

Inside PAGES

Lately, the PAGES IPO has been buzzing with visitors. **Denis-Didier Rousseau** (France) spent a week at the IPO preparing a Loess-dust activity, **Hubertus Fischer** (Germany) was in the office to guest-edit this special issue and work on the new IPICS website, **Isabelle Larocque** (Canada) is helping to establish a new PAGES Databoard Working Group and meeting, **Dmitry Sonechkin** (Russia) discussed a contribution to the PAGES/CLIVAR Intersection, **Olga Solomina** (Russia) will help to guest-edit a *GPC* special issue on climate change in mountain regions, and **Bert Rein** (Germany) will be here to set up the National PAGES Germany website. More information about PAGES Guest Scientist Program can be found at: www.pages-igbp.org/people/guestscientists.html.

Outgoing PAGES SSC members

At the end of 2005, PAGES Scientific Steering Committee said farewell to **Daniel Olago** (Kenya), **Ashok Singhvi** (India), and **Olga Solomina** (Russia). All three members made enormous

contributions to PAGES during their time on the committee especially in building the community in their home countries, and we gratefully acknowledge their help and dedication. An open call for nominations for one additional SSC member will close 15 September 2006. We particularly encourage nominations of paleoscientists from Russia and former Soviet Union countries, since this geographic region is currently under-represented on the SSC. For details on the nomination procedure, please go to: www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscleaders/nominations.html.

Incoming PAGES SSC members

PAGES welcomes four new members to its SSC this year. **Bette Otto-Bliesner** (USA) is Head of the Paleoclimate Group at NCAR and Lead Author of the IPCC paleoclimate chapter. She brings knowledge and experience of climate modeling to the SSC. **Indra Bir Singh** (India) is Professor of Geology at the University of Lucknow. He has a background in terrestrial paleoenvironmental science and brings new expertise in sedimentology to the SSC. **Mohammed Umer** (Ethiopia), a palynologist, is Associate Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Addis

Ababa. He has been active in PAGES as the PEP III African Coordinator. **Cathy Whitlock** (USA), a paleoecologist, is Professor of Earth Sciences at Montana State University. She has important links to the modeling and paleo-ecology communities.


PAGES jobs database

PAGES free online listing of paleoscience jobs has just been expanded to include a quick and simple form for you to add your job offer directly to the jobs page. Jobs are divided into categories (PhD, faculty, etc.) and will be posted the same day. Post or search for jobs at: www.pages-igbp.org/services/jobs/.


Next issue of PAGES News

The next issue of the PAGES newsletter will be published in July. Please send your general contributions to the open section, as well as program news, workshop reports and humorous tales from the field, to Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch) by 15 May. Guidelines for contributions can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html.





HOLIVAR 2006 Open Science Meeting: Natural Climate Variability and Global Warming



12 - 15 June 2006; Environmental Change Research Centre, University College London, UK

The meeting will examine how and why the natural climate system varies and assess the relative importance of natural processes and human activity in explaining global warming.

Meeting Themes:

The HOLIVAR2006 Open Science Meeting will consist of 12 keynote talks, a panel discussion and 4 poster sessions organised into the following 4 themes:

- Theme 1 Millennial Time Scales (Chair: *Bernd Zolitschka*)
- Theme 2 Decadal to Centennial Time Scales (Chair: *Jonathan Holmes*)
- Theme 3 Climate Variability in the Last 2000 Years (Chair: *Heinz Wanner*)
- Theme 4 Rapid Hydrological Change (Chair: *Ingemar Renberg*)

Registration Deadline: 1 May 2006
Further Information: www.holivar2006.org

