The Permafrost Young Researchers Network (PYRN)  
From EUCOP 2014 to ICOP 2016

**What is PYRN?**
- **PYRN** is an international network hosted by the International Permafrost Association (IPA) and technically supported by Arctic Portal.
- **PYRN** was officially founded in November 2005 at the International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP II) and initiated during the 4th International Polar Year (IPY).
- **PYRN** fosters innovative collaboration, seeks to recruit, retain, and promote future generations of permafrost researchers.
- **PYRN** is a self-organized network, structured in an executive committee, a council, and national representatives.

**PYRN activities**
- Self-organization and inventory of members
- Renovation of the website and the Facebook page to be more visible and distribute information effectively
- Newsletter via PYRN mailing list and job postings
- Organization of workshops and social events on international and regional conferences
- Preparing of PYRN's 10th birthday with a birthday party during the Regional Geographic Conference (IGU 2014) in Moscow, Russia
- Development of a Permafrost Expedition Map (PEM) for public, teachers, and students together with Polar Educators International
- Definition of a long-term strategy for the next 4 years and establishment of self-evaluation criteria's

**EUCOP4**
4th European Conference on Permafrost
18-21 June 2014 Évora, Portugal

- PYRN together with PAGE21, ADAPT, and APECS jointly organized a major workshop during the European Conference on Permafrost 2014 (Évora, Portugal).
- The goal was to frame the future pathways in permafrost research from a young researcher’s perspective.
- Outcomes of the workshop will contribute to the IPA strategy for ICARP III issued as a Permafrost Priority Sheet.
- The document will feed into the final ICARP III meeting in Japan 2015, together with contributions from other initiatives.

**PYRN will be on-site during all big conferences in 2015**
- Workshops and social events are planned at the EGU, ASSW, Arctic Change, AGU, ...
- Promotion of PYRN and recruitment of new permafrost young researchers.
- Long-term planning of the young researcher workshop and social events at ICOP 2016.
- Celebration of PYRN’s 10th birthday during regional conferences with a big ceremony during the ICOP 2016.
- The 11th International Conference on Permafrost in 2016 (Potsdam, Germany) will provide a forum for many young researchers.
- PYRN has been involved in the conference planning from the very beginning to effectively integrate PYRN members in the organization and preparation process.
- Workshops and social events are planned as well as a sports event.
- Funding will be available for young researchers.

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