

# UKPN Newsletter

## September 2007

### A New Newsletter...

This is the first quarterly UKPN Newsletter, sorry it's been so long in coming! In it you will find information on the activities we have been carrying out and the ones we have got coming up, as well as all our contact details and the NEW WEB ADDRESS!

### UKPN Network Days

The first UKPN Network day, held at **BAS** on June 15<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success. It attended by around 90 young researchers with some fantastic invited speakers, a really good poster session, a tour of BAS facilities, a look at some brilliant archive footage (who isn't going to take a picture of the Queen when they go to Antarctica?) and of course lots of free food and wine, and a fun dinner! Thanks to all the speakers, to **BAS** for hosting, to **The John Lewis Partnership** for their sponsorship and of course to Liz Thomas for organising the event.



UKPN Members at the Network Day (Photo Narelle Baker)

The next UKPN Network day will be on the **15<sup>th</sup> of November** at **UEA, Norwich** and we have some great speakers lined up. Contact **Emma Fiedler** if you're interested or want more information.

### IGS British Branch Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007



UKPN'ers Sam and Richard happy at IGS British Branch (Photo Brian Barrett)

Helen recently gave a presentation on UKPN at the **IGS British Branch Meeting**. It was good to see some UKPN members there (and have some new members sign up!). Interest in UKPN was high, with really positive feedback from UK glaciologists, with offers of support, people asking to work with us and interest in the way we are organised. Info on the activities as a result of contacts made at the meeting will be out soon.

### In the Press

UKPN fame is growing! We have been asked to contribute articles to two magazines. Emma Irvine is currently writing an article for **Earthzine**, a soon to be launched online magazine on earth observations. The article will look at the contribution of early career researchers (predominantly UK based) to the IPY through research and organizations such as UKPN. Helen and James are writing about the activities of UKPN for **ICE**, the quarterly bulletin of the **International Glaciological Society**. We'll let you know when they are published. If you fancy turning your hand to writing articles in the future get in touch with **Helen Freeman** (No experience necessary!).

### Polarnetwork.org

The website is currently being developed, and should be up and running in all its glory in the next few weeks. The new site will include information on UKPN activities, mailing list sign ups, meeting info (including online registration), resources for Education and Outreach, Working group details, Network, Job and Postgraduate course info and lots more. If you are interested in being involved in developing the site or have any suggestions about what you would like to see on it get in touch with **Cameron Rye**.

**PTO. for upcoming activities and more ways to get involved...**

<http://www.polarnetwork.org>

**UK Polar Network** is the UK Branch of the **IPY YSC** and the **Association of Polar Early Career Scientists**. We carry education and outreach activities and provide a Network for UK based polar early career researchers from any discipline

**UKPN** are grateful to the following organisations and individuals for their support.

**British Antarctic Survey**

**International Arctic Science Committee**

**International Glaciological Society**

**The John Lewis Partnership**

**Scientific Committee on Arctic Research**

**Scott Polar Research Institute**

Rob Bingham, Bob Hawley, Magnús Már Magnússon, Eleanor Peers, Sally Poncet, Colin Summerhayes and Martina Tyrell.

And thanks to those of you who have responded to our emailed requests for info and been involved in other ways, *much appreciated!*

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### RGS-IBG Explore Conference, 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2007

UKPN have been invited to be involved in the **RGS Explore Conference**, run by the Royal Geographical Society, to inspire, advise and provide a network for people who are interested in or currently planning expeditions. This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet some of today's great explorers, get them involved in UKPN and let them know about polar research. The more UKPN'ers who attend the better! Stay tuned for more information about our plans or contact **James Cheshire**.

### IPY Early Career Polar Researchers Workshop, St Petersburg, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Thanks to \$5000 of funding from **SCAR** (Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research) and **IASC** (International Arctic Science Committee) UKPN, in conjunction with other **IPY YSCs**, is organising the IPY Early Career Polar Researchers Workshop, St Petersburg, Russia. This will run immediately prior to the **SCAR/IASC Open Science Conference**. The day is open to early career scientists from all over the world and is led by UKPN. It will include science speakers, mentors, a chance to network, free food and more. So far the funding will cover the cost of running the day, but Narelle is working hard to secure funding for travel assistance. If you are interested in helping out with organising the day contact **Liz**, or to help with funding contact **Narelle Baker**.

### BA Festival of Science Liverpool, 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Emma Irvine and Kate Hendry are currently applying to run a session at next years **BA Festival of Science**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for us to let the general public know about the cutting edge research being carried out as part of IPY, particularly by early career researchers. The event will be aimed at school leavers and upper secondary students. If you are interested in being involved please contact **Emma Irvine**.

### Back to School...

The Education and Outreach Working Group is in the swing of planning and organising schools visits which will be split into four different age groups. Primary children will be able to try their hand at simple science activities and art projects. The lower secondary age group will hear about the research being carried out in Polar Regions and be pointed in the direction of blogs and other web resources. Upper secondary and school leavers will be given careers and subject advice on opportunities in polar research and support careers, and information of polar oriented gap years. Undergrads are invited to join UKPN and will be kept updated on postgraduate places and opportunities for dissertation research. If you are interested in being involved in Education and Outreach, want to carry out schools visits or you're a teacher looking for resources contact **Emma Irvine**.

### Getting involved

As well as the activities listed above, we would love it if you were involved in other ways. If you know any potential funding sources (from charities offering a few hundred pounds to generous lecturers with cash left in grants to aging millionaires looking for someone to leave their life savings to) please get in touch with **Narelle**, she would love some help. If you are off anywhere interesting and want to keep a Blog about your experiences, or have been away and have some good field photos or videos we can use in our education resources or our website please get in touch with **Tamsin Gray** at BAS. If you would like to be involved in writing the newsletter in the future, want to join UKPN, be involved with the working groups or have any queries get in touch with **Helen**.

*Feel free to send this newsletter to anyone you think may be interested. Thanks!*

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