



# all-star football tournament

Hoping to see you at some or all of the upcoming PYRN events at the various meetings this winter and spring.

Thank you for your continued support,

Your PYRN Executive Committee

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