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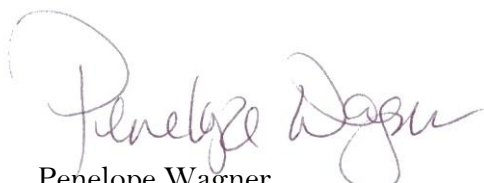
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Formal Recognition of APECS Romania as National Committee of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS)

The Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, 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. Our aims are to stimulate interdisciplinary and international research collaborations, and develop effective future leaders in polar research, education and outreach. We seek to achieve these aims by: (1) facilitating international and interdisciplinary networking to share ideas and experiences and to develop new research directions and collaborations; (2) providing opportunities for professional career development; and (3) promoting education and outreach as an integral component of polar research and to stimulate future generations of polar researchers.

To better respond to the needs of a specific country, APECS has several branches in different countries, national committees (NCs), which are clearly linked to the international overarching organization. The NC APECS Romania is formally recognized by APECS International and has been active since January 1st, 2013. Their current Board, composed of Madalina Bonta (President), Andrei Iordache (Vice-President, Exploration), Alina Georgina Catrinescu (Vice-President, Research), Madalina Teodor (Secretary General), Elena-Paula Cretu (Executive Manager), and Smaranda Iamandi (Treasurer) will maintain its status until 20th February 2014 when new elections will take place.

Sincerely,



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