



Dear PYRN members,

In this newsletter you will find some updates on recent PYRN activities as well as information on events to come later this spring.

Hoping you are well and that your preparations for field seasons are going smoothly,

PYRN ExCom

Get involved in the new PYRN ExCom!

A new PYRN executive committee will be elected at ICOP 2016 in Potsdam, Germany.

PYRN seeks a renewal of its current governing bodies - the Executive Committee (ExCom), Executive Council, and National Representatives. The term for the new committee are for two years (2016-2018) and begin following the International Conference on Permafrost 2016 (ICOP2016) in June.

The application deadline is May 1, 2016! If you are interested, please continue

reading below.

With best wishes,

Your current PYRN ExCom

Available positions:

PYRN is led by the Executive Committee, supported by the Council, and several national representatives. The ExCom directs the activities of PYRN. It consists of 12 positions described below. You may apply for particular positions, however you are not required to state the office you are applying for.

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Newsletter-Editor

Treasurer

Web Manager

Representative for the next Permafrost conference after ICOP

PYRN EC member in general

The Council is an advisory panel responsible for providing feedback from PYRN members to the ExCom. No formal positions exist, however council members may support the ExCom by participating in ExCom committees and task groups. A National representative can be any regular PYRN member representing their county. A nation can be represented by several people. All NR are automatically part of the Council.

For more information regarding these positions, you can read the PYRN Constitution and Bylaws.

Application procedure

Please send your application in the form of a motivation letter (max. 300 words) to the current PYRN president and vice-president- George Tanski (George.Tanski@awi.de) and Alex Bevington (bevingtona@gmail.com).

Your application should include the following points:

Motivation: Why are you interested in PYRN and being part of the ExCom, Council or National Representatives?

Responsibility: What is your major interest/responsibility (e.g. website, newsletter, social networks (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn), organizing workshops and meetings, outreach)?

Experience: Do you have any previous experience within PYRN or other networks?

Vision: Where do you see PYRN in the future and how would you like to contribute shaping the future of young permafrost researchers?

We look forward to receive your application by May 1, 2016.

Selection process

All nominations will be received and reviewed by a nomination committee.

Nominees will receive a notification acceptance by May 31, 2016.

The new PYRN ExCom will be presented on June 19, 2016 during the PYRN general assembly, just after the Young Researchers Workshop from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Thank you!

Young Researchers Workshop at ICOP

A “Young Researchers Workshop” will take place on 18-19 June 2016 in Potsdam, Germany, before the XI. International Conference on Permafrost (ICOP 2016). This workshop is organized as a joint effort of PYRN (Permafrost Young Researchers Network), APECS (Association of Polar Early Career Scientists), the young researcher representatives of the USPA (United States Permafrost Association), and ADAPT (Arctic Development and Adaptation to Permafrost in Transition).

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

For detailed information on the Young Researchers Workshop program, please download the program at <http://icop2016.org/index.php/young-researcher-activities/young-researchers-workshop>.

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.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at ICOP and workshop. Please contact jens.strauss@awi.de for questions.



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ICOP 2016 YOUNG RESEARCHERS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Organisers:



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

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PYRN members involved as Young National Correspondents in GTN-P



GTN-P
Global Terrestrial
Network for
Permafrost

The Global Terrestrial Network on Permafrost currently consists of more than 1,200 boreholes and over 240 active-layer monitoring sites in both hemispheres with more than 25 participating countries. Data reporting is facilitated through 38 National

Correspondents of 26 countries. In October 2015, after the 2nd National Correspondent Workshop was held in Québec/Canada, PYRN opened a call for applications of early career scientists to get involved in GTN-P. As a result, 16 Young National Correspondents associated to the Permafrost Young Researchers Network from 15 countries were selected! They will meet during the 11th International Conference on Permafrost in Potsdam/Germany in June and discuss data implementation in GTN-P with their "senior" colleagues.

YOUNG NATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS	ORGANIZATION	COUNTRY
Ingo Hartmeyer	alp5 - Center for Climate Change Adaptation	Austria
Alexandre Bevington	British Columbia Government	Canada
Katerine Grandmont	Department of Geography, Université de Montréal	Canada
Luo Dongliang	CAREERI, SKLFSE, CAS	China
Olli Karjalainen	Department of Geography, University of Oulu	Finland
Florence Magnin	PermaFrance	France
Josefine Lenz	Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research	Germany
Graham Gilbert	The University Centre in Svalbard	Greenland
Muratally Duishonakunov	Department of Physical Geography, Kyrgyz National University	Kyrgyz Republic
Fiona Shanhun	Science Programme Advisor	New Zealand
Sarah Strand		Norway
Krzysztof Rymer	Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań	Poland
Alexey Maskalov	Lomonosov Moscow State University	Russia
Antonio Molina	University of Alcalá (Madrid)	Spain
Benno Staub	PERMOS	Switzerland
Kelsey Nyland	Michigan State University	USA

Russia meeting #37 in February 2016

On February 25th, 2016, the PYRN Russia meeting #37 “Coastline retreat along Baydaratskaya Bay coastal segment composing by frozen soils (Kara Sea, Russia)” was held in Moscow State University. The speaker was Daria Aleksyutina (PhD student from Faculty of Geology, MSU).



The presentation considered the results of Arctic coastal erosion features in the spatial and temporal aspects obtained from investigations of western coast segment of Baydaratskaya Bay. The ranges and change generalities of soil thermal properties were demonstrated as well as influence of these properties on coastal retreat.



The meeting attracted attention of both PYRs and senior scientists from various institutions and scientific directions: pedology, coastal studies, construction sphere, thermal modeling, geoecology, etc.



The Fifth Russian Conference on Geocryology



The Fifth Russian Conference on Geocryology called «Geotechnics on permafrost» will be held in Moscow in June 14-17 2016. This is the major scientific event of Russian permafrost researchers, specialists and engineers. There will be 12 parallel sessions, workshops and roundtables organized in the main Building of Moscow State University. The conference will be held under co-chairmanship of Vladimir Melnikov (Academician of RAS, Institute of the Earth Cryosphere), Lev Khrustalev (Professor of the Lomonosov Moscow State University), Anatoli Brouchkov (Head of the Department of Geocryology of the Lomonosov Moscow State University) and Mihail Zheleznyak (Director of the Melnikov Permafrost Institute, Yakutsk).

Russian Conferences on Geocryology bring together all leading Russian scientists on permafrost, engineering and related topics. The First Conference on Geocryology was held in 1996.

Due to assistance of the Total EP Russie oil company there will be a special youth program at the conference, including roundtables and master-classes from leading scientific experts, competition for the best oral and poster presentation and financial travel support of young permafrost researchers from Siberia and the Far East.

Wishing you a very happy spring and we hope to see you soon in Potsdam at ICOP2016!

All the best,

Your PYRN ExCom

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