

PAGES ECN Newsletter - January 2023

Dear colleagues,

Happy new year! We hope that you are feeling refreshed and ready for the year to come. There are quite a few webinars this month if you're looking for a nice way to ease back into work after the holidays. Keep an eye out in 2023 for new ECN activities and ways to get involved in PAGES and the ECN. You can always contact pages.ecn@gmail.com or activity clusters, directly, if you'd like to get involved.

In this newsletter we highlight news especially relevant to ECRs. If you find other announcements that should be shared with the ECN, please feel free to send it directly to the mailing list (pages.ecn.pages@lists.unibe.ch) and/or to the Steering Committee (pages.ecn@gmail.com) for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. Thanks!

Best wishes,
The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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1. Please create/update your PAGES profile!

PAGES provides a 'People Database', an online portal bringing the past global change science community together. This is a free service available to all PAGES members - all you need to do is go to the [PAGES website](#) to create an account and quickly set up your personal page. **If you already have a profile, click "Edit/View/Delete profile" on the side menu to update.** The more information you fill out the better! There's space for expertise and interests (e.g. timescales, archives, disciplines, and coding languages), contact details, and current location & career status. Feel free to email us at pages.ecn@gmail.com if you're having any trouble.

2. ECN webinar announcements

If you have ideas for a webinar and want to organize it for the PAGES ECN, please reach out to the webinar cluster: webinar.pages.ecn@gmail.com. Please also refer to the PAGES calendar for a complete listing of PAGES and other webinars:

<http://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/upcoming>

2a. PAGES ECN North America presents: “Research Show and Tell”

The next Show and Tell event will feature Dr. Cecilia Cordero Oviedo and her work on pollen and non-biological proxies in the Canadian wetlands. The event is scheduled for **Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 1:00 EDT (17:00 UTC)**. Please see the announcement on the PAGES ECN listserv for the Zoom link to the event.

Whether it is a tour of a laboratory setup, walkthrough of a favorite method, unboxing of freshly collected samples, or activities in the field, these events are designed to give us a break from traditional zoom slide presentations and get to know the faces and places behind the screens. Recordings of previous events are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

2b. Fourth CVAS Discussion Seminar Series on Proxy System Modelling

This seminar series is arranged by the PAGES Climate Variability Across Scales (CVAS) working group, with each seminar consisting two 15 minute presentations followed by open discussion. The seminars cover topics including the impact of proxies' recording processes on variability as a function of timescales; how processes are damped/amplified by proxies, preserving high and/or low-frequency variability; what is the minimal PSM we need for the purpose of understanding the spectrum of climate variability; and what numerical/field/lab experiments would be needed to validate the models and to estimate their parameters. The 4th CVAS PSM seminar will be held on the **10th January at 14:00 UTC (15:00 CET)**, featuring speakers Bryan Lougheed (Uppsala University, Sweden) and Andrew Dolman (AWI, Germany). The feature proxy for this seminar is 'C14, Sediments and bioturbation'. For information, including a login link for the seminar, see the event page: <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/134708>

2c. Fifth CVAS Discussion Seminar Series on Proxy System Modelling

The 5th CVAS PSM seminar will be held on the **24th January at 14:00 UTC (15:00 CET)**, featuring speakers Andrew Dolman (AWI) and Brett Melcalfe (Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands). The feature proxy for this seminar is marine sediment. For information, including a login link for the seminar, see the event page: <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/134709>

2d. Q-MARE Seminar Series: Catalina Pimiento

The PAGES working group for Disentangling climate and pre-industrial human impacts on Quaternary marine ecosystems (Q-MARE) runs a monthly seminar series on the first Wednesday of each month. The next Q-MARE seminar will be on the **1st February (time TBA)**, in which Catalina Pimiento will talk about the ecological consequences of extinction. For more information, see the event page <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/129211>

3. PAGES Early-Career Award to Dr Kevin Nota

The ECN is pleased to announce the winner of the 2022 PAGES Early-Career Award: **Dr Kevin Nota**. The PAGES ECA honors people in the early stages of their career for their engagement both within and beyond the scientific community, for example, through (though not limited to) involvement in science coordination, outreach, networking, leadership activities, development of international collaborations and for excellence in research in support of PAGES' goals.

Kevin has a PhD in molecular paleoecology from Uppsala University. He is currently a postdoc at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany. The colleagues who nominated Kevin for the ECN award recognized his involvement in actively promoting, communicating, and disseminating science to a broader audience. They also acknowledge his expertise in ancient sedimentary DNA, not only in using existing methods, but also in developing new ones.

They were interested in how paintings were created with an artist, and attracted attention outside of science. Kevin's leadership abilities, in playing a central role in the organization board of the sedaDNA scientific society and coordinating PhD and undergraduate seminars, were also extremely well regarded. For more details about Kevin's achievements, please see the [full news item](#) on the PAGES website.

4. Welcome to new PAGES ECN RRs (addendum)

In the previous ECN newsletter, we introduced many wonderful new PAGES ECN Regional Representatives (RRs). However, apparently our brains had already shut down for the year (or were overwhelmed by end-of-year tasks!) and we mistakenly left a couple of people* off the list. Our heartfelt apologies - here is a complete list of newly onboarded RRs.

- Africa: [Otmame Khalfaoui](#) (Morocco), [Rakhee Lakhraj-Govender](#) (South Africa), and [Solomon Asante-Okyere](#) (Ghana)
- North America: [Boyang Zhao](#) (USA) and [Cecilia Cordero](#) (Canada)
- South America: [Christian Quintana](#) (Peru), [Carina Seitz](#) (Argentina), and [Luciano Duhalde](#) (Chile)
- Middle East: [Özlem Sert](#) (Turkey) and [Borhan Bagherpour](#) (Iran)
- Southeast Asia: [Luyao Tu](#) (China), [Venkadesh Samykannu](#) (India), and Manasi Debnath (India)
- Oceania: [Vikki Lowe](#) (Australia), [Calla Gould-Whaley](#)* (Australia)
- Europe: [Fabrizio Michelangeli](#) (Italy), [Paul Zander](#) (Germany), [Nils Höche](#) (Germany), [Tommaso Alberti](#) (Italy), [Maria Elena Castiello](#) (Switzerland), [Aline Mega](#) (Portugal), Christodoulakis Ioannis (Greece), [Molly Spater](#) (UK), [Giorgia Camperio](#)* (Switzerland)

Many thanks to all our Regional Representatives. Be sure to get in touch with your local RR or email pages.ecn@gmail.com if you are looking to be more involved.

5. Other upcoming events and conferences

This section highlights events of specific interest to ECRs. For a more complete listing of upcoming conferences and workshops, see the [PAGES event calendar](#).

- The EGU General Assembly will be held **23-28 April 2023** in Vienna, Austria. <https://www.egu23.eu/>. Abstracts close **10 January 2023**; registration is now open.
- The XXI INQUA Congress will be held **13-20 July 2023** in Rome, Italy. Abstract submission is now closed. <https://inquarema2023.org>

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