

Expressions of interest to host the 2025 PAGES Open Science Meeting & Young Scientists Meeting

The OSM and YSM

Held once every four years, PAGES' Open Science Meeting (OSM) and Young Scientist Meeting (YSM) are the premier events in PAGES' calendar and provide an invaluable opportunity to bring the past global change community together from around the world to share, discuss, learn, and plan for the future.

Learn more about our past OSMs/YSMs at: www.pages-osm.org

Watch a short summary video of the 2017 YSM and OSM on PAGES YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=222fywP-4Uk>

The meetings should be held in 2025, preferably in the first half of the year. The exact dates are open, but should ideally be scheduled to promote sufficient participation.

PAGES is committed to ensuring geographical diversity of its paleoscientific community. For this reason, we are inviting Expressions of Interest outside the European and African time zones.

Meeting format

The Young Scientists Meeting (YSM) usually runs for two days and is followed by the Open Science Meeting (OSM), which usually runs for four days. The YSM has a size of ~100 participants, and the OSM in Zaragoza, Spain, attracted ~900. The online OSM in 2022 attracted ~500 participants.

General requirements for both events are as follows:

1. YSM: A secluded venue/location (retreat-like) would be ideal, to encourage interactions and networking between the participants.
2. OSM: A venue large enough to accommodate the entire group for plenary sessions is required. We would also like to organize parallel sessions, requiring that the venue can offer several meeting rooms for ~200 people. It is also expected that a number of smaller meetings and workshops, including the PAGES Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) meeting, will take place before and after the OSM. Furthermore, we need dedicated space for poster sessions and a field for the PAGES Soccer Cup, a sporting event which takes place at each OSM.

Submitting an expression of interest

The bidding process will take place in two stages, with expressions of interest (Eoi) due 3 October 2022. The SSC will then invite a shortlist of selected potential hosts to submit a full bid by the end of 2022.

To submit an expression of interest, please briefly outline how your venue(s) could meet the requirements and why the local organizing team is well suited to organize the event (two to four pages). At this point it is important to give our SSC enough detail to decide if a full bid should be invited.

Email your expression of interest as a single PDF to [Chen  van Rensburg](mailto:Chene.vanrensborg@pages.unibe.ch) (chene.vanrensborg@pages.unibe.ch) **by 3 October 2022**.

Questions?

For more information, please contact Chené van Rensburg (chene.vanrensburg@pages.unibe.ch) at the IPO.

Suggested items for Expression of Interest applications

At this point it is not necessary to supply full details, but rather to give the SSC enough detail to decide if a full bid should be invited. The EoI should not exceed two pages and should not simply be a bullet-point list.

Venue

- Meeting venue details (city, location, size, cost, details of auditorium, poster hall, meeting rooms for parallel sessions, AV facilities (including streaming, recording, etc.) for both meetings
- Travel access (proximity to airport, trains etc.)
- Accommodation options, such as capacities, prices, distance to venue, details of transport options to the venue, hostels or student accommodation
- Possible dates in 2025 when the YSM/OSM could be held
- Options for participants with disabilities

People

- Scientists and organizations who will serve as hosts
- Potential for getting administrative staff support and on-site helpers (e.g. students)
- Coordinator's contact details (name, affiliation, email, phone)
- Potential benefit to the national and local paleoscience community

Organizational support

- Would you be able and willing to organize the registration process? Would you use a meeting organizing company?

Other Information

- Any other information relevant to your application (sustainability, letters of support)