

IPRN General Meeting
11 May 2020
Minutes of the meeting
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Background: Indian Polar Research Network, the Indian National chapter of APECS International is reorganising to align its council structure and mandate with APECS. We are looking for new faces to lead the group and work towards connecting polar researchers in India and abroad. In this context, a meeting has been planned for setting up the process of refreshing and restarting IPRN. All interested members, young researchers involved in polar research (Arctic, Antarctic and Himalayas) are requested to join this meeting by filling up the Doodle poll link given below.

Agenda and Minutes of the meeting

1. Update on activities since the last meeting

Rupa updated about the activities of IPRN and the status of the ExCom election process.

2. Discussion on (re)organising IPRN, and its Excom reconstitution re-election process

- It's been decided that an Interim Committee of the attendees of this meeting has been prepared.
- This committee will be responsible for conducting the election for new ExCom (list of participants are added at the end).
- Shridhar will be in the leading role and other team members will support him.
- The past EXCOM is held dissolved, and IPRN is working towards electing a new EXCOM.

3. Elections, time lines and responsibilities:

- Shridhar to take lead in conducting the elections due to his prior experience. List of tasks is as follows (Shridhar to fill the deadlines):

Sr No	Task	Deadline	Assign to	Action Taken
1	Draft an email of the election process and posts		Shridhar	
2	Google Form for the candidates to fill in their information		Already available with IPRN? Shridhar and team	

3	Finalising the email	10th June 2020	Shridhar and team	
4	Circulate email to IPRN Google group		Rupa	
5	Advertise on IPRN social media and APECS social media		Rupa	
6	Deciding the Election date		Shridhar and team	
7	Election held			
8	Counting of Votes and decision making		Interim team and Mentors?	
9	Final Decision		Interim team and Mentors?	
10	Communicating to the new ExCom as well as on the social media		Interim team/Rupa	

4. Updates and suggestions from IPRN Members

Sr No	Updates/Suggestions	Deadline	Assign to	Action Taken
1	Website Update, Twitter Account for IPRN	25th May 2020	Anant, Swati	
2	Email to contact active Indian researchers currently part of APECS leadership	25th May 2020	Renuka, Rahul, Rupa,	
3	There should be rules in place for accessing the IPRN Mailing list, google drive, any other shared resources.	25th May 2020	Anant	
4	Sharing the list of all social media, and mail accounts, their passwords with other member (2 or 3)	25th May 2020	Anant	
5	A Zoom Webinar to be	25 May 2020	Rupa to	

	organised for introducing IPRN to all the members. It will be an informal discussion titled "Walk the Talk with IPRN". It will be a registration based webinar, requiring attendee's name, country and email id		organise overall - Swati to create Zoom link - Anant, Roseline, Rupa, Swati, Neelu and Shridhar to join	
6	Webinar link to be shared on social media and emailed to the google group	25/26 May 2020	Rupa	
7	Email IPRN members to join APECS global. Send an email to all the members with the APECS link.	25 May 2020	Rupa, Rahul	
8	IPRN members to have an informal monthly meeting, probably the last friday of the month. To be circulated via all social media platforms.			

5. Renegotiation of Letter of Endorsement with APECS-

- Swati will share the new LoE to IPRN after the ExCom constitution.
- Once the ExCom is constituted, new President/Council Chair will sign and send it to the APECS

6. What support (financial or in-kind) exists from within India - NCPOR? Any other organisations?

- Anant and Swati will take the lead to talk to NCPOR authorities to establish an IPRN desk/Point of Contact at the organisation.
- The way forward would ideally be an agreement between IPRN and NCPOR.
- Anant and Swati to work on planning for the discussion, text of agreement, formalities with NCPOR by 31 Aug 2020.
- The status of the agreement would be updated through the next IPRN ExCom.

Any early career researcher who works in the polar regions or is interested in this aspect may register for the meeting by filling the doodle poll link:

<https://doodle.com/poll/2rhs9sxgbqkg4m2g>

Please see the link to the IPRN National Committee information sheet including the Letter of Agreement -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1chFRQiLWSkBBX0lz96vm8mhvnAUflpsEicBfVXh931A/edit>

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Renuka's notes:

Action/Task	Date	Responsibility	Action taken
Elections (drafting of process, timelines for elections, etc)	10 June 2020	Shridhar (and team - Roseline, Swati, Neelu ... anyone else?)	
Elections held	?? June 2020	Shridhar and team	
Website update	25 May 2020	Anant	
Email to contact active Indian researchers currently part of APECS leadership	25 May 2020	Renuka, Rahul, Rupa	
(1) Rules for accessing the Mailing list, google drive, any other shared resources (2) List of all social media, and mail accounts, their passwords	25 May 2020	Anant	
Agreement with NCPOR regarding working with IPRN	30 July 2020 (planning for the agreement, text of agreement, discussion with NCPOR) 30 Aug 2020 for the agreement to be signed	Swati, Anant	
Webinar for introducing IPRN, informal discussion	25 May 2020	Rupa to organise, Anant, Roseline, Rupa, Neelu and	

like Roseline suggested ("Walk the Talk with IPRN")		Shridhar to join	
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