PAGES EXCOM Meeting Minutes
22-23 October 2012

Members: Alan Mix (Co-Chair), Hubertus Fischer (Co-Chair), Denis-Didier Rousseau (joined later on first day), John Dearing, Takeshi Nakatsuka

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1. Workshop Proposals

- PAGES IPO to better advertise calls for WS support in future rounds
- Motivate a workshop with a forward-looking perspective on Future Earth. The format could be similar to the “50 questions in Palaeoecology” meeting.
- Raise support limit to 15,000 USD for PAGES Working Group workshops if a good case is made, but still state that normal range of support is 5-10k.
- It was determined the following workshops would receive support, subject to meeting individually tailored conditions:

### Working Group workshops

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<td>4-6 March 2013</td>
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<td>Euro-Med2k WS</td>
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### Open Call workshops

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<td>Peter Langdon</td>
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<td>South American Paleoeology Database WS</td>
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Educational workshops

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<td>Speleothem Summer School (Heidelberg, Germany)</td>
<td>28 July-2 Aug 2013</td>
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<td>Latin American Paleocology WS (Jujuy, Argentina)</td>
<td>15-26 July 2013</td>
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2. Quick review of PAGES Working Groups

Existing Working Groups

**Climate Forcings (Focus 1)**
- Global Palaeofire Working Group (GPWG)
- PALSEA (Paleo-Constraints on Sea-Level Rise) - Action: Encourage PALSEA to work out a plan for phase-II as “new working group”. PAGES then to review.
- Solar forcing – NEW; first workshop held in Davos, Switzerland, in Sep 2012 - Action: Clarify the objectives and how to reach them.

**Regional Climate Dynamics (Focus 2)**
- PAGES/CLIVAR Intersection – Action: Ask for plan of next activities and buy-in to Future Earth?
- PR Challenge – concluded

**Global Earth-System Dynamics (Focus 3)**
- ADOM (Atmospheric circulation dynamics: Observations and modeling) - Action: Remind ADOM about the PAGES news special issue (preparation in Spring, publication in Summer 2013). Explore whether the DUSTSPEC workshops proposed to NSF by Natalie Mahowald and Gisela Winckler have potential for a push for ADOM.
• Global Monsoon – Action: Encourage Liping Zhou to develop a new monsoon group that includes impacts (- timely in the light of Future Earth).

• Ocean Acidification – concluded

• SynTraCE-21 (Synthesis of Transient Climate Evolution of the last 21-kyr) – Action: Contact and check status. [Done: WS in Nov 2012, happy to maintain WG status for now.]

**Human-Climate-Ecosystem Interactions (Focus 4)**

- Theme “Regional Integration”
- Theme “Biodiversity”
- Theme “Water”
- Theme “Land Carbon”
- Theme “Soil and Sediment”
- Theme “Land use and cover”
- Initiate a Focus 4 workshop across all themes later in 2013 - to revisit the themes and how they can link in with priorities of Future Earth.
- Consider removing Land Carbon theme eventually

**Anticipated new Working Groups**

- None
- WG on Climate Modes could be useful, if PAGES/CLIVAR does not address the topic

**3. Endorsed Groups**

**Current endorsed and affiliated groups**

- PAGES IPO to request reports from the endorsed groups for the SSC meeting in Goa.

**IHOPE**

- Speak with IHOPE representatives at upcoming meetings to see how IHOPE will evolve and what opportunities for collaboration there are.
- PAGES to propose pro-actively common activities (e.g. hold a dedicated joint workshop)?
Potential new or re-endorsements

IMAGES
- Observe whether the new Science Plan will be published and new structures are implemented.
- Ask when feedback on the new science plan is due. Then ask SSC to give feedback.
- Propose that a Program News article is published in PAGES news to present new science plan when ready.

Arctic Holocene Transitions (D. Kaufman)
- YES to endorsement. Discuss possibility for PAGES hosted project webpage.

4. PAGES OSM & YSM 2013

OSM
- One OSM plenary speaker still TBD.

YSM
- SSC members should attend YSM meeting to interact with young scientists.

Data sharing policy
- Produce a good-practice guide for distribution at the OSM.

5. Committee Membership

SSC
- EXCOM to consider F4 representatives for the SSC.
- IPO to start call for nominations very soon. SSC nominations should be circulated in eNews, Newsletter, and through national representatives.

EXCOM elections
- Hubertus Fischer to run EXCOM elections via email to replace Takeshi Nakatsuka before the Goa meeting.

6. Miscellaneous

Paleo-press release database
• EXCOM to encourage Chris to continue his effort and present a concept/prototype at the next SSC meeting.

• Main questions are: How to minimize labor and how to maximize quality control?

Future Earth

• Hubertus and Eric Wolff to draft a concept for splitting up the “Changing Planet” Integrative Research Theme in the Future Earth draft Research Framework into two new ones: “machinery” and “observations”. Circulate draft among SSC.

Next SSC and EXCOM Meetings (in Goa)

• SSC to Invite “Future Earth” people for a discussion during Goa SSC meeting, e.g. Martin Visbeck, Gordon McBean, and Indian representative on Transition Team/Belmont forum?

• EXCOM Meeting 2013 (tentatively) scheduled for 30 Sep and 1 Oct 2013, again as a videoconference.

• An additional online “EXCOM” meeting could be held in spring (April/May) if specific Future Earth strategies need to be discussed.