

PAGES ECN Newsletter - May 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. 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>

1a. PAGES Europe ECN Webinar series: 'Let's talk about career opportunities'

The PAGES ECN European Regional Representatives are pleased to invite you to the first webinar of the "Let's talk about career opportunities" series! Our objective is to get early-career paleo scientists together to talk about fellowships, grants, and careers outside of academia.

We will kick start with two talks about postdoc contracts in Portugal with Dr. Dulce Oliveira and Dr. Lélia Matos (Marine Sciences Center, Portugal). The webinar will be held **12 May at 1400 UTC (1600 CET)**, and can be accessed from [this Zoom link](#). Please keep an eye on the ECN listserv for an announcement and flyer in the week before the event.

1b. Pal(a)eo PERCS seminar: Sara ElShafie

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- (ontology, ecology, oceanography, 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 Sara ElShafie, on **9 May (time TBA)**. 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/>

1c. Q-MARE Seminar Series: John Pandolfi

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 **7 June (time TBA)**, in which John Pandolfi will talk about the detection, causes and consequences of novelty in marine ecosystems. For more information & a Zoom link to the talk, see the event page <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/129215>

2. PAGES Mobility Fellowships for African, Latin American and Caribbean ECRs

Applications are open for two fellowship programs: 1) the PAGES-IAI fellowship program aimed at Latin American and Caribbean early-career scientists ([details here](#)); and 2) the PAGES Inter-Africa mobility program aimed at African early-career scientists ([details here](#)).

These fellowships are aimed at contributing to the development of collaborative research and the promotion of paleoscience networks in Latin America and the Caribbean, and in Africa. The deadline for applications is **18 August**. More information can be found online here:

<https://pastglobalchanges.org/support>.

3. Join the Climate REconstruction SoftWare (CREST) community

Since the publication of the R package [crestr](#), the number of people interested in using Climate REconstruction SoftWare (CREST) has been growing rapidly. The developer of *crestr*, Manuel Chevalier, plans to build a mailing list of CREST users to share information and updates more efficiently. Emails to this list would include:

- Early notification of relevant workshops
- Publication of studies involving CREST
- Notification of important updates to the *crestr* package (e.g. bug fixes, new features)

Depending on interest, Manuel may also create a new Slack channel where CREST users can interact.

If you are interested in joining the CREST mailing list and/or Slack channel, please email pages.ecn@gmail.com, and we will pass your request onto Manuel.

4. Upcoming issue of *Past Global Changes Magazine*

The next issue of Past Global Changes Magazine on "Advancing past socio-environmental systems science" will be published in May 2023. If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of this upcoming magazine, please update your postal address on your profile in the PAGES database or fill in the webform before **17 May**. More information can be found here:

<https://pastglobalchanges.org/news/137215>.

5. Reminder - 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.

6. 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 XXI INQUA Congress will be held **13-20 July 2023** in Rome, Italy. Abstract submission is now closed. <https://inquareoma2023.org>
- The AGU Fall Meeting will be held **11-15 December 2023** in San Francisco, USA. Session proposals closed 12 April <https://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting>

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