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June 2020 Newsletter - WDS Early Career Researchers and Scientists Network

Ready for change? We are too.

Welcome new Co-chairs!

Dear WDS-ECR Members,

The year 2020 marks the 3rd anniversary of our WDS-ECR Network and with it the close of our term as co-chairs. Recently WDS-ECR members received an invitation to nominate a new co-chair in replacement of Ivan Pyshnograiev. We decided to pick not one but three candidates so that all could start at the same time! It is with great pleasure that we welcome and congratulate the new co-chairs appointed by the WDS Scientific Committee who will serve as your new co-chairs starting July 1, 2020.

- **Maja Dolinar (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)**
- **Xiao Si Zhe or "Jesse" (University of Hong Kong, China), and**
- **Lianchong Zhang (Chinese Academy of Sciences)**

Alice and I have enjoyed serving as your co-chairs these past few years. We kick-started and fostered the growth of our network, developed our speaker series, advanced our charter, developed new training, and promoted our efforts via a newly revamped website and social media. We are excited about all the great experience and energy the new co-chairs will bring and have no doubt that they will take this network to an dynamic new level.

Congratulations Maja, Jese, and Lianchong!

Want to know more about our new co-chairs? Join us during our next speaker series to learn all about them!

Best,

Sabrina and Alice (Co-chairs WDS-ECR Network 2017-2020)

WDS-ECR Speaker Series Webinar.

Please join us on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 13:00 UTC for our WDS-ECR Speaker Series webinar. We will be introducing our new co-chairs and feature the work of Juan Isaac Gámez Badouin, Adjunct Assistant Professor at the [Tecnológico Nacional de México \(TecNM\)](#) and Associate Professor at the [Technological Institute of Sonora](#).



Juan will share with us his efforts to empower Mexico via the democratization of data and technology throughout communities. This includes his collaboration in the project [Tit for Tat](#), which won first place in the 2020 Talent Hackathon @Home to find solutions to reactivate the economy in Mexico as it deals with the COVID-19 pandemic. More details to come!

New WDS-ECR Advisory Committee.

To continue promoting the growth of our network we have established a new advisory board that will take effect starting July 1, 2020. The advisory board will serve to provide key feedback to the co-chairs on emerging data-related topics of interests to ECRs. Board members will act as liaisons with their respective communities to help expand the network and provide wider representation in terms of disciplines, topics and local context.

Members of the advisory board are appointed by the co-chairs for a period of one year (renewable). At the end of their term, the co-chairs are automatically appointed as part of the advisory board for smooth transition. For 2020-2021, Alice and Sabrina will be serving as part of the Advisory Committee and we look forward to serving with others soon.

EGU2020: Sharing geosciences online.

The European Geosciences Union (EGU)'s **Sharing Geoscience Online** was held from 4 to 8 May 2020. In less than six weeks, the organisers migrated the Vienna conference to an online version hosting part of the activities of the EGU General Assembly as live virtual sessions. Marcus Schmidt and Alice Frémand, both members of the WDS-ECR network in collaboration with Jessica Clayton, Fei Luo and Nokolai Svoboda organised a webinar entitled, '***How to handle your data efficiently from planning to reuse?***' This online short course introduces you to useful tools and best practices that will make your work with research data much easier, more efficient, and enjoyable. It is particularly relevant to all geoscience fields and the tools presented can be widely applied through all kinds of data sets. Laia Comas-Bru and Marcus Schmidt who participated in the EGU-WDS training workshop (Paris, November 2019) and are also members of our network, highlighted the training in [their presentation entitled 'How to Tame the Elephant'](#).

[Take the online short course now!](#)

Opportunities & Events.

- Call for Applications for an Early-Career Scientist to **join the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) Executive Committee**. The International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU; now the International Science Council) formed the Special Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) in 1957 to help address interdisciplinary science questions related to the ocean. SCOR was the first interdisciplinary body formed by ICSU. SCOR's name was later changed to "Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research" to reflect its more permanent status. More information on the call now open until 17 July 2020 : [here](#).
- **Webinar: Accounting for Everyone: Using Gridded Population Data For Sustainable Development**, June 24, 2020 at 09:30 EDT/15:30 CET/19:00 IST. More information: <https://www.icsu-wds.org/news/news-archive/webinar-accounting-for-everyone-using-gridded-population-data-for-sustainable-development>
- **Webinar: The Role of Science and Science Funders in the Time of the COVID-19 Crisis**, June 26, 2020 at 14:00–15:30 CET. More information: <https://www.icsu-wds.org/news/news-archive/Webinar-the-role-of-science-and-science-funders-in-the-time-of-the-covid-19-crisis>
- **Polar data workshop/hackathon** to enhance polar data sharing and interoperability: June 30, 2020 from 14:00–17:00 UTC: <https://www.icsu-wds.org/events/wds-events/polar-to-global-online-and-data-sharing-workshop-hackathon>



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