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**Antarctic Thresholds – Ecosystem  
Resilience and Adaptation (AnT-ERA)**  
**2016-2017 Report**

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**Summary of activities from 2016-17 and any other important issues or factors (<150 words):**

1. Scientific output. Two papers published/submitted as a **unique product of AnT-ERA**. More than 2000 additional papers fell into the scope of AnT-ERA.
2. Capacity building. (a) Mini-workshop during OSC, 2016; (b) multiple support of the OSC by many AnT-ERA SC members; (c) approx. 12 additional events co-chaired, e.g. ANTOS meetings.
3. Dissemination/products. Key "tool" is AnT-ERA **webpage** with ~100,000 hits since 2013. Approx. 520 **mailing list** members. AnT-ERA contributed to SCAR products, e.g. **ACCE** and **SCAR strategy plan**, and other international initiatives/stakeholders requests such as **IPBES** and **UNFCCC**.
4. Support of early-career scientists. 16 **mini-grants** awarded to applicants from approx. 10 countries. A **summer school** to be held 2018 in Argentina is in preparation.
5. Research. Expeditions and projects under the leadership of AnT-ERA scientists: J. Xavier (JR16003), A. Takahashi (JARE-AP0922). I. Hogg *Circum-Antarctic Expedition*, AFBA-project, G. di Prisco, *TEAM-fish* (planned).

**Recommendations that EXCOM and Scientific Group Chief Officers should consider (if any):**

AnT-ERA applies both, a community based approach depending on contributions from the scientific communities and a top-down approach, where an active SC significantly supports the coordination of science-related assignments. The efficiency of AnT-ERA benefits significantly from (1) low administrative efforts, e.g. efficient reporting, (2) support of the national committees of both, well established and emerging national programs, and (3) a clear focus of expected output, e.g. use of resources primarily for support of early career scientists or for unique high-end scientific products

## Progress and Plans:

### Major Activities and Significant Progress from the past year:

**1. Scientific output** is the most important challenge since AnT-ERA is fundamentally a science program. Due to limited funds and its official mission AnT-ERA can not carry out its own research but it contributes to advances in the knowledge on climate-change impacted biological processes. 17 members of the SC published in 2016/2017 >50 peer-reviewed papers. A number of recent papers shows that the response of organisms, such as mosses, demersal fish, various invertebrates, sea-birds and top predators are species specific, thus, overarching conclusions are difficult. This finding has implications for further studies in the direction that more ecological key species must be studied and generalization demands representative and not only exemplary studies. An example for a study on bioprospection is that by Coelho et al. (2017), which focused on collagen from Antarctic squid with applications for tissue substitution and regeneration.

### 2. Capacity building

- The results of the Cross-Program Workshop *Interactions between Biological and Environmental Processes*, 2015, in Barcelona, was used as the basis for a paper submitted in May 2017; funding for the writing was provided by the national programs. This workshop integrated ideas from different disciplines on the development of Antarctic ecosystem research. The paper will be a key output, which had not been written without the above mentioned AnT-ERA workshop
- Another paper based on an opinion survey on future Antarctic research showed a high priority to continue with climate-change related research and (other) applied aspects. New developments in climate-change policy underline the necessity expressed by the respondents of the survey, to support e.g. the *Paris Agreement* with more scientific results.
- Mini-workshop *Time for changes after COP21?*, 2016 during SCAR OSC, Kuala Lumpur.

### 3. Dissemination

- 12 web-articles in 2016/17 and approx. 20 permanently available and permanently updated news (meetings and job as well as other research opportunities) on the web-site, >100,000 clicks since 2013. Web-page closely linked to AnT-ERA projects: [www.pelagicbenthic.net](http://www.pelagicbenthic.net).
- 2016/17 ACCE update to ATCM
- chairing approx. 15 sessions and 3 mini-symposia during SCAR open science conference, biology symposium and other meetings e.g. ANTOS
- membership of SCAR conference organizing committees (I. Schloss: OSC Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, V. Cummings, ANTOS workshops and J. Gutt: Biology Symposium, Leuven, Belgium),
- mailing list, >520 members

- I. Schloss: SCAR representative at COP XXII side meeting “ICSU/IAI/SCAR: Urgencies in Fundamental Climate Research following the Paris Agreement” in Marrakech, November 2016.

#### 4. Support of early-career scientists

16 mini-grants awarded to early career scientists from approx. 10 countries, with emphasis on attending meetings, SCAR (and other) conferences, symposia and workshops.

#### 5. Research projects (examples)

- Expedition JR16003 - To Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia Region onboard of the RRS James Clark Ross (British Antarctic Survey) investigating a wide range of organisms through the Antarctic marine food web and bioaccumulation of heavy metals. It comprised scientists from UK, Portugal, Italy, Poland and Germany (**J. Xavier** et al.).
- Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition Project AP0922 – Studies on the foraging behaviour of Adelie penguins were conducted at Japanese Syowa Station and French DDU Stations (PI: **A. Takahashi**).
- “Antarctic Circumpolar Expedition” (ACE) funded through the Swiss Polar Institute. SC member I. Hogg participated in the “A Functional Biogeography of the Antarctic” (AFBA) project (voyage Dec 2016-Feb 2017; research ongoing).
- Co-PIs (**B. Adams, D. Wall**) part of the US McMurdo Long Term Ecological Research program (US NSF funded). 2016/17 austral summer field season in the McMurdo Dry Valleys.
- New Zealand Antarctic Research Institute (NZARI): “*Testing predicted tolerances of Antarctic non-marine biota in a whole-ecosystem framework*” (B. Adams, Co-PI with P. Novis, I. Hawes, A. Monks, F. Morgan, J. H. Kim) Funding Amount: \$115,000 2016-2017.
- National Science Foundation, DEB and OPP: “*Increased Connectivity in a Polar Desert Resulting from Climate Warming: McMurdo Dry Valley LTER Program*” (**B. Adams** Co-PI with D. McKnight, M. Gooseff, P. Doran, T. Vesbach, D. Wall, et al.). 2011-2017. ANT 1115245. \$5,880,000
- **I. Schloss**: 2016-2017 and 2017-2018: Expedition to Carlini Station (King George/25 de Mayo Island, South Shetlands, Antarctica) to study the effects of glacier melting on plankton.

#### Major Future Initiatives and Actions, including rough timeline, for at least the next 2 years:

- A major event, that will not happen without AnT-ERA is a planned **Summer School** in 2018 in Argentina for graduate and PhD students. The largest part of our human and financial resources will be used for this event to attract a high number of students from various countries preferably from countries with a non-well developed national programme. Lecturers are to be recruited mainly from the AnT-ERA SC.

- Major contributions to the **SCAR Biology Symposium** in 2017 in Belgium (a) chairing sessions and (b) organizing a side event on future challenges of AnT-ERA.
- Preparation of the **Polar2018** SCAR/IASC OSC in Davos, Switzerland by structuring an amphi-polar session
- Strengthening an **Arctic-Antarctic scientific dialogue** by organizing a joint AnT-ERA / IASC mini-workshop during the *Polar2018* conference.
- Major contributions to the 1<sup>st</sup> order draft of the *Global Assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)* to be externally evaluated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2017 (J. Gutt).
- Major **research activities** by SC members are planned (examples): **V. Cummings**: Co-PI of New Zealand Antarctic Research Institute research project *Resilience in Antarctic biota and ecosystems* (2016-2019). Field season planned for October/November 2017. **B. Adams**: National Science Foundation, ANT: "The role of glacial history on the structure and functioning of ecological communities in the Shackleton Glacier region of the Transantarctic Mountains" (PI, with **D. Wall**, Berry Lyons, **I. Hogg** and N. Fierer). 2017-2019. PLR-1341736 (\$843,974). **G. di Prisco**: TEAM-fish (programme) expedition TUNU-VII on board R/V Helmer Hanssen, August 2017.

**Please list any new outputs and deliverables (including publications and products that your group feels are part of your achievements):**

**Primary publications in peer-reviewed journals:** Approx. 100 AnT-ERA relevant publications on biological processes were published by SC members, supported by national programs (for examples see annex). A systematic literature review based on Google Scholar provided 2828 publications 2016-2017 using the search stings "Southern Ocean", Antarctica, "biological processes", "ecosystem functioning", "ecosystem services", and omics. The 18 top GS-ranked papers, which fell into the scope of AnT-ERA provide an exemplary overview and are listed in the annex. They include papers by SC members and include various components of the Antarctic ecosystems, terrestrial and marine, plankton and benthos, communities and molecular processes.

**Significant Deviations from the Implementation Plan:**

As planned for 2017 in the implementation plan: *Meeting to structure and draft reviews for each scientific AnT-ERA level* will be carried out during SCAR Biology Symposium, Leuven. Capacity building carried out throughout the life period of AnT-ERA will be strengthened by the planned summer school in 2018.

**Steps taken to address individual points from your External Review:**

Since the beginning of AnT-ERA we focused on unique output, which had not been produced without the support of AnT-ERA/SCAR. However, we must emphasize that this doesn't release us from resource-consuming obligations

to fulfill commitments to manage SCAR meetings, contribute to other SCAR products and support early career scientists.

**If your SRP produces data, please report any new data generated and links to inclusions to the Antarctic Master Directory, etc.**

Products of AnT-ERA are mainly brainstorming output, opinions, dissemination and support of knowledge transfer. All data produced and published by national programmes in the context of AnT-ERA are handled according to the national rules of the institutions of the authors. E.g. Work by SC members Hogg, Adams and Wall deposit all sequence data to the Barcode of Life Datasystems (BOLD) and GenBank databases. For example, from Bennett et al. (2016) “all sequences were uploaded to the BOLD dataset DS-SPMACK (Springtails of Mackay Glacier Region; [dx.doi.org/10.5883/DS-SPMACK](https://dx.doi.org/10.5883/DS-SPMACK)) and cross-referenced to GenBank (accession numbers KU876787 - KU876880).”

**Use of the 2015/16 budget clustered into four large categories (please notice that capacity building also includes support of early career scientists):**



## Budget

### Planned use of funds for 2017 and 2018

Month/Year (MM-YY)	Purpose/Activity	Amount (USD)	Contact Name	Contact Email
TBD	Summer school	35000	J. Gutt & I. Schloss	Julian.gutt@awi.de, ireschloss@gmail.com
	Individual mini-grants for early career scientists from developing programs	4000	J. Gutt	Julian.gutt@awi.de
	Individual mini-grants for SC members	3000	J. Gutt	Julian.gutt@awi.de

#### Briefly describe what the funds will be used for and what the desired results are:

The summer school is planned especially for graduate and PhD students. Due to limited funds the geographical focus will be South America but applications from any other countries, especially from developing national programs are welcome. In addition to AnT-ERA funded participants (students and lecturers) an additional number of students and lecturers from the host country/institution is expected. The expected outcome is a knowledge transfer from seniors to students, from experienced lecturers to ambitious early career students with the special emphasis on the key objectives of AnT-ERA, climate-change related biological processes in the Antarctic. Another expected effect should be a strengthened integration of early career scientists in the Antarctic research community and in Antarctic research projects.

#### Provide an estimate on the % of the budget to be used for support of early career researchers:

2017 and 2018: direct support by individual travel grants: 60%, additional indirect support (for lecturers of summer school): 35%.

**Provide an estimate on the % of the budget to be used for support of scientists from countries with developing Antarctic programmes (as listed here: <http://www.scar.org/finances/contributions>):**

2017 and 2018: The proportion of support of scientists from countries with developing programmes depends on the applications for travel funds. It was decided to hold the summer school in Argentina to (1) make use of an existing infrastructure and not to spend much SCAR funds for that, (b) to accept participants from any country (especially from South America), which have - independently of their SCAR contribution category- an obvious need and desire to increase the education of their young generation of scientists.

## Linkages

**Please describe any direct support you receive for your activities beyond SCAR (examples):**

- D. Wall: AnT-ERA Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 2016 (Financial support from Ant-ERA and from the US National Committee on SCAR)
- C. Verde: Leading Investigator "*Enzymes of a cold-active metabolic pathway for the biosynthesis of long-chain omega-3 fatty acids: biotechnological applications*" National Programme for Antarctic Research (PNRA, 2017-2019); total Funding € 94,500.00
- C. Verde: Co-Investigator "*Journey to the cold and back: comparative genomics and transcriptomics in Antarctic and sub-Antarctic notothenioids*" National Programme for Antarctic Research (PNRA, 2017-2019); total Funding € 138,500.00.
- C. Verde: Participant "*Cosmeceuticals And Nutraceuticals From Antarctic Biological REsources (CAN FARE)*" National Programme for Antarctic Research (PNRA; 2017-2019) Total Funding € 84,000.00.
- C. Verde: Associated Partner of WP 3: *Polar microorganisms: responses to warming of model organisms and release of pathogens into the environment*; EU Project MicroArctic Innovative Training Networks (ITN). Total funding € 3.8 M
- J. Xavier: Applied science in Antarctic Marine Food webs. Session Polar Science on the Frontiers of the Earth. Encontro Ciência 2016. (Invited talk); Networking skills: an important soft skill for a scientist? APECS workshop. XXXIV SCAR OSC Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (keynote talk); Identifying research priorities and emerging issues in Antarctic science related to policy. VIII Portuguese Polar Conference, Lisboa (invited talk); Challenges in bringing science into policy. APECS workshop POLAR QUESTS, 26 Oct. (invited talk), supported by national funding agencies and employers
- J. Gutt: all SCAR relevant traveling including SCAR representation at IPBES funded by German Science Foundation or employer

G. di Prisco, 2017-2019: Co-Investigator of the project “*Enzymes of a cold-active metabolic pathway for the biosynthesis of long-chain omega-3 fatty acids: biotechnological applications*”. Italian National Programme for Antarctic Research (PNRA). € 94,500.00 and “*Journey to the cold and back: comparative genomics and transcriptomics in Antarctic and sub-Antarctic notothenioids*”, €138,500.00

**Please list any major collaborations your SRP has with other SCAR groups and with organisations/groups beyond SCAR:**

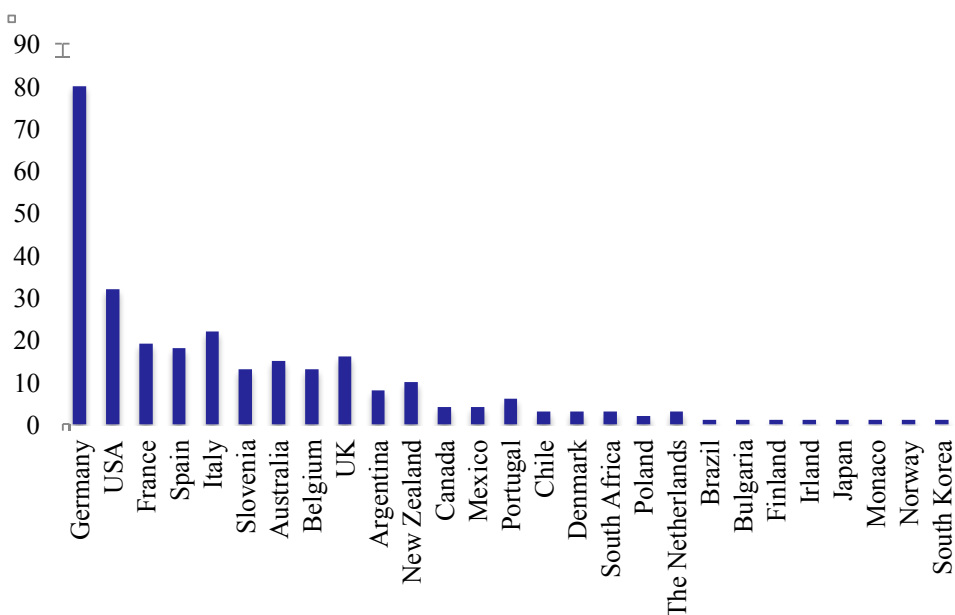
SCAR: AntEco, ACCE, EGBAMM, CBET, Development Council, SCAR-ATS; others: ICED, SOOS, IPCC, UNFCCC, IPBES, CCAMLR, IUCN, Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative, Antarctic Environments Portal

## Outreach and Capacity Building

**Please describe your outreach, communication and capacity building activities. Also provide information on activities that demonstrate effectiveness as a network.** (coordinating activity for your discipline/topic, i.e. mailing list and diversity of scientists involved):

- 15 web-articles in 2016/17 and approx. 20 permanently available and permanently updated news (meetings and job as well as other research opportunities) on the web-site, >100,000 clicks since 2013.
- The mailing list includes approx. 520 persons, mainly scientists from the Antarctic/AnT-ERA community.
- AnT-ERA SC members contributed to an (almost) uncountable number of outreach events, in the public, schools, universities and for other stakeholders. For capacity building see above.

Contributions to AnT-ERA events, products and minigrants clustered according to (SCAR-) countries.





**As part of SCAR’s Capacity Building efforts, such as the Fellowships and Visiting Professor Awards, we are looking for people from all the SCAR groups including SRPs to form a ‘review panel’ so if applications in your field are submitted we have people to contact to help assess relevant applications. Please list one or more people (name and email address) from your SRP who would be willing to serve as reviewers for the next few years.**

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## Membership

AnT-ERA has, on purpose, no official membership, it is **open to all scientists and other people interested in the mission of AnT-ERA** described in the mission statement and implementation plan.

## Leadership

Role	First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Country	Email	Date Start	Date Term is to End
CO	Julian	Gutt	AWI	GER	Julian.gutt@awi.de	2012	2021
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SC	Byron	Adams	Brigham Univ.	USA	byron_adams@byu.edu	2013	2021
SC	Ian	Hogg	Univ. Waikato	NZ	hogg@waikato.ac.nz	2014	2021
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Requests to the Secretariat: If there are specific administrative tasks you would like help with such as your webpages, mailing list, online meeting tools, etc., please include them below:

## Appendix:

### Peer-reviewed papers by SC members (examples):

Barr, N.G., Lohrer, A.M., Cummings, V.J. (2017). An in-situ method for measuring responses of under-ice algae to ocean warming and acidification in ice-covered habitats. *Limnology and Oceanography: Methods* 15(3): 264–275. <https://doi.org/10.1002/lom3.10154>

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oceanography onboard R/V Polarstern. *Earth System Science Data* 9, 211–220.

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Gili, J-M., Zapata-Guardiola, R., Isla, E., Vaqué, D., Barbosa A., García-Sancho, L., Quesada, A., (2016) Introduction to the special issue on the Life in Antarctica: Boundaries and Gradients in a Changing Environment (XIth SCAR Biology Symposium). *Polar Biology* 39, 1–10, 10.1007/s00300-015-1852-3.

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### **Other important dissemination and capacity building activities by SC members**

Adams B: "Evolution and Environmental Change in the Transantarctic Mountains". S24. Physiological Adaptations in Antarctic Organisms. Scientific Council on Antarctic Research, Open Science Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. August 2016.

Adams B: "Adaptation and Exaptation: Coupled evolutionary and physiological responses to freezing and desiccation in *Plectus murrayi*". Mini Symposium; Connecting the biological and the physical: Environmental drivers of biodiversity in Antarctica. Scientific Council on Antarctic Research, Open Science Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. August 2016.

Adams B: "Metazoan Cryptobiosis and Medical Bioengineering". Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. March 2016.

Adams B: "Antarctic Ecology and Evolution: Skepticism, Denialism and Science Education". Utah Science Teachers association, Annual Meeting, Provo, UT. February 2016.

Adams B: Polar Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating (PolarTREC): Hosted K-12 teacher embedded in expedition team. See: <https://www.polar trec.com/expeditions/tough-tardigrades>

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Cummings V: Session Chair: Organism responses to Ocean Acidification, 4th International Symposium on the Ocean in a High-CO<sub>2</sub> World, Hobart, 3-6 May. Session Chair SCAR Open Science conference, Kuala Lumpur, 22-26 August. Session coordinator: Multidisciplinary studies in terrestrial and marine transition zones, SCAR Biology Symposium, Leuven, July 2017.

Cummings V: Interview with freelance journalist about NZ Antarctic marine science, 26 August 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

Cummings VJ: 2017: Invited Plenary speaker, New Zealand Marine Sciences Society conference. Christchurch, July 4<sup>th</sup> (presentation topic = Antarctic marine science).

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di Prisco: 2017: Co-Chair of Session S10: Understanding Physiology (including '-omics' approaches), *XII SCAR BIOLOGY Symposium*, Leuven (Belgium) 10-14 July 2017 (planned)

Gutt J, OSC, KL, Malaysia, co-convener of sessions and mini-symposia (also IOC),

Knox MA, Walter S. Andriuzzi, Byron J. Adams, Diana H. Wall. Response of an Antarctic soil invertebrate to warming and freeze-thaw cycles. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA.

Schloss I: 2017: Invited Speaker at the Gordon Research Conference on Polar Marine Science in Ventura, California, 26-31 March 2017. Conference: “Potter Cove, a System on the Move: Main Results from 25 Years of Research”

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Shaw EA, Byron J. Adams, Ross A. Virginia, Diana H. Wall. Identifying the carbon sources of soil foodwebs in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA.

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Takahishi A, OSC, KL, Malaysia, co-convener of sessions and mini-symposia

Verde C: 2018: Verde-Co-Organiser of the Session (1 full day) Cardio-respiratory adaptations to environmental change Society for Experimental Biology, Florence, Italy 3-6 July 2018

Verde C: 2018: Chair of Session 33, XXXV SCAR Biennial Meetings-Arctic Science Summit Week 2018 & IASC Business Meetings. SCAR/IASC Open Science Conference 2018-Arctic Observing Summit 15-26 June 2018 (<http://www.polar2018.org/>)

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Verde C, 2016: Guest Editor of the Special issue, Marine Genomics "Navigating the Future: Cross Sector Marine Genomics" (Labes A, Reich M, Giuliano L, Verde C, eds) (<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/marine-genomics/news/call-for-papers-navigating-the-future-cross-sector-marine-ge/>)

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Verde C, 2017: Invited Lecture MicroArctic meeting, Akureyri (Iceland) 03-09 April 2017,

Verde C, 2016: Invited Lecture 41 CIESM Conference, Kiel (Germany) 12-14 September 2016,

Verde C, 2016: Keynote Lecture XXXIV SCAR Open Science Conference, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) 20-30 August 2016,

Wall D, invited speaker, Soil biodiversity: necessary for life. UNCBD, Cancun, Mexico, 2016

Wall D, Common Ground: Soil biodiversity and sustainability. California Academy of Sciences, keynote lecture at the Annual Fellows Gathering, San Francisco, November 2016

Wall D, Meeting global challenges through soil ecology. EU COST Action First Training School, 'Soil Fauna – key to soil organic matter dynamics and modeling', Coimbra, Portugal, October 2016

Wall D: Co-organizer, with W. Andriuzzi (CSU), Public Antarctic Lecture Series, Fort Collins Library

Wall D: Member, Local organizing committee for the NSF workshop Environmental Assessment of the McMurdo Dry Valleys: Witness to the Past and Guide to the Future, May 2016

Wall D: These early career scientists had SCAR US National Committee funds to travel to present at Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research Open Science Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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Xavier JC 2016. Applied science in Antarctic Marine Food webs. Session Polar Science on the Frontiers of the Earth. Encontro Ciência 2016. (Invited talk)

Xavier JC 2016. Networking skills: an important soft skill for a scientist? APECS workshop. XXXIV SCAR OSC Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (keynote talk)

Xavier JC 2016. Identifying research priorities and emerging issues in Antarctic science related to policy. VIII Portuguese Polar Conference, Lisboa (invited talk)

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Siegel V, Watkins JL 2016. Distribution, biomass and demography of Antarctic krill, *Euphausia superba*. In: *Biology and Ecology of Antarctic krill*, Siegel V (ed), *Advances in Polar Ecology*, 21-100

Tarling GA, Fielding S 2016. Swarming and behavior in Antarctic krill. In: *Biology and Ecology of Antarctic krill*. Siegel V (ed), *Advances in Polar Ecology*, 279-319

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Belcher A, Iversen M, Manno C et al. 2016. The role of particle associated microbes in remineralization of fecal pellets in the upper mesopelagic of the Scotia Sea, Antarctica. *Limnology and Oceanography* 61: 1049-1064

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Constable A, Costa DP, Schofield O et al. 2016. Developing priority variables ("ecosystem Essential Ocean Variables"-eEOVs) for observing dynamics and change in Southern Ocean ecosystems. *Journal of Marine Systems* 161: 26-41

Rigual-Hernandez AS, Trull TW 2016. The fate of diatom valves in the Subantarctic and Polar Frontal Zones of the Southern Ocean: Sediment trap versus surface sediment assemblages. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 457: 129-143

Gutt J, Cummings V, Dayton PK, Isla E, Jentsch A, Schiaparelli S 2016. Antarctic Marine Animal Forests: Three-Dimensional Communities in Southern Ocean Ecosystems. In: *Marine Animal Forests: The Ecology of Benthic Biodiversity Hotspots*. Rossi S, Bramanti L, Gori A, Orejas Saco del Valle C (eds), Springer International Publishing Switzerland

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Segelken-Voigt A, Bracher A, Dorschel B, et al. 2016. Spatial distribution patterns of ascidians (Asciacea: Tunicata) on the continental shelves off the northern Antarctic Peninsula. *Polar Biology* 39: 863-879

Bowman JS, Vick-Majors TJ, Morgan-Kiss R 2016. Microbial community dynamics in two polar extremes: The lakes of the McMurdo Dry Valleys and the West Antarctic Peninsula marine ecosystem. *BioScience* 66 (10): 829-847

Ugalde SC, Westwood KJ, van den Enden R et al. 2016. Characteristics and primary productivity of East Antarctic pack ice during the winter-spring transition. *Deep-Sea Research II* 131: 123-139

Ryan-Keogh TJ, DeLizo LM, Smith WO et al. 2017. Temporal progression of photosynthetic-strategy in phytoplankton in the Ross Sea, Antarctica. *Journal of Marine Systems* 166, 87-96

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