



Early Career Researchers and Scientists Network

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Sabrina Delgado Arias is our new Representative at the Scientific Committee!

On July 1, 2019, Sabrina Delgado Arias, Co-chair of the WDS ECR Network joined the WDS Scientific Committee as the WDS Early Career Researcher and Scientist Network Representative. She shifts into this one-year rotating role after a successful representation from Alice Frémand. The 1-year ECR Network 'rolling' seat was approved in 2018 by the (then) ICSU Executive Board.

Sabrina is applications coordinator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Ice, Cloud, and Land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESat-2) mission. She studied agriculture and resource economics and science & technology policy. Before coming to NASA she worked on model development focusing on agricultural production and land use change. At Goddard, she engages with user communities interested in exploring the utility and societal value of ICESat-2 data. Learning about the innovative ways in which scientists and data users propose to use ICESat-2 observations strengthens her passion to explore and improve our understanding of scientific knowledge flows.

Good luck Sabrina in your new position!

From our New WDS-ECR Representative to WDS Scientific Committee:

Over the past two years I have had the pleasure to work with Alice Frémand and Ivan Pyshnograiev in our collective effort to organize and develop the WDS-ECR network. Seeing us grow from a 14-member group into a 50-member strong community—and growing—has been very encouraging! I look forward to reporting to the SC continued successes from our engagement and collaborations and to sharing your feedback on how the SC can support our efforts as data stewards.

In this edition of the newsletter we share with you a number of upcoming events and opportunities that we hope you will take advantage of. We also share with you the announcement for the 2019 Data Stewardship Award winner !

The next Scientific Committee meeting will take place in Paris on 2-3 November 2019.

Want to know more about WDS activities? Check out the website [here](#)

WDS Data Stewardship Award 2019 – Dr. Libby Liggins, University of New Zealand



The WDS-SC has selected Dr. Libby Liggins from the University of New Zealand as the recipient of the [2019 WDS Data Stewardship Award](#). Congratulations!

Dr. Liggins is a lecturer in marine ecology and a research associate of the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Her research explores the generation and changing nature of biogeographic, ecological and demographic patterns in the ocean. She specialises in using genetic and genomic data, in combination with ecological data and modelling approaches.

Alongside her research, Dr. Liggins is an active participant in science outreach and community engagement. She collaborates in several international research consortia, advocating open data, knowledge transfer, and free access to population genetic and spatial seascape genetic analysis tools.

[Dr. Liggins](#) will be presented her award and prize at the SciDataCon 2021 Conference that is integrated in [International Data Week 2021](#).

[Congratulations on this achievement Dr. Liggins!](#)

Upcoming events

- [RDA 14th Plenary Meeting](#) - 23-25 October 2019, Helsinki, Finland
- [3rd Polar Data Forum](#) - 18-22 November 2019, Helsinki, Finland: Sabrina Delgado Arias and Alice Frémand, Co-Chairs of the WDS ECR Network will be present. Do not hesitate to contact us if you are also attending

Training and Job Opportunities

- The WDS Research Data Management Training Workshop for Early Career Researchers, sponsored by EGU will take place on 6–8 November 2019 at [Institut de Physique du Globe](#) in Paris, France. ***[Congratulations to the successful candidates!](#)*** Alice Frémand will be there to represent the Network.
- **Call for Applications - The CODATA-RDA Research Data Science School, Pretoria 13- 24 January 2020 - Deadline 15 October 2019:** The school provides early career researchers (M-level to postdoc) with the foundational data science skills, which include technical skills and responsible research practices, to enable them to work with their data in an effective and efficient manner required by 21st-century research. More information and applications [here](#).
- The [VALUABLES Consortium](#) is accepting applications for \$300,000 in grants to fund research that quantifies the benefits of satellite data when they are used to make decisions that improve socioeconomically meaningful outcomes for people and/or the environment. Full details are available at <https://www.rff.org/valuable/gabs/>; the Consortium will be hosting [an informational webinar for applicants](#) on Oct. 16 from 3-4:30pm ET.
- The Consortium will also be hosting VALUABLES' annual workshop at Resources For the Future in Washington, DC, on Oct. 30. Additional details, including how to RSVP for remote participation, are available at valuable2019-webcast.splashthat.com. The Consortium is eager to reach anyone who might be interested in learning more about VALUABLES and about measuring the societal benefits of their own work.