

APECS Joins Arctic Frontiers Conference

On Monday 5 October at Akvaplan-niva in Tromsø, Norway, the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) signed a partnership agreement with the Arctic Frontiers Conference. Both groups recognize the importance of bringing forward and establishing meeting places for young scientists. As part of this agreement, APECS will help to organize pre-conference career development workshops, the Young Scientist Forum, coordinate outstanding presentation awards for young researchers, and help with a 'speed-dating' reception to help new polar researchers meet more established colleagues. APECS will also be invited to become a member of the Arctic Frontiers Advisory Board.

For more information on APECS, visit <http://apecs.is>. Information on the Arctic Frontiers conference can be found at <http://www.arcticfrontiers.com>.

Reinhold Fielder, secretary for the steering committee of the conference calls this partnership a "DreamTeam". "APECS is very excited to be working with the organizers of this great conference that aims to bring together both policy and science and create an open dialog across national and disciplinary boundaries. This agreement will also help to build a continuum of knowledge in the fields of Arctic Research" commented Dr. Jenny Baeseman, Director of APECS.

Association of Polar Early Career Scientist (APECS) is an international and interdisciplinary organization for undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, early faculty members, educators and others with interests in Polar Regions and the wider cryosphere. APECS aims to stimulate interdisciplinary and international research collaborations, and develop effective future leaders in polar research, education and outreach. The APECS International Office is located at the University of Tromsø (UiT) and is supported by the Research Council of Norway, UiT, and the Norwegian Polar Institute.

Arctic Frontiers is an annual international meeting place for the discussion of pan-arctic issues. Arctic Frontiers aims to provide a better understanding of Arctic regions within a pan-arctic perspective, and to promote sustainable levels of human activity based on scientific knowledge, cultural sensitivity and cooperation across borders. Arctic Frontiers is organized as an independent network and was established in 2006. The Arctic Frontiers network consists of the following entities: University of Tromsø; Research Council of Norway; Institute of Marine Research; Troms County; ConocoPhillips; Akvaplan-niva; Norwegian Barents Secretariat; Norwegian Polar Institute; ARCTOS; NORUT; Arctic NET; University of the Arctic.