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PAGES (Past Global Changes) is a core Project of the IGBP (International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme)

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1) PAGES Web-site

Since the end of March the PAGES website has a new look:

<http://www.pages-igbp.org>

There are a lot of new features that provide better and easier information about PAGES and its research structure. The site also will better serve as a communication and coordination tool for the PAGES community.

New features include:

- new 'about PAGES' section
- electronic forum (message board)
- better organization of downloadable products - overhead transparencies, publications, etc.
- an online people database searchable by name, country, expertise, and more.
- a new job section
- a site search feature
- new layout
- science highlights

During the first two months of operation the new PAGES website has attracted

Per day: ~350 visits of ~15 minutes duration each

Per day: one new address added to the PAGES database and mailing list

Per month: ~1000 downloads of our overhead transparencies and newsletters

In the near future all PAGES e-news subscribers will receive information about the new PAGES people database works and how to make your own address changes, indicate your own expertise, etc.

It's worth a visit: <http://www.pages-igbp.org>

2) Website Science Highlights

Our website includes a new science highlights section <http://www.pages-igbp.org/shighlight/shighlight.html> which we plan to update regularly. If you have a new, interesting publication that you would like to have viewed by a wide community of scientists, please submit one graphic and a short text with reference to Isabelle Larocque larocque@pages.unibe.ch

3) Past Global Change Image Collection

PAGES is in the process of creating a new area which will soon become available on our website, <http://www.pages-igbp.org>

This image gallery consists of a collection of paired, past and present, photos and drawings capturing the evidence of environmental change over the past several centuries. The collection will be freely available on our website, both in web and print quality, and will include a short caption for each image pair, a credit to the source and a reference to relevant peer reviewed literature. Credits for each image appear directly on the image. We hope that this collection of images showing the effects of past and recent climatic and environmental change will be useful to a broad community of interested people (Policy makers, scientists, school teachers etc.)

see attachment for an example!

The collection includes images of:

- glaciers and moraines
- vegetation (tree lines....)
- hydrology (lake levels, rivers)
- human impact (settlement etc.)
- natural hazards

We are now seeking contributions to fill out the collection:

- pictures should be provided in jpeg-format at 300dpi resolution
- an additional text file should contain a relevant scientific reference, a figure caption, and photo credit (maximum one A4 page, 12pt.)

Contact and further information:

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4) Documentary Records issue of PAGES News

The next issue of PAGES News will be guest edited by Heinz Wanner and Christian Pfister from the University of Bern. The issue will highlight the use of documentary records from around the world in quantitative paleoclimatic reconstruction. PAGES welcomes contributions of science highlights that fit within this theme, as well as the usual workshop reports

and program news. If you are interested in contributing a science highlight to this issue please have a look at the guide to contributors <http://www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html> and contact Heinz Wanner (wanner@giub.unibe.ch). Other types of contribution may be sent to Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch). All submissions should follow the instructions for authors on our web-site and be submitted by October 15, 2002.

5) Paleoceanography Professor Position Available

University of Bordeaux:

The department of Geology and Oceanography (DGO), a division of the research center UMR 5805 CNRS "Environnements et Paléoenvironnements Océaniques" at the University of Bordeaux I (France) invites application for a permanent full Professor position funded by the French Ministry of Education, starting in October 2003.

Candidates must have evidence of excellence in scientific research, and a record of extramural research funding. They should be highly committed to the development of teaching and research. We seek an individual with a solid foundation in, and knowledge of the role of the ocean in the climate system. The successful candidate will be expected to interact closely with the local teams of researchers involved in marine geochemical, micropaleontological, and sedimentological aspects of paleoceanography. Candidates are expected to contribute to teaching at undergraduate and graduate levels in geology, sedimentary basin geology, and paleoceanography, including field-based teaching and advanced level courses. It is compulsory for the candidates to be fluent in French, and to be qualified by the French Ministry of Education (qualification forms have to be filled in September and December 2002). Motivated candidates are requested to contact urgently the following persons:

Philippe Bertrand (Director UMR 5805): bertrand@epoc.u-bordeaux.fr

Jacques Giraudeau (Paleoceanography Group): giraudeau@epoc.u-bordeaux.fr

Information about the DGO is available on the web site:

<http://www.epoc.u-bordeaux.fr>

The full list of positions on the PAGES site, and a form to add a position, are available here:

<http://www.pages-igbp.org/jobs/jobs.html>

6) Visiting scientist opportunity

PAGES does many things to try to knit the international, interdisciplinary paleoenvironmental community together. One of these activities is hosting visiting scientists in the International Project Office as a way to proactively enhance the interaction between the IPO and the many researchers involved in PAGES projects. Recent and planned visitors have

included sabbatical visits from senior scientists, postdocs, and graduate students. They have come from home institutions in Canada, China, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Mexico, Morocco, Russia, South Africa, and the USA. PAGES has benefited enormously from these visitor's substantial efforts in hosting workshops, guest editing topical issues of this newsletter, editing books and special issues arising from PAGES' activities, developing new initiatives, and enhancing PAGES' visibility in their home countries. Senior visitors have benefited from an opportunity to get away from their home institution for a period to focus on a PAGES project or develop new interactions and lines of research. Younger scientists benefit from taking on interesting and challenging tasks that would not normally arise in their research and making many new contacts within the international PAGES network. We are now working hard in many different ways to improve our ability to host visiting scientists in the future. Any scientists interested in taking the opportunity to spend some time at the PAGES International Project Office in Bern, Switzerland are urged to contact Keith Alverson (alverson@pages.unibe.ch).
<http://www.pages-igbp.org/ppeople/staff/guests/guestscientists.html>

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