



Welcome to the ICOS RI Autumn 2015 newsletter!

LATEST ICOS RI NEWS

On 24th November 2015 the European Commission has officially launched ICOS ERIC. At the inauguration ceremony in Brussels Director General for Research and Innovation at the European Commission Robert-Jan Smits has handed out the official ICOS ERIC plate to the Finnish Minister of Education and Culture Sanni Grahn-Laasonen and ICOS Director General Werner Kutsch.



Inaugural ICOS ERIC General Assembly took place in Helsinki

The ICOS ERIC 1st General Assembly was held in Helsinki this week with delegates from all nine member and observer countries taking part. The Assembly was also attended by the guest delegates from Czech Republic, Greece, Spain and United Kingdom. During this inaugural General Assembly delegates discussed and adopted number of decisions important for the smooth running of the ICOS RI operations including the appointment of Werner Kutsch as a Director General of ICOS ERIC for a five-year term.

ICOS RI presented at the GEO

In the early November Mexico City hosted GEO-XII Plenary, Ministerial Summit and Exhibition which was attended by more than 400 delegates from 41 GEO governments and 39 partner organizations, and included Ministers of Environment, Science and Natural Resources. ICOS RI delegation used this opportunity to promote ICOS activities and projects including ENVRIplus and GEO Flagship Initiative for carbon and greenhouse gases observations.





ICOS RI co-organized two side events at the UN COP21 in Paris

For the first time this year ICOS has taken part in the UNFCCC session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) by organizing side events aimed at emphasizing the strong need for a comprehensive global observation system on carbon and greenhouse gases. First event, entitled Trust but Verify - Towards a Comprehensive Global Observation, Information, and Verification System, took place in the COP21 Nordic Pavilion in Paris with host of experts and panelists including Barbara Ryan, the Secretariat Director of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO). ICOS Director General Werner Kutsch also took part in the side event called Open EO Data, Knowledge and Services for a Climate Resilient Society – a Case for Africa which was held in the COP21 EU Pavilion.

First ENVRI week took place in Prague

The 1st ENVRI week, which was held in Prague, Czech Republic in November, was attended by 122 participants from all over Europe. The event included talks on numerous topics, practical trainings and workshops focused on specific ENVRIplus work packages. During the ENVRI week in Prague the first Board of European Environmental Research infrastructures (BEERI) meeting also took place and it brought together representatives of 19 Research infrastructures to discuss joint planning and common strategies.

News in brief

-The ETC-PI meeting took place in Todi (PG) Italy from 24-26th November and was attended by the representatives of all the candidate ICOS sites. Meeting was an opportunity for constructive discussion about moving forward with the ICOS Ecosystem network construction with aim to achieve the highest quality possible.

-The standardization protocols for greenhouse gas measurements in Europe were main topics of discussion at the 2nd ICOS Ecosystem Monitoring Station Assembly (MSA) that was held in September in Brno, Czech Republic, hosted by the CzechGlobe and Mendel University.

-In September the Christian-Albrechts-Universität in Kiel, Germany hosted Solas Open Science Conference which also showcased SOCAT activities by the international marine carbon research community and included release of SOCAT Version 3 and Automation System.

Forthcoming Events



AGU Fall Meeting

14-18th December 2015, USA

ICOS-INWIRE Final Project Meeting

14-15th January 2016, France

3rd Carbon from Space Workshop

26-28th January 2016, UK

EGU General Assembly

17-22nd April 2016, Austria

COS Workshop - The biosphere-atmosphere exchange and global budget of carbonyl sulfide 05-09th September 2016, Finland



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