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The past six months have seen some major activities within the PAGES program—PAGES launched an open search for a new Executive Director, and submitted a grant proposal for further support to the US National Science Foundation.

New PAGES Executive Director:

We are pleased to welcome **Thorsten Kiefer** as the new Executive Director of PAGES.

Thorsten is leaving the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Cambridge and was previously part of the Institute for Geosciences at the University of Kiel. His recent research has focused on rapid centennial-scale climate changes of the late Pleistocene and Holocene. His academic interests are diverse, incorporating research themes such as understanding the ramifications of global change on regional climates, assessing past human-climate interactions, and determining the role of surface- and deep-ocean circulation on modulating climate. To this end, he has developed and integrated

paleoceanographic records with ice core data, climate model simulations and archeological evidence, and has studied a number of areas in the Indian, Pacific, and North Atlantic Oceans. He has been involved in a number of international collaborative projects and has been active in PAGES-related programs including IMAGES (International Marine Global Change Studies) and MARGO (Multiproxy Approach for the Reconstruction of the Glacial Ocean surface). He looks forward to serving the wider paleoclimate community through PAGES. Thorsten has already started working part-time remotely from Cambridge. He will move to Bern and start working full-time in April 2005.

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New PAGES Proposal Submitted to US-NSF:

Following on from the last successful grant period, PAGES has submitted an application to the US-NSF for further support of its activities for the coming four years. Based on an open call for feedback earlier this year, and discussions within the PAGES SSC and the IGBP network, we were able to propose future activities, adapted to the new demands of paleoenvironmental

science. Of course, we continue to welcome your feedback and comments (www.pages-igbp.org/about/feedback.html). A fitting opportunity to demonstrate the vitality and new direction of PAGES will be the 2nd PAGES OSM in Beijing, China (10-12 August 2005; www.pages2005.org).

PAGES Products:

The PAGES online Product Database contains a collection of paired pictures. These demonstrate visually the environmental changes that have taken place between two time points at a single location. However, to make this a truly useful resource, we need additional photos. Please send your contributions or any questions to Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch).

The next newsletter issue will be thematically open. If you would like to contribute with a science highlight or a workshop report, please check the guidelines at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html and then send your submission to Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch). The deadline is 31 December 2004.

New on the PAGES Bookshelf:

High Latitude Eurasian Palaeoenvironments

Keith Alverson and Olga Solomina, eds.,
Palaeo3 Special Issue, Vol. 209, Issues 1-4, 2004

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