

PAGES ECN Newsletter - May 2021

Dear colleagues,

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

In this newsletter we try to highlight news /especially/ relevant to ECRs. If you find other announcements that should be shared with the ECN, please feel free to send it directly to the mailing list (pages.ecn.pages@lists.unibe.ch) and/or to the Steering Committee (pages.ecn@gmail.com) for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. Thanks!

Best wishes,
The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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1. Public outreach - ECN members are invited to share their ideas

As a global and diverse network of enthusiastic paleoresearchers, PAGES is in a good position to implement exciting public outreach activities and introduce paleosciences to a wide audience. We are now seeking your input to explore potential options for outreach activities, with a special focus on innovative and outside-the-box ideas, using different technologies and media. Please take a minute to fill out [this survey](#), where you can share your ideas for innovative public outreach. You can also indicate whether you'd like to participate in any potential follow-up discussions.

2. Update your PAGES profile

The PAGES website is currently being revamped and upgraded, with the launch set for May. Please check that your People Database profile is up to date. We'd like the People Database to be as fresh and current as the website's new design!

<http://pastglobalchanges.org/people/people-database/edit-your-profile>. And if you haven't yet marked yourself as a member of ECN, this is a good opportunity to do so.

3. Increase your involvement in PAGES ECN by joining Activity Clusters

Activity Clusters represent ongoing projects within the ECN that focus on creating and/or maintaining particular products or activities that serve the ECN community. They are organized by active ECN members, supported by the ECN Steering Committee, and are a primary way for members to connect with the ECN and PAGES communities. Any ECR can take a leadership role in ECN projects and activities that they have particular interest in. If you are interested in getting involved in a cluster, you can contact the cluster directly. [Currently active clusters](#) include the Blog, Webinar, Write Club, and Science clusters.

If you have ideas for new clusters or activities for the ECN, don't hesitate to contact us at pages.ecn@gmail.com.

4. Order hard copies of *Past Global Changes Horizons* by 31 May

Several of our ECR colleagues contributed to the first issue of the recently launched Horizons magazine series aimed at teens and young adults. If you would like to order a hard copy of this publication, please fill out the order form by 31 May.

<http://pastglobalchanges.org/products/pages-magazines/pages-horizons/13180>

5. ECN webinar announcements

If you have any ideas for a webinar and want to organize it for PAGES ECN, please reach out to the webinar cluster: webinar.pages.ecn@gmail.com

5a. PAGES ECN webinar: Mentoring to stimulate international collaborations

On **Monday 10 May**, Prof. Lindsey Gillson from the University of Cape Town will talk about the advantages of international mentors for ECRs and how their supervisors can assist them in establishing these connections. Both Lindsey Gillson and two of her students, Cherie Dirk and Estelle Razanatsoa, will present this webinar. The webinar will only be given in the morning at **8 am UTC**, but our three speakers agreed for an extra Q&A session around **2:30 pm UTC**. The Zoom links can be found on our [website](#).

5b. PAGES ECN webinar: First steps in exploring data with R

On **Thursday 27 May**, Dr. Martin Schobben will give a 1.5 h webinar on how to do some first analyses of your data with R. This webinar will cover the basics from loading your data into R to first data manipulation to data visualization. Stay tuned for our email announcement for the exact time and Zoom link.

5c. PAGES ECN North America presents: "Research Show and Tell"

The next event in this series will feature Dr. Nina Whitney, a postdoc at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Nina will show her laboratory setup and recent updates on

research activities in the Mid-Atlantic Bight, understanding water mass variability using bivalve shells. The event is scheduled for **Monday 24 May 2021 at 2pm EST**. Refer to the listserv and social media announcements for more details and link for the event.

5d. PAGES ECN spanish-language webinar series

The recent spanish-language webinar entitled "La estadística en Paleontología: ¿Qué nos dicen los fósiles a través de los números?" ("Statistics in Paleontology: What do fossils tell us through numbers?") is now available on our [YouTube Channel](#). Dr. Dayenari Caballero Rodríguez, from Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, discussed the use and the importance of statistics in reconstructions.

5e. PAGES ECN Africa Webinar Series

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements. This series previously introduced us to research and researchers from the East African region, and will soon be expanding to other regions in Africa.

5f. International Paleofire Network webinar series

The International Paleofire Network (IPN) will host a monthly online seminar series beginning in May 2021. Each seminar will consist of a 20-30 minute talk followed by an open discussion period. The IPN Seminar Series seeks to generate knowledge exchange and promote discussion in paleofire communities across the world. It will provide a forum focusing on paleofire methods, new directions, and applied research spanning many spatial and temporal scales. The series is intended to benefit ECRs seeking to learn in an open and inclusive environment. <https://ipn.paleofire.org/?p=1025>. The first event will be held on **Thursday 6 May at 19:00 UTC**. Phil Higuera, from W.A. Franke College of Forestry & Conservation at the University of Montana, USA, will present: "The past and future of peak detection in paleofire research."

5g. Seminar Series on sea-level changes, GIA and ice sheets

As a group under the combined auspices of the WCRP, PAGES' PALSEA working group, SERCE and the IAG sub-commission 3.4, group leaders are hosting a once-a-month virtual seminar series dealing with sea-level changes, GIA, and ice sheets.

The next event will be held **11 May at 15:00 UTC**: "Perspectives from the modern sea level and ice sheet modeling communities." Aimée Slangen, a researcher at the Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) and a lead author of the IPCC AR6 report, will discuss advances in modern sea level research and coastal risk and Fiamma Straneo from SCRIPPS Institution of Oceanography (UCSD) will discuss the ISMIP6 effort and offer her perspective on how to facilitate cross-disciplinary collaboration. <http://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/upcoming/127-pages/2142-sea-gia-ice-seminars-slangen-21>

6. Upcoming events and conferences

For a more complete listing of upcoming conferences and workshops, see the [PAGES event calendar](#).

- The 1st Human Traces workshop will be held online from **25-27 May 2021**. <http://pastglobalchanges.org/pastglobalchanges.org/human-traces>

- The ASLO 2021 Aquatic Sciences Virtual Meeting will be held **22-27 June 2021**. <https://www.aslo.org/registration-open-2021-virtual-meeting/>
- The 12th International Meeting of Phytolith Research will take place **8-11 September 2021** in Kiel, Germany. The meeting is planned as a **hybrid event**, allowing both in-person and remote participation. <https://www.12impr.uni-kiel.de/en>

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