



## Happy 10th Birthday to PYRN!

We are very excited to announce that this year we are celebrating 10 years of PYRN!

This special anniversary of 2005-2015 will be commemorated at various events and meetings throughout this year.



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## News

PYRN ExCom member Josefina (D) received an **IASC fellowship** for 2015-2016 in the Terrestrial Working group and will therefore follow PYRN ExCom member Elena (R). Further fellows for 2015-2016 are Jo Browse (UK), Robert Way (C), Kristina Brown (USA) and Adrian Vlachov (R).

Incoming and outgoing IASC fellows will meet in Toyama, Japan at the ASSW 2015 meeting, April 23-30th.

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The Executive Committee of the International Permafrost Association (IPA) is pleased to release the yearly newsletter (**Frozen Ground Bulletin**, Nr. 38) which reports on the major activities and highlights over the past year.

The Bulletin is now available for download on the IPA website:



<http://ipa.arcticportal.org/publications/frozen-ground.html>

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We are very pleased to bring attention to an article that was recently published in Cryosphere discussions titled “**Future avenues for permafrost science from the perspective of early career researchers**” by Fritz M., Deshpande B.N., Bouchard F., Högström E., Lepage J., Morgenstern A., Nieuwendam A., Oliva M., Paquette M., Rudy A.C.A., Siewert M.B., Sjöberg Y. and Weege S.

<http://www.the-cryosphere-discuss.net/9/1209/2015/tcd-9-1209-2015.html>

## **PYRN Russia meeting**

On February 26, 2015, the PYRN Russia meeting (#30) was organized in Moscow. During the meeting there were 2 lectures presented: The first was titled "Development of the research stations on Bely Island, Yamal and Gyda Peninsulas. Plans and prospects". Research and exploring stations were established on the territory of the Yamal-Nenets autonomous district in the beginning of 2015. They will carry out research work on environmental and ecological monitoring, biological resources. The speaker was Vladimir Pushkarev from Russian Centre of Arctic Development.

The second lecture was conducted by Pavel Orekhov from Earth Cryosphere Institute SB RAS. The theme of his lecture was: “Complex research station on Bely island: History, Present and Prospects.”

There were about 12 PYRs on the meeting, who were active in their questions to lecturers and informal conversation after the lectures. Online broadcasting and lectures recording was also organized.



*PYRN Russia meeting*

## **PYRN Website needs your help!**

The PYRN website hosted by Arctic Portal is a valuable resource for the permafrost community.

Recent efforts included the creation of Youtube and Vimeo channels to promote PYRN activities and increase visibility. Behind the website is a troika of highly motivated PYRN members who rely on the input of the community.

We kindly ask you to help us grow the PYRN Permafrost Bibliography, by submitting bibliographical information of your masters thesis, or PhD dissertation through the web interface: <http://pyrn.arcticportal.org/index.php/en/pyrn-bib-permafrost-bibliography/submit-new-entry>

You must be logged in to access! In case you are experiencing difficulties, please drop us a line at [contact@pyrn.org](mailto:contact@pyrn.org).

We also ask you to help us find interesting videos for our Youtube and Vimeo channels! A link to the video database is located under Resources/Videos. We are grateful for your help!

## **Upcoming events**



*Photo from the International Field Course on Permafrost*

**European Geophysical Union** with PYRN workshop on April 15th, Vienna Austria, April 12-17.

The title of the PYRN workshop at EGU this year is "Short Workshop for early career scientists: Permafrost in a changing climate" and is a joint effort between PYRN and APECS. This year the focus is on the results of studies by young researchers, covering topics that range from climate change and permafrost modeling to consequences of permafrost degradation on the landscape and on the society e.g. through infrastructure.

**Students in Polar Research Conference, Brno, April 2015**

The Students In Polar Research Conference will be held between 20 and 22 April 2015 in Brno, Czech Republic.

More information here: <http://polar.sci.muni.cz/en/news/students-in-polar-research-conference-1> Contact: [geopolarbrno@gmail.com](mailto:geopolarbrno@gmail.com)

**ASSW2015** with PYRN contribution on "Permafrost Young Researchers Network (PYRN): Perspectives and Priorities of The Next generation on permafrost research". ToyamaJapan, April 23-30.

**45th International Arctic Workshop, Bergen/Norway, 10-13 May**

The workshop is an annual gathering of international researchers working on any aspect of high-latitude environments consisting of a series of talks and poster sessions in a rather informal atmosphere. Previous Arctic Workshops have included presentations on arctic climate, glaciology, environmental geochemistry, geomorphology, hydrology, soils, ecology, oceanography, and Quaternary history.

Registration for student presenters is NOK 300, students can apply for free accommodation (first come, first serve) and travel support. The deadline for

registration and abstract submission is April 15.

More information is available here:

<http://arcticworkshop2015.b.uib.no/>

### **Permafrost course, Spain**

The University of Valladolid (Spain) is organizing a workshop focusing on permafrost research between the 18 and 20th May 2015.

This workshop will include several topics both from polar regions and mountain areas, with a special focus in Iberian ranges.

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**PAST Gateways conference and workshop** with PYRN social event, Potsdam/Germany, May 18-22 (contact Josefine Lenz: [josefine.lenz@awi.de](mailto:josefine.lenz@awi.de))

**26th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics** (IUGG), Prague/Czech Republic, June 22 - July 2, 2015

**International Conference Arctic, Subarctic: mosaic, contrast, variability of the Cryosphere**, Tyumen, Russian Federation, July 2 - 5, 2015

### **International Field Courses on Permafrost 2015, Russia**

In this July we will conduct the annual International Field Courses on Permafrost in the lower reaches of the Yenisei River. As in previous years, the majority of participants will be the second year students of Cryolithology and Glaciology Department, Lomonosov Moscow State University, but participants from other countries and schools are welcomed as well.

The story about the last field course is available at:

<http://barentsobserver.com/en/society/2014/07/permafrost-thaw-cracks-urban-infrastructure-students-dig-15-07>

Please express your interest to participate in the International Field Course on Permafrost before April 5, 2015.

For more information, contact: Alexey Maslakov, Moscow State University. ([alekseymaslakov@yandex.ru](mailto:alekseymaslakov@yandex.ru)).

**IGU Regional Conference 2015**, Moscow, Russian Federation, August 17-21, 2015

**International Conference "Permafrost in XXI century: basic and applied researches"**, Pushchino, Russia, September 27-October 01, 2015

<http://cryosol.ru/en/permafrost-in-xxi-century-home.html>

There will be a permafrost young researcher day at this meeting with lectures and a field excursion as well as a PYRN party during the conference. (contact Alexey Maslakov: [alekseymaslakov@yandex.ru](mailto:alekseymaslakov@yandex.ru))

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Best wishes and a very happy spring season from the PYRN executive committee!



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