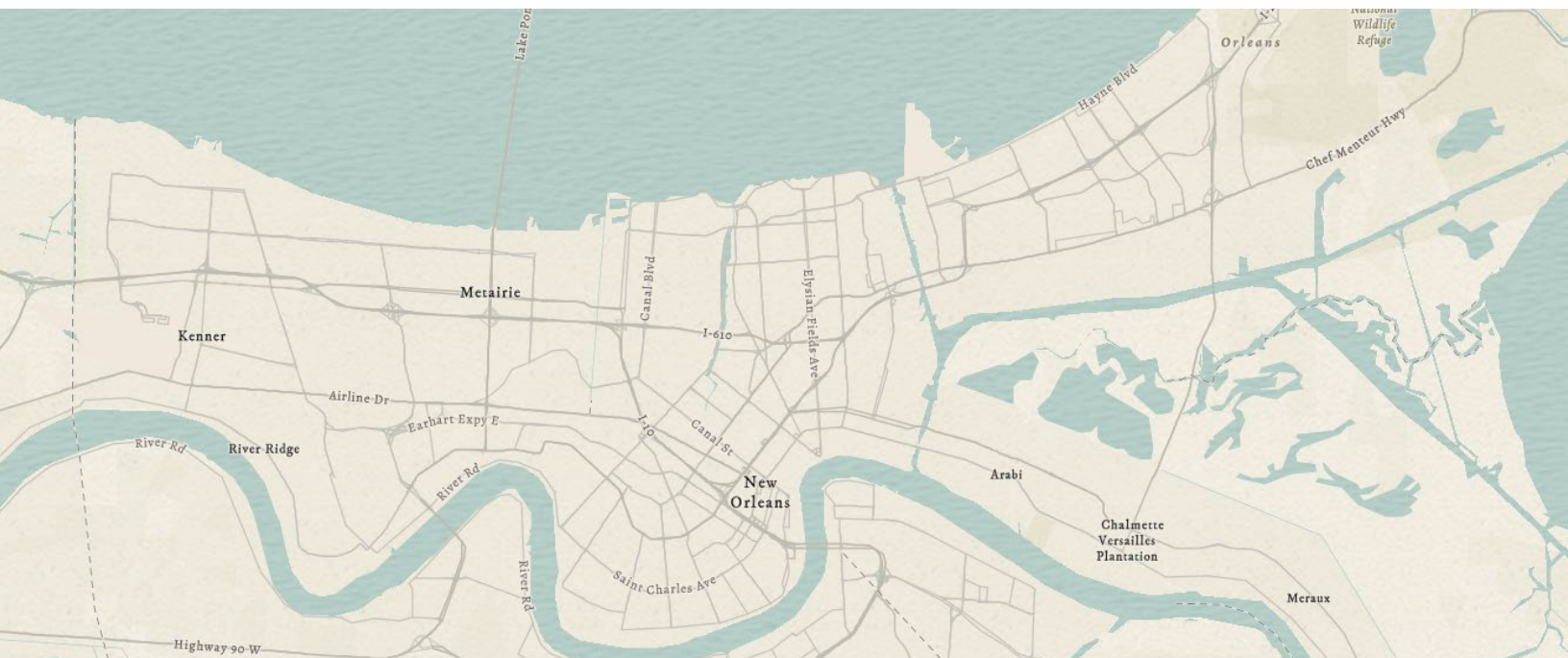




**Permafrost Coastal Systems
Network (PerCS-Net) Retreat
14-17 February 2024
Chateau LeMoyne
New Orleans, LA**



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Permafrost Coastal Systems Network (PerCS-Net)

Final Retreat - 2024

Retreat Goal: It's the 5th and final year of the 1st phase of PerCS-Net. We are excited to be bringing together a core group of PerCS-Net members to assess our progress towards the goals and objectives of the NSF-AccelNet program, reflect on our successes and challenges, and to develop tangible strategies towards sustaining our International Network of Networks in the future.

Wednesday - 14 February

4 pm Arrival Day for Most Attendees!

*Check in time at the Holiday Inn French Quarter - Chateau LeMoyne is 4pm
301 Dauphine St, New Orleans, LA 70112
700 N Rampart St, New Orleans, LA 70116*

6:00 pm Meet and Greet at The Black Penny

Dinner on your own (per diem will be provided on travel expense reports)

Thursday - 15 February

8 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM Welcome and Housekeeping

10:00 AM PechaKucha: 15 Presentations

11 AM Coffee/snack break

11:30 AM PechaKucha: 13 Presentations

***PechaKucha self-introductions:** PechaKucha 10x20 presentation format is a slide show of 10 images, each auto-advancing after 20 seconds. Consider focusing on your background (who you are, your past research, your current research). For first time attendees tell us what you are looking forward to as part of the network, and for those returning network members, highlight aspects of how PerCS-Net has impacted your career.*

12:30 PM Lunch



1:30 PM Group Movement/Engagement Activity

2:00 PM PerCS-Net Overview/Charge for the Retreat

It's been five years since PerCS-Net was established through the NSF-AccelNet program by integrating several pre-existing national and international networks.

During this final network retreat for the initial phase of PerCS-Net, we will be reflecting on our progress, identifying areas of success and failures, the benefit of this international network, and discussing network sustainability and a vision for the future.

2:30 PM Coffee/snack break

3-5 PM Roundtable Discussion/Breakout Groups: Supporting Early Career Researchers in International Network of Networks

A primary goal of the NSF AccelNet program is to prepare the next generation of U.S. researchers for multi-team international collaborations.

This roundtable discussion / breakout group session aims to provide space and time to discuss aspirations for engaging early career researchers, report on opportunities and progress, and to crowdsource ideas for addressing challenges of developing multi-team international collaborations.

The discussion will focus on 1) individual goals and motivations for involvement with international collaborative network building and how this supports professional development, 2) discussing capacity among ECRs around leading international collaborative projects both within and outside academia, 3) identifying key needs and gaps in building capacity and competency for international collaboration among ECRs.

Dinner on your own (per diem will be provided on travel expense reports)

Friday - 16 February

8 AM Breakfast

9 AM Roundtable Discussion/Breakout Groups: Network Evaluation Questionnaire

The NSF AccelNet program is at its five-year mark and the PMs are planning for an external review to plan the future of the program. The PMs are particularly interested in learning how Network of Networks cooperate and exchange information to advance science. Given

PerCS-Net Questionnaire:

1. *What PerCS-Net activities or products have been the most valuable to you?*
2. *How has your involvement in PerCS-Net helped advance or accelerate your career and research?*
3. *Has your involvement in PerCS-Net helped you develop your professional skills?*
4. *Has your involvement in PerCS-Net increased opportunities for international collaboration?*



this context, we will reflect on the past five years of PerCS-Net activities to highlight what has worked and/or not worked. Please, if you haven't filled out the online questionnaire for PerCS-Net, do so by 02 February so we can have time to collate the responses to help guide this roundtable discussion.

The online form is here:

<https://forms.gle/18zJyNj3M9mNLKtv5>

or provided you with a more global research perspective?

5. *How could we make a network like PerCS-Net more effective in increasing international collaboration and accelerating scientific discovery?*
6. *Are there other national or international networks we should engage with to advance research in coastal and offshore permafrost systems?*
7. *Has your involvement in PerCS-Net opened educational or professional opportunities that you might not have had otherwise?*
8. *Considering what you've already shared, what do you think has been the biggest outcome or benefit of participating in PerCS-Net?*

10:30 AM Coffee/snack break

11:00 AM Roundtable Discussion/Breakout Groups: Working with Indigenous & local communities and how to build that capacity into international networks of networks.

The Alaska Coastal Cooperative at UAF is an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural research group that was created in 2022 to address emerging environmental and socioecological challenges to Arctic coastal communities. It is working to elevate local priorities to accelerate actionable coastal resiliency science and communication and increase technical capacity through education, training, and knowledge co-production. A recently funded NSF Collaboratory project, ACTION (Alaska Coastal Cooperative for Co-producing Transformative Ideas and Opportunities in the North) serves as its foundation.

We will discuss aspects of the newly funded NSF-NNA ACTION project and how to best integrate the efforts of the ACC into PerCS-Net to maximize the benefit to the International Network of Networks.

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: *How can we more effectively communicate and work together to build synergy, leverage ongoing work, and avoid duplication of effort?*

Question 2: *How to create opportunities and build capacity for Indigenous communities to lead and participate in research; what are the effective strategies for building trust and requesting community input and feedback?*

Question 3: *What are the needs in rural coastal communities regarding technical training, capacity to participate, and education - What are the gaps that need to be filled to reach a resilient future?*

12:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Group Movement/Engagement Activity

2:00 PM Roundtable Discussion/Breakout Groups: Long-term continuity of PerCS-Net

This discussion will focus on five themes:

- 1) *Maintaining funding for International Networks of Networks*



	NSF funding for PerCS-Net is slated to end in the fall of 2024. What is the long-term vision of our International Network of Networks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Sustaining the future through Early Career Networks 3) Advisory Boards for maintaining the network continuity 4) Data standards and synthesis as means for the future 5) Ongoing engagement of interdisciplinary & international collaborators
3:30 pm	Coffee/snack break	
4-5 pm	Roundtable Discussion/Breakout Groups: Long-term continuity of PerCS-Net	Continued
	Dinner on your own (per diem will be provided on travel expense reports)	

Saturday - 17 February

8 AM	Breakfast	
9 AM	PerCS-Net Soundbites and Network Syntheses for the Future	<i>We've been tasked with creating a short project video that highlights some of the successes of our Network of Networks over the past five years. Individuals will be asked to contribute a few remarks regarding how your involvement in PerCS-Net helped advance or accelerate your career and research? We will do the Soundbite recordings in a dedicated space. At the same time a larger group discussion will focus on Network Syntheses to help guide the vision for the future in support of network sustainability.</i>
10:30 AM	Coffee/snack break	
11 AM	Network Retreat Wrap-Up and Next Steps	
12 PM	Lunch	
1pm	End of meeting and break for optional local excursion - Steamboat Natchez	<i>For attendees that are interested in an optional group excursion (on your own dime), we are planning to take a voyage on the Steamboat Natchez for a daytime jazz cruise with the option for lunch. Individual rates are \$60 per person with lunch and \$42 per person without lunch.</i>
	AFTERNOON CRUISE Boarding Times: 2:00pm Dockside: 2:00pm - 2:30pm Cruising: 2:30pm - 4:30pm	https://www.steamboatnatchez.com/