

PAGES ECN Newsletter - April 2023

Dear colleagues,

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. Welcome new SC members - Goodbye retiring SC members

It is with great pleasure that we welcome three new people to the ECN Steering Committee (SC): [Fernanda Charqueño Celis](#), [Kamila Faizieva](#), and [Aditi Dave](#). The three started in March and have already proven to be amazing additions to the SC. We're very happy to have you on board!

At the same time, the SC says farewell to Stella Alexandroff, Madelyn Mette, and Tamara Trofimova. These three were co-founders and cornerstones of the ECN from day one, and have put in so much hard work to the benefit of all paleo-ECRs. The PAGES ECN is very grateful. We are sad to see you go, but excited to see the great things you achieve. Thank you all so much for your dedication to this network and we hope you enjoy your retirement!

2. Reminder to fill in our paleo-ECR survey

There is still time to make your voice heard! The PAGES ECN Steering Committee are currently planning activities for the coming year(s) and we would like to make sure that we are providing what you (our members) want. To make that happen, we'd love for you to fill in a short [survey](#). There are questions about your career stage and what you know about the ECN, then space for you to provide information about what you would like to see from us, and how we can help you

as paleo-ECRs. We have had a great response so far, and will keep the survey open for another week or so. For more information, please email pages.ecn@gmail.com. Link to the survey is [here](#).

3. 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>

3a. PAGES ECN North America presents: “Research Show and Tell”

The next Show and Tell event will feature Dr. Natasha Sekhon (Brown University) and Riley Havel (Brown University), presenting their work on the isotope geochemistry of stalagmites in the Philippine caves. The event is scheduled for **7 April at 18:00 UTC (17:00 UTC)**. Please see the recent ECN listserv announcement for more details and Zoom link.

Whether it is a tour of a laboratory setup, walkthrough of a favorite method, unboxing of freshly collected samples, or activities in the field, the Show and Tell 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](#).

3b. Pal(a)eo PERCS seminar: Shinya Iwasaki

Pal(a)eoPERCS (Pal(a)eo EaRly Career Seminar) is a virtual seminar series designed to showcase the research of Early Career Researchers in paleo- (ntology, ecology, ceanography, climate, etc.). This is intended as a venue to share research and strengthen our global community. Pal(a)eoPERCS consists of a live streamed short (~30 min) seminar followed by a Q&A session and an opportunity for small group discussion. The next speaker will be Shinya Iwasaki, on **4 April at 14:00 UTC**. For those who can't attend live, some talks are recorded and posted to YouTube for later viewing. For more information (including talk details, and how to nominate yourself or a colleague for a seminar!), see the Pal(a)eoPERCS website <https://paleopercs.com/>

3c. Human Traces webinar series: Professor Andrea Columbu

The Human Traces working group focuses on the long legacy of pre-Anthropocene human impacts. How do they manifest themselves in different parts of the world, and in different stratigraphic records? Human Traces aims to address the knowledge gap about spatial and temporal variations in early human impacts, with the overarching goal to create a global synthesis of human traces in geologic archives. The Human Traces working group invites interested parties to attend a monthly Webinar Series. The next webinar is on the **17 April at 1500 UTC**, and will feature Andrea Columbu (University of Pisa) on the topic “Are cave deposits recording culturally induced environmental changes related to the end of Nuragic Era (~580 BC)? A study case from Sardinia (Italy)”. For more details and Zoom link, see the event page <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/137136>

3d. Q-MARE Seminar Series: Loren Mcclenachan

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 **3 May (time TBA)**, in which Loren Mcclenachan will talk about using archives to understand ecological dynamics in coastal oceans. For more information & a Zoom link to the talk, see the event page <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/129213>

4. PAGES Write Club

Did you know that the PAGES ECN runs a writing club?! Write Club is a great way to set aside non-negotiable time in your calendar for writing. And you get to spend time with your ECR colleagues from across the globe! Each Write Club writing retreat runs for ~two hours, and is structured according to the 'Pomodoro' method: 25 minutes of uninterrupted, distraction-free writing, followed by 5 minutes of break time. Retreats are run by facilitators in different time zones, meaning that hopefully there should be retreats available at times that work for you. To make it even more fun, we also periodically run fun challenges, such as committing to write for an hour per day, and tracking your progress against that of your ECN colleagues.

We are also looking for new retreat facilitators: being a facilitator is a great way to ensure that there are retreats on at times that work for you. It's not onerous; you just add your retreats to the sign-up sheet at the start of each month, then send Zoom links to your retreat participants the day before. For more information, and to sign up to Write Club (as a member or a facilitator), please email writeclub.pages.ecn@gmail.com.

5. Africa Award for Research Excellence in Earth or Ocean Sciences

Nominations are now open for the Africa Award for Research Excellence in Earth or Ocean Sciences. This award is given annually to an early career scientist from the African continent in recognition of significant work that shows the focus and promise of making outstanding contributions to research in Earth or ocean sciences.

The recipient of this award receives a \$1000 monetary prize, three-year membership to AGU, and travel and meeting registration support for the AGU Fall Meeting through the Lloyd V. Berkner Travel Fellowship Fund. Nominations are due **12 April**. For more information, and to nominate a colleague, see the award website:

<https://www.agu.org/Honor-and-Recognize/Honors/Union-Awards/Africa-Award-Earth-Ocean-Science>

6. Reminder: Lake Proxy System Modeling Webinar & Workshop

Do you work with lacustrine sediments and paleoclimate data? Members of the Continental Scientific Drilling Facility (Sylvia Dee, Carrie Morrill, James Russell, and Charlie Marshall) are running a workshop where you can learn to run a lake proxy system model in both Python and a desktop application. The PRYSM Lake Proxy System Model is a physically-based forward model of lacustrine systems which includes: lake processes, palaeoclimate proxy forward models (e.g. leaf wax hydrogen isotopes, GDGTs), depositional processes, and simulation of age uncertainties. The webinar and workshop will be held **April 13 at 1-4 pm CST**. Register [here](#), and email Sylvia Dee with any questions sylvia.dee@rice.edu.

7. Reminder: Upcoming PAGES symposium - learn about PAGES working groups

Are you interested in learning more about the various PAGES working groups, and what they do? PAGES will host a one-day symposium on **June 1 in Bern, Switzerland (and online)**, which will showcase PAGES working group activities. Participation is free, but registration is compulsory via the webform. There will be complimentary coffee, lunch and apéro for those who can make it in-person. We encourage ECN members (particularly those with a leadership role!) to go along in person if you live in or near Switzerland—this is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about PAGES, and meet excellent paleo researchers of all levels. The deadline for registration is **May 4**. Register online:

<https://pastglobalchanges.org/form/pages-symposium-registration>

8. EGU General Assembly: Send us your talk details

Are you presenting a talk or poster at the EGU General Assembly? Are you leading a session or event? We want to promote it! Please email your presentation details to pages.ecn@gmail.com with the subject “EGU 2023” before **Wednesday 19 April**. We will collate the responses and share the list before/during the conference.

9. 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 closed **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://inquaroma2023.org>
- The AGU Fall Meeting will be held **11-15 December 2023** in San Francisco, USA. Session proposals are now open, and close **12 April** <https://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting>

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