Dear members
It has been quiet over the past few months as we all concentrate on what is most important – keeping ourselves, our families, and our colleagues safe. Three news items for you:

Assistant Professor position at EPFL
EPFL (École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne) has launched a search for an Assistant Professor in Soil System Science (https://www.epfl.ch/about/working/faculty-position-in-soil-system-science/)
Posted by Freeman Cook (MSSANZ Fellow) & Andrew Barry, EPFL Director Institute of Environmental Engineering.
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MODSIM2021 (http://mssanz.org.au/modsim2021**)**

- Convenors (3 NSW universities – Sydney, NSW, UTS) are continuing to work on preparations for MODSIM2021, including contingency for providing some content online.
- A new WATER QUALITY stream has been endorsed, with formation being led by Andrew Western and Danlu Guo from Melb Uni, and Anna Lintern from Monash Uni. The MODSIM water quality community is well-organised and looking forward to developing their plan for the stream.
- If you have queries, or great ideas (or even just good ones), please post to modsim2021@mssanz.org.au

Whales & Climate Project in South Africa – position for Research Associate (modeller) in Antarctic sea ice modelling at the Marine Research Institute (Ma-Re), University of Cape Town, South Africa
Ma-Re seeks an Early Career Research Associate to contribute to the international project *Humpback Whales in a Changing Climate* (www.whalesandclimate.org), a collaboration between South Africa, Australia and South America. The candidate will be requested to implement the ocean-sea ice-biogeochemistry modelling component of the project for Southern Ocean simulations (based on the NEMO system). The model will be used to determine environmental conditions for the humpback feeding grounds around Antarctica over the past 40 years. The interaction with animal ecology will be analysed jointly with international experts and other agent-based modelling undertaken by the other partners in the project. This is a 2-year contract. Details in attached document
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Best wishes, Sue