

### Editorial:

PAGES does many things to try to knit the international, interdisciplinary paleoenvironmental community together. One of these activities is hosting visiting scientists in the International Project Office as a way to proactively enhance the interaction between the IPO and the many researchers involved in PAGES projects. Recent and planned visitors have included sabbatical visits from senior scientists, postdocs, and graduate students. They have come from home institutions in Canada, China, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Mexico, Morocco, Russia, South Africa, and the USA. PAGES has benefited enormously from these visitors' substantial efforts in hosting workshops, guest editing topical issues of this newsletter, editing books and special issues arising from PAGES' activities, developing new initiatives, and enhancing PAGES' visibility in their home countries. Senior visitors have benefited from an opportunity to get away from their home institution for a period to focus on a PAGES project or develop new interactions and lines of research. Younger scientists benefit from taking on interesting and challenging tasks that would not normally arise in their research and making many new contacts within the international PAGES network. We are now working hard in many different ways to improve our ability to host visiting scientists in the future. I strongly encourage any scientists interested in taking the opportunity to spend some time at the PAGES International Project Office in Bern, Switzerland to contact me.

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## YOUR OPINION COUNTS

The PAGES community includes YOU. The three thousand scientists receiving this newsletter all have an opinion about what PAGES is, what it should be, what it does and what it should do. Let us know these opinions!

A flexible, bottom up organization like PAGES can only succeed with the active participation of its members. PAGES promulgates an inclusive, international framework for global paleoenvironmental research. In this context, your feedback on both our existing activities, and what is needed in the future is vital. Comments on how to improve PAGES engagement in your country would be especially helpful.

Input is welcomed at any time, but would be greatly appreciated before July 1, 2002 by email (pages@pages.unibe.ch), fax (+41 31 312 31 68) or regular mail (Bärenplatz 2, CH-3011, Bern, Switzerland)

## Open Call for Nominations PAGES Scientific Steering Committee

SSC members from Australia, France and Canada are in their last year of service and many other nations are not represented at all. Furthermore, in order to better balance the scientific expertise on the committee, we are particularly interested in increasing the representation of modelers and scientists working with well dated, high resolution proxies of environmental change during the last millennium. With this open call we seek to obtain nominations of active scientists in any field, but especially those in the areas of research mentioned above. Nominations are welcome anytime, but those received before May 1, 2002 will be available for immediate consideration. Further information including past and present membership is available at <http://www.pages-igbp.org/contact/ssc.html>

Nominations consist of a name, c.v. and contact information. They should be sent to Keith Alverson, (email: [alverson@pages.unibe.ch](mailto:alverson@pages.unibe.ch), fax: +41 31 312 3168) Bärenplatz 2, CH-3011 Bern, Switzerland.