# YESS - Young Earth System Scientists Community

Built by Young Scientists for Young Scientists



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## YESS - The movie



### YESS - Who we are

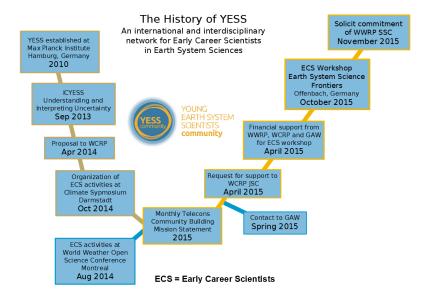




- Community for Early Career Scientists (ECS) in Earth System Science
  - $\Rightarrow \ \, \mathsf{Bottom\text{-}up, international, interdisciplinary} \\$
- Unifies ECS in an influential network
- ▶ Promotes local and global exchange within and across disciplines
- ▶ New generation of interdisciplinary educated young researchers



### YESS – Where we come from





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### Targets of workshop

- Discuss current interdisciplinary challenges in Earth System Science
  - Summary of outcome to be published in White Paper
- ▶ Identify structural needs of a sustainable ECS network
  - What is required to tackle these challenges?
- Develop and progress ideas for outreach and promotion
  - Make network beneficial for ECS around the world

### Participants and organization

- Prepared and organized by YESS members
- Facilitated by financial support from WCRP, WWRP and GAW and other institutions
  - ▶ 23 YESS members ⇒ formed first YESS Council
  - Six representatives from WCRP, WWRP and GAW joined to follow the discussions and provide advice on WMO Programs



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# submitted to BAMS in March 2016 (in review)

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### The new structure





### First Elections

#### **Executive Committee**

Julia Keller (Germany)
Gaby Langendijk (The Netherlands)
Masoumeh Mirsafa (Iran)
Marisol Osman (Argentina)
Vera Schemann (Germany)
Sebastian Sonntag (Germany)
Fiona Tummon (Switzerland/South Africa)



### **Regional Representatives**

### Region I - Africa

Steve Arowolo (South Africa) Faten Bahar (Tunisia)

### Region III - South America

Ariane Frassoni (Brazil) Marisol Osman (Argentina)

### Region V - South West Pacific

Erik Behrens (New Zealand)

### Region II - Asia / Middle-East

Mohammad Alqadi (Jordan) Masoumeh Mirsafay (Iran)

### Region IV - North America Kevin Reed (USA)

Region VI - Europe
Jakub Walawender (Poland)



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### Depends on support and possibilities!



# YESS – How you could help us

- Decide on WCRP's commitment to the YESS community
- Create possibilities
  - by involvement of YESS in WCRP activities
  - for ECSs to participate in the core WCRP activities (including panels and projects)
  - to find resources for a "YESS coordination office", for both logistical arrangements and for activity support.





"We believe that we can shape a truly international and sustainable research network that will compliment and integrate ongoing activities in the short term and will benefit the WMO research programs in the long term by training and creating opportunities for future leaders."

- YESS Community -

