

Inside PAGES

The major focus at the PAGES IPO over the past few months has been the preparations for PAGES 2nd Open Science Meeting, to be held in Beijing, from 10-12 August 2005. Another area of focus has centered around the future direction of PAGES. Discussions in the scientific community have already resulted in the launch of new PAGES activities (see PAGES News 2005/1). Further new and adapted activities are expected to develop during the upcoming year. We will keep you updated via the PAGES website (www.pages-igbp.org), via future issues of PAGES News and e-news bulletins.

PAGES 2nd OSM:

PAGES has received a large number of truly outstanding abstracts and the meeting promises to be a milestone in the history of the PAGES program. All accepted abstracts are now available online at www.

pages2005.org. Even if you can't come to the meeting, you can take advantage of this searchable database to read the latest results in paleoscience.

PAGES would like to take this opportunity to express its deep gratitude to the Local Organizing Committee in China for all their hard work and to the international sponsors of the meeting for providing generous financial support.

PAGES Office:

After the OSM, IPO staff will turn their attention to the preparation of a new grant proposal for 2006-2010 to the Swiss and US National Science Foundations. A modified structure and new, more proactive agenda will form the basis of this submission. At the same time, the IPO will continue its work in improving web services, and communication and networking activities. We are always open to contributions from the paleo-community, especially with regard to suggestions for new PAGES activities. We also encourage you to consider a short

stay at the PAGES IPO as a guest scientist (see page 28).

PAGES Newsletter:

The next issue of PAGES News will be devoted to highlighting PAGES/CLIVAR activities. It will be published jointly by PAGES and CLIVAR and will therefore have a slightly different layout and content structure. The scientific focus will be on forcings in the climate system.

Please note that we have recently changed our policy on special issues. Unlike in the past, all future special issues will contain a section for open contributions. We therefore welcome your submissions of science highlights year-round, as well as program news, workshop reports and humorous tales from the field. Guidelines can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html. Feel free to contact Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch) with any questions.



New on the PAGES Bookshelf:

Long-Term Environmental Change in Arctic and Antarctic Lakes

Reinhard Pienitz, Marianne S.V. Douglas, John P. Smol (editors)
Developments in Paleoenvironmental Research Series, Vol. 8, 2004
 Springer, 562 pp. ISBN 1-4020-2125-9, 99 Euro

Concerns over the effects of global climate change have focused attention on the vulnerability of circumpolar regions. Long-term historical data are needed to predict the magnitude and direction of future environmental changes. The paucity of instrumental data requires that proxy methods be used. The abundance of lakes throughout the Arctic and Antarctic makes paleolimnological approaches especially powerful tools to assist interpretations of environmental change. This book provides a synthesis of the broad spectrum of techniques available for generating long-term environmental records from circumpolar lakes, in addition to providing overviews of the geographic extent of paleolimnological work completed thus far in these regions. It explores the diverse ways in which paleolimnology is used to address the pressing and emerging environmental issues of high-latitude regions. By providing both an introduction and in-depth reviews, this volume is of interest to students and advanced researchers alike who are studying Earth, atmospheric and environmental sciences.

