

Inside PAGES

PAGES Office is moving

In October, the PAGES International Project Office (IPO) will be relocating to new offices within the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of Bern. We are grateful to the University for enabling the IPO to be placed into the multi-disciplinary research environment of the Centre. Our new contact details will be announced soon.

Recent SSC and EXCOM meetings

The PAGES Science Plan & Implementation Strategy (SPIS) dominated discussions at the Scientific Steering Committee meeting in Cape Town, South Africa in May. Other major business included a review of workshop proposals (see www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/ for upcoming PAGES-related meetings), and planning discussions on PAGES OSM and YSM (see below), as well as the election of new SSC members for 2009. The latter will be announced in the first newsletter issue next year. The meeting resulted in plenty of ideas for the IPO, SSC and paleocommunity to bring to life. Minutes from this and the related Executive Committee meeting are available to download at www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscmembers/meetingminutes.html

PAGES 3rd Open Science Meeting

The theme for PAGES 3rd OSM is "Retrospective Views on Our Planet's Future". The meeting will be held in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, from 8-11 July 2009. A preliminary program is available from the meeting website (www.pages-osm.org/) and p. 38 of this

newsletter. Further information will be posted on the website as it becomes available. Please have a look and mark your calendars!

PAGES 1st Young Scientists Meeting

The 1st YSM, to be held alongside the OSM from 6-7 July 2009, also has a website (www.pages-osm.org/). We are hoping to secure funding for young researchers, in order to maximize attendance from all parts of the world. If you would like to help and know of a funding source in your country, please contact Thorsten Kiefer (kiefer@pages.unibe.ch). PAGES is excited about this new venture and hopes for a productive 1st YSM.

PAGES/CLIVAR Intersection

The steering panel of the PAGES/CLIVAR Intersection met in June in Trieste, Italy, to review the group's objectives and strategies for the coming years. Concrete plans include a workshop on forward modeling of climate proxies and downscaling of model results, to be held alongside PAGES OSM. All new ideas for the P/C Intersection are formulated in an updated vision document that will be made available online soon.

Another PAGES/CLIVAR project, the Paleoclimate Reconstruction Challenge, received generous support from NOAA and has now officially started. The "challenge" for the community is to reconstruct synthetic (modeled) climate scenarios from synthetic (pseudo) proxies. Dig

deeper at www.pages-igbp.org/science/prchallenge/

PAGES Sessions at AGU

Through our working groups Arctic2k, Global Monsoon and Paleoclimate Reconstruction Challenge, PAGES is co-sponsoring 3 sessions at the AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco (15-19 Dec. 2008):

- C30: Arctic2k - Assessment of Arctic Climate Records of the Last Two Millennia and Their Relevance for Future Warming
- PP20: Asian Monsoon History and Arid-Region Environmental Changes: Global and Regional Significance
- PP24: Advancing Process Understanding in Proxy Climate Records

We encourage you to contribute to or attend these sessions. The deadline for abstract submission is 10 Sep. 2008.


Next issue of PAGES news

The next issue of PAGES newsletter will contain a special section on polar paleoscience and will be guest edited by Julie Brigham-Grette (University of Massachusetts, USA; juliebg@geo.umass.edu) and Ross Powell (Northern Illinois University, USA; ross@geol.niu.edu). If you are interested in contributing a science highlight to this special section, please contact Julie or Ross directly. Equally welcome are your "open" contributions, unrelated to the polar topic. The next deadline for manuscript submissions to the open section is 30 Sep. 2008. Guidelines for these contributions can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html




PAGES Calendar 2008

01 - 03 Oct 2008 - Bernin (Grenoble), France

 Past Interglacials Workshop

www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/

29 - 31 Oct 2008 - Shanghai, China

 Symposium: Global Monsoon and Low-Latitude Processes

www.pages-igbp.org/science/monsoon/

10 - 13 Nov 2008 - Venice, Italy

EPICA Open Science Conference: Quaternary Climate from Pole to Pole

www.epica2008.eu/

24 - 28 Nov 2008 - Santiago, Chile


4th Alexander von Humboldt International Conference - The Andes: Challenge for Geosciences

www.dgf.uchile.cl/%7ergarreau/EGU-Andes/

08 - 12 Dec 2008 - Victor Harbor, Australia
Australasian Quaternary Association (AQUA) Biennial Conference


www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/

6 - 11 Dec 2008 - Christchurch, New Zealand

 Open LUCIFS Workshop: Compiling Records of Holocene Erosion and Sediment Transport


www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/

16 - 18 Feb 2009 - Dalat City, Vietnam

 Climate Variability in the Greater Mekong River Basin: paleo-proxies, instrumental data, historical records and model projections

www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/

05 - 09 Mar 2009 - Chandigarh, India

 3rd LIMPACS Conference - Holocene Lakes: Climatic Instability and Salinization

www.himclimate.in/html/limpacs