



## **Young Earth System Scientists community (YESS)**

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The community of Young Earth System Scientists (YESS) is a network originating in the three graduate schools of the climate and marine science related excellence clusters of northern Germany (SICSS, GLOMAR, ISOS) and the International Max Planck Research School on Earth System Modelling at the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology in Hamburg. It has been founded in 2010 to facilitate exchange between young researchers from these schools and all related institutions in Germany, and - in time - worldwide.

To do this, YESS has implemented an independent communication infrastructure, a web community that allows for exchange and communication between YESS members. YESS is a platform that allows each member to achieve what s/he wants to do in her/his professional network within YESS. Multiple seminars, meetings, a retreat and now finally the ICYESS have been organized using YESS resources.

YESS is your easy contact option for German and international Earth System Science related institutions and agencies; we are, after all, the future of Earth system research. YESS extends your existing alumni networks of your respective school, institute or university and gives you a unique opportunity to shape the leading network community in a very active way. We are independent of every institution, we do not compete with any existing solution but aim to extend and bridge gaps in the current community.

We are the first of an interdisciplinary cohort of Earth system researchers, and we should try to improve exchange and communication with each another - for the science, and for our professional development. The YESS community is a place to do this, organized by you, for you. We hope that the ICYESS is a conference in this exact YESS spirit, to learn from a variety of Earth system science related disciplines, and to grow a robust and diverse personal network of friends and colleagues for our future careers, as diverse as they might be.

In this talk, we will use the time to discuss further plans for YESS, demands and ideas of the audience, and discuss a few strategical options that YESS will have in the near future.