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**1. AGU Session**

Keith Alverson, Ray Bradley and Tom Pedersen are organizing a special session at the AGU meeting in San Francisco. This session is titled "Paleoclimate, Global Change and the Future".

This Session seeks to draw together contributions from the full range of paleoenvironmental sciences including continental, marine and ice archives as well as the modeling community. Focus will be achieved by concentrating of those aspects of past environmental change over the past millennium, the Holocene, and Glacial/Interglacial timescales with direct relevance to future societal concerns associated with anthropogenic climate change. The session is partly supported by PAGES - The International Geosphere Biosphere (IGBP) Project concerned with paleoenvironmental science (<http://www.pages-igbp.org>) and will draw synergies from the recently published synthesis of the past decade of PAGES relevant research. The session will be followed by an open town meeting to discuss maintaining and improving US paleoenvironmental science community engagement with the international PAGES program.

The limit date to submit an abstract online is September 5<sup>th</sup> 2002. Visit the website: [www.agu.org](http://www.agu.org)

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**2. Open Call for workshops**

Due to a substantial budget cut, the PAGES open call for workshop proposals has been indefinitely suspended. This call has been the primary PAGES mechanism to ensure that developing country scientists are able to participate in the planning of international research agenda rather than only participating in the fieldwork. Thus PAGES is actively seeking new funding in order to once again offer such support.

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**3. HITE**

The IGBP-PAGES Focus 5 programme 'Human Impacts on Terrestrial Ecosystems' (HITE) was established in June 2001 to further the use of environmental archives in documenting and understanding the interactions between human activities and terrestrial ecosystems through time - thereby helping to improve the scientific basis for ensuring the security and enhancing the value of global terrestrial ecosystems for the future.

We ask you to spend a few minutes browsing the updated HITE web-site (<http://www.liv.ac.uk/geography/hite>), which contains the HITE research plan, forthcoming Focus 5/HITE conference sessions, project descriptions, links, and a list of participants.

This is a new PAGES venture - and we want to receive details about your studies, recent publications, important results, photographs, and details of other

scientists engaged in this science. We are particularly keen to contact more scientists in South America, Africa and Asia.

Emma Hill (HITE Assistant)

John Dearing (HITE Leader)

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**4. START** is pleased to announce the START Fellowship/Visiting Scientist program for 2002. This program is designed to increase the number of developing country scientists actively pursuing global change research by providing for short-term visits to leading laboratories and institutions worldwide. START Fellowships are offered at the graduate and post-graduate levels, while the Visiting Scientist program is targeted toward more senior professionals.

Program details, including application information, are available through the START website ([http://www.start.org/Fellowships/app\\_guide.html](http://www.start.org/Fellowships/app_guide.html)).

#### **Visit at the PAGES office**

The PAGES office is interested in hosting a fellow, either a young scientist or a more senior scientist, as a contribution to the START program. The fellow would be provided the opportunity to choose from many ways to both benefit from and provide benefit to PAGES. In addition PAGES will facilitate scientific/research contacts with appropriate department at University of Bern (University strengths include: Climate (Wanner), Paleoclimate (Stocker), paleobotany (Amman), geography especially S. American, (Veit, Grosjean).

Interested scientists are encouraged to indicate their interest in a visit to the PAGES IPO in their application for the START fellowship program.

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#### **DISCCRS**

Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research

<http://aslo.org/disccrs/disccrsposter.pdf>

DISCCRS catalyzes interdisciplinary understanding and peer networking among recent PhDs across the full range of disciplines relevant to the understanding of climate change and its impacts. Jointly sponsored by the American Geophysical Union (AGU), American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), American Meteorological Society (AMS) and Ecological Society of America (ESA) and supported by NASA and NOAA, the program includes:

#### **DISSERTATION REGISTRY:**

An online, fully searchable Ph.D. Dissertation Registry introduces grads to the community and provides a concise overview of recent advances from around the world

#### **E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST:**

Job and other announcements are transmitted electronically to recent grads.

Messages targeting this group may be sent to [phd@whitman.edu](mailto:phd@whitman.edu) for distribution.

#### **SYMPOSIUM:**

A capstone symposium fosters international, interdisciplinary understanding and peer networks. Grads have an opportunity to present their research, meet with agency representatives, and discuss emerging research, education and societal issues. The first symposium will be held March 10-15, 2003 Copamarina Resort, Puerto Rico.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is October 6, 2002

Forty participants will be selected by committee based on the application materials submitted. Airfare and on-site expenses are subsidized by the supporting agencies (NASA and NSF).

For further information visit <http://aslo.org/phd.html>

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