The Permafrost Young Researchers Network (PYRN): Integrating priorities for permafrost research over the next generation

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About PYRN
• international organization established under the patronage of the International Permafrost Association (IPA)
• officially founded in November 2005 at the International Conference on Arctic Planning (ICARP II) and initiated during the 4th International Polar Year (IPY)
• fosters innovative collaboration, seeks to recruit, retain and promote future generations of permafrost researchers
• directs the multi-disciplinary talents of its membership toward global awareness, knowledge and response to permafrost-related challenges in a changing climate

Established PYRN Activities
• Career development workshops, PYRN session co-chairs, PYRN Outstanding Presentation Awards, social events during regional and international permafrost conferences
• Workshops, sessions, and social network events during AGU, EGU, and other conferences
• Newsletter via PYRN mailing list
• PYRN-Bib – bibliography of theses completed in the field of permafrost – over 1000 references available in different formats, including an endnote-ready file

Developing Research Priorities
PYRN was a co-organizer of the pre-EUCOP4 Permafrost Young Researchers Workshop 2014

A major workshop focus was to elaborate the future avenues of permafrost research from a young researchers’ perspective. One of the key outcomes is a young researcher contribution to the IPA strategy for ICARP III issued as a “Permafrost Priority Sheet” summarizing the discussions from the forum. This document is envisioned to contribute to an assessment of research priorities from an early career researcher perspective. It will feed into the final ICARP III meeting in Japan 2015, together with contributions from other initiatives.

PYRN at ICOP2016
The 11th International Conference on Permafrost in 2016 (Potsdam, Germany) will provide a forum for many young researchers getting involved in a plethora of activities. PYRN has been involved in the conference planning from the very beginning to effectively integrate PYRN members in the process of ICOP2016 organization as well as young researchers activities in the overall conference program. The conference logo has been found through an international competition organized by PYRN.

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