How can the SC help the ECR Network?

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As discussed during the last SC meeting in November, one big difficulty for the ECR Network is to reach out Early Career Researchers and Scientists. We are putting our best effort into developing communication through social media and developing our webpage. The SC can also help us develop the Network. Here are some propositions of easy tasks any member of the SC can help with:

- Make the Network known to students and ECR while at conferences/training courses. Every SC member, while giving talks to the target audience (ECRs) can encourage people to join the WDS-ECR Network. Know that we have our own webpage on the WDS website (https://www.icsu-wds.org/community/ecr-network), professional cards, and fliers ready and available directly on the webpage. e-mail address to contact the Network: ECR-Chairs@icsu-wds.org.
- Via social media. Know that we have a Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/pg/wdsECR/) and a Twitter account (@wdsECR). This is a two-way opportunity: we can announce WDS and ECR events, while WDS can promote our activities.
- Participate in our teleconferences (every two month) as a guest: Give a talk about your experience as a data manager, your role as a SC member, your career path, and any advice you might have for ECRs. Our next teleconference is expected in March 2019.
- The Network is also an opportunity to make other initiatives known: You have heard about new training materials, or an exciting blog post on a data-related subject, we are interested! Know that we will try to send out a Newsletter every three months. Our next Newsletter is expected in April.
- Put us in contact with key organization or initiatives you have heard of. Thank you Sandy for sending us the contact details for the National Academies.
- With Ingrid, we started to make a list of initiatives, do not hesitate to update it. See the list here:
  - List of Training Initiatives

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- Help set up the ECR website page with a proper section. We might want to add content specific to ECRs and for people to sign up to the group easily. We are currently talking with Rorie about this issue.