



Call for Session Proposals

The 5th European Conference on Permafrost (EUCOP 2018) will be held in Chamonix-Mont Blanc, France, 22 June - 1st July 2018. The conference aims at covering all relevant aspects of permafrost research, engineering and outreach on a global and regional level.

We hereby open the call for session proposals, which should be submitted until **15 April 2017**.

Each session will be organized by two to three co-conveners (*i.e.* those that submit the session proposal). We encourage a high degree of internationality for the convener boards. At least one convener should be a member of the Permafrost Young Researchers Network (PYRN). PYRN conveners are students or young researchers within six years after completion of their doctoral thesis, however, they must not be students or formally under the supervision of the senior conveners of the according session. The conveners will be responsible for the selection of abstracts and for the organization of oral or poster presentations.

Inspired from the research developments exposed during the last conferences on permafrost, the following general themes denote the diversity of research to be presented at the conference: Mountain permafrost - Lowland permafrost - Periglacial geomorphology and paleoenvironments - Planetary permafrost - Permafrost and climate change – Climate and carbon feedback - Ecology, microbiology, biogeochemistry - Natural hazards - Foundation engineering and infrastructure on permafrost - In-situ and remote observation techniques and programs - Modelling - Socioeconomic and cultural dynamics - History of permafrost engineering and research - Education and outreach - Infra-periglacial geomorphology - Risks on permafrost-affected slopes – Forest/ice/snow covers on permafrost - Critical zone - Etc. Those themes are by no means restrictive and we especially wish to favour a transdisciplinary, holistic and systemic vision of the questions that the permafrost community faces. This latter includes researchers as well as stakeholders, socio-economic, political and cultural actors, commonly engaged to address the societal challenges of permafrost in a warming world.

By **30 May 2017**, a decision by ISC/LOC will be presented on the acceptance of submitted sessions. The decision will be based on the inherent scientific interest and quality of the session proposal, the potential to attract participants, the thematic overlap and number of available slots at the conference.

The call for abstracts for the accepted sessions will open 20 August 2017 until 15 December 2017. After that date, depending on number of abstracts being submitted to each session, the LOC and the ISC may propose to merge, modify or cancel sessions.

We are looking forward to receive your session proposals for the EUCOP 2018 (session title, names of the conveners with their e-mail, summary of 10-15 lines) asap by e-mail (philip.deline@univ-smb.fr).

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