

SCAR EXPERT GROUP ON PERMAFROST AND PERIGLACIAL ENVIRONMENTS REPORT 2010

The main aim of EGPPE is to promote international collaboration towards the development of Antarctic permafrost research. The IPY core project ANTPAS has been the main driver of our activities and allowed for the implementation of several nationally-funded projects, many of them with long-term monitoring and research goals. Current activities benefit from ANTPAS dynamics are framed within the project objectives. EGPPE's activities in 2010 included:

i) Two coordination meetings in Longyearbyen (EUCOPIII) and in Buenos Aires (SCAR OSC) that resulted in a revised Steering Committee, with M. Guglielmin (Italy) and G. Vieira (Portugal) as Co-chairs, M. Balks (New Zealand) as Secretary and J. Putkonen (USA) and C. Schaeffer (Brazil) as Communication Officers. A newsletter in order to facilitate communications will be implemented.

ii) A session at SCAR OSC in Buenos Aires on Antarctic Permafrost and Periglacial Environments, which will result in a special issue of *Geomorphology* edited by M. Guglielmin.

iii) A session was proposed for ISAES 2011.

James Bockheim, former Co-Chair gave a remarkable contribution and has been a key-person at EGPPE. His contribution is greatly acknowledged by EGPPE and at Buenos Aires a decision was made on making him Honorary Member of the group.

Mauro Guglielmin and Gonçalo Vieira (Co-Chairs)