

# PAGES ECN Newsletter - August 2018

Dear colleagues,

Welcome once again to the PAGES Early-Career Network Newsletter! Please see below for the latest news and announcements.

Please note, we've now made it easier for you to become a member of the ECN by adding a 'Join us' link on our home page. Join today!

The screenshot shows the PAGES Early-Career Network (ECN) website. The navigation menu includes: News, About, Calendar, Science, Initiatives, Products, Get Involved, People Database, and Early-Career Network. The 'Early-Career Network' section is highlighted. A red arrow points to the 'Join us!' link in the left sidebar. The main content area features a header for 'PAGES Early-Career Network (ECN)' and a paragraph: 'Tomorrow's science will be determined by today's early-career researchers (ECRs). Each new generation of scientists comes with fresh and novel ideas that contribute to existing knowledge and challenge established paradigms. However, only a small proportion of today's ECRs will succeed in a career in science. When ECRs are lost through the academic bottleneck, the scientific community loses potential resources that could lead to innovative research, concepts, and collaborations.' Below this is a 'Summary' section with a 'Join the ECN (and PAGES) People Database here.' link and a 'Sign up to the ECN mailing list, Contact us via email.' link.

Best wishes,

The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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## 1. AMQUA/CANQUA 2018 ECR Activities

For those of you attending the upcoming joint AMQUA/CANQUA 7-11 August in Ottawa, Canada, we would like to advertise two ECR activities that may be of interest:

- a. 8 August, there will be a Mixer and Student mentoring panel (7-10 pm) at the Mill St. Brew Pub.
- b. 11 August at 8:30 am, there will be an 'Introduction to the PAGES Early-Career Network' presentation held in Room A, Richcrast Hall. Join us!

For more information, please visit the AMQUA/CANQUA [website](#).

## **2. INQUA-PAGES sea level meeting**

The joint INQUA-PAGES Conference for ECRs "Impacts of sea-level rise from past to present" will be held in Utrecht (The Netherlands) 26-29 August. The final programme including keynote speaks, talks and list of posters is now available [online](#). For more information, please visit the INQUA-PAGES [website](#).

## **3. PAGES ECN Webinar**

We are happy to announce that our next webinar on "How to peer review a scientific paper effectively" by [Graciela Gil Romera](#) will be held on the 5th of October in two sessions - 8 am (GMT) and 4 pm (GMT). There is no need to register.

## **4. IPA and PAGES ECN joint meeting in Sweden summary**

We would like to thank everyone who attended the first IPA and PAGES ECN joint meeting on June 17th in Stockholm, Sweden. Almost 40 ECRs and 10 senior scientists participated in the short introduction to the network. Thanks to your feedback, we learned what can be improved during our future meetings. We hope that you enjoyed the talks by the two IPA Awardees, Jenny Korosi and Jean-Philippe Jenny, as much as we did! For those of you who missed the excellent talk by Mark Brenner about tips on publishing in peer-reviewed journals, we have included his presentation [here](#). You might also be interested in this [paper](#) written by John Smol about his personal advice to early career scientists. Enjoy the reading!

## **5. AFQUA Splinter Meeting summary**

The splinter meeting organised during the last AFQUA conference and workshop - held in Nairobi between the 14th and the 22nd of July - gathered 17 ECRs from Africa, Europe and North America (20% of the total participants). The profile of the participants was ranging from first-year PhD student to more established ECRs conducting their own projects. Most of the African ECRs hadn't heard about the PAGES ECN, and happily discovered our products. Nine participants have agreed to work together to write up an ECR perspective on Quaternary studies in Africa for a future issue of the PAGES magazine.

## **6. The Early Pages blog update**

### ***Last month on The Early Pages***

Karol Tylmann describes how glacier-transported boulders (erratics) are used to reconstruct paleo ice sheets. [Join the hunt for the perfect erratic](#) and learn about surface exposure dating.

### ***Special call for contributions: Work-life balance***

We are starting a discussion on a topic relevant to everyone in academia and particularly interesting for early-career researchers: The balance between work and personal life.

We would like to compile a post with the views and experiences of ECRs from different backgrounds. If you would like to share your experience, views or advice on how to combine work and challenges of starting a family as an ECR, being a caregiver, keeping hobbies and stable relationships in unstable times, or any other relevant issues, please contact us via [pages.ecn.blog@gmail.com](mailto:pages.ecn.blog@gmail.com) or leave a message at the PAGES ECN [Google Forum](#).

## **7. Global Young Academy - Call for new members**

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Global Young Academy? They provide a platform for early career researchers interested in science and policy, the research environment, and science education and outreach. For more information about the Global Young Academy, please visit their webpage: <https://globalyoungacademy.net/call-for-new-members/>.

## **8. PAGES INQUA 2019 Sessions**

Thinking of going to INQUA 2019 in Dublin, Ireland next summer? Why not consider submitting an abstract to one of the many sessions organized by our PAGES Working Groups? Find the full list [here](#). **Abstracts due 9 January 2019.**

## **9. PAGES ECN Collaborations**

Since the launch of PAGES ECN at the beginning of this year, we have started collaborations with many other ECR networks. If you are interested in joining these other ECR networks, please visit our [website](#). We look forward to holding many co-organized events on a variety of topics that are well-suited to helping the ECR community.

## **10. PAGES guest advances data needs**

Read about how PAGES' Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) member [Darrell Kaufman](#) is championing the cause for open data and data coordination [here](#).

## **11. Propose a new PAGES Working Group**

The deadline for new PAGES Working Group applications is 4 October 2018. PAGES [working groups](#) (WGs) are temporary organizations that target specific aspects of PAGES' scientific

agenda by running activities that result in synthesis products. WGs tackle broad questions that cannot be answered by a single research team but require the integration of a wider international science community.

If any scientists want to band together to create a working group on a specific paleoscience topic, they are welcome to submit an [application](#). More information can be found in the [guidelines](#).

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