PAGES ECN Newsletter - January 2019

Dear colleagues,

Happy New Year and welcome to the PAGES Early-Career Network Newsletter! Please see below for the latest news and announcements.

Best wishes,
The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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1. PAGES ECN at the AGU Fall Meeting 2018
We actively participated in the AGU Fall Meeting, held in Washington DC (USA), 14-17 December 2018. We presented a poster in the Education’s section poster hall which concluded in active discussions and talks, as well as established new connections with other ECR networks, such as EGU and GLOBE. We look forward to working with them in the future! The Town Hall session on ‘Open-data opportunities and challenges from an ECR perspective’ was also a success! Around 25 attendees, including ECR and senior researchers, participated in this session. We presented the main results from the Alex Koch et al. PAGES magazine article, and Nick McKay facilitated an open discussion with the audience about data producers versus data users. Other topics such as, when co-authorship is appropriate, how to deal with unpublished meta-databases, and the potential of ECR to raise awareness of good data practices culture in their labs, were also discussed.

2. Upcoming PAGES ECN Webinar - 23 January 2019
Join us this month, 23 January for our next webinar titled ‘From Idea to Paper in the Paleogeosciences - Using RMarkdown to make your work easier and better looking’, hosted by Simon Goring. You can catch the webinar live at 4:00 pm GMT and 12:00 am GMT. This webinar will introduce participants to RMarkdown documents, and the way they can be used for documenting ideas, performing interactive exploratory analysis, and how they can be carried all the way through to publication, with examples. The webinar will include a brief introduction, and a walk-through of a worked example with the Neotoma Paleoecology Database and the chronology building software Bacon.
3. PAGES ECN Grant Writing Workshop

We are pleased to announce the first-ever PAGES ECN Workshop! ‘Funding starts here - Grant writing for early-career researchers’, will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, 26-29 May 2019. We are pleased to announce that our keynote speakers will include Dr. Maria Uhle from the US National Science Foundation, Dr. Jonas Bunikis from the European Research Council, Dr. Jana Cejkova from the EU H2020 program, and Dr. Alessio Rovere, who is a successful ERC starting grant fellow at MARUM (University of Bremen, Germany). Together, our keynote speakers will teach us everything about international grant agencies and what it takes to write a successful grant. The workshop will take place at Masarykova College just outside the city centre. The registration fee of $150 will cover the cost of lodging and breakfasts and lunches. Travel support will be available for early-career researchers, especially those from developing countries. To apply, please fill out the registration form by 15 February 2019. For more information, please check out our website.
4. The Early Pages Blog

_Last month on The Early Pages_

Beth Francis is a PhD student in ocean sciences. Beth is also a sufferer from chronic migraine - a disabling illness that impacts every aspect of her life. When all medical treatment attempts failed, she and her partner Andy decided to try something else to ease the pain: The cold sea. [Read all about Beth's story](#) on how she is regaining control over her own life by braving the cold and going for a swim every day.

Stay tuned for our upcoming posts about how ancient people impacted the Amazon rainforest, about how to be an ECR in your 50s, and how desert springs can be used to explore ancient pluvial lakes.

Are you interested in writing a post? Please contact us at [pages.ecn.blog@gmail.com](mailto:pages.ecn.blog@gmail.com)! And follow us at our new Twitter account [@TheEarlyPages](https://twitter.com/TheEarlyPages).

5. Host the 2021 PAGES YSM and OSM Meetings?

Be an integral part of the 2021 PAGES Open Science Meeting (OSM) and Young Scientists Meeting (YSM)! Expressions of Interest to host both events are due 28 February 2019: [http://pastglobalchanges.org/news/all-news-items/9-latest-news/2130-host-osm-2021-eoi](http://pastglobalchanges.org/news/all-news-items/9-latest-news/2130-host-osm-2021-eoi)

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