

PAGES SSC Meeting Minutes

University of Bern, Switzerland, 30 May – 2 June 2023

SSC Member	Initials	Country	Format of attendance	Discipline/title
Zhimin Jian (Co-Chair & EXCOM)	ZJ	China	in-person	Paleoceanography, Marine Micropaleontology
Emilie Capron	EC	France	in-person	Paleoclimatology
Liping Zhou (EXCOM)	LZ	China	in-person	Eolian deposits, Chronology, Carbon cycle
Aster Gebrekirstos	AG	Kenya	in-person	Dendrochronology
M. Eugenia Ferrero	EF	Argentina	in-person	Dendrochronology, Paleoecology
Aixue Hu	AH	USA	in-person	Paleoclimatology, Paleoceanography
Keely Mills	KM	UK	in-person	Paleoecology, Paleolimnology
Ilham Bouimetarhan	IB	Morocco	in-person	Paleoceanography, Paleoclimatology
Martin Grosjean (Co-Chair & EXCOM)	MG	Switzerland	in-person	Paleolimnology
Fabrice Lambert	FL	Chile	in-person	Paleoclimatology
Lukas Jonkers	LJ	Germany	in-person	Paleoceanography
Shiling Yang	SY	China	in-person	Sedimentology, Geochemistry
Juliana Nogueira (ECN)	JN	Czechia	in-person	Paleoclimatology, Paleolimnology
PAGES IPO				
Marie-France Loutre	MFL	Belgium	in-person	Executive Director
Iván Hernández-Almeida	IHA	Spain	in-person	Science Officer
Leigh Martens Winiger	LMW	Canada	in-person	Communications and Project Officer
WCRP				
Pascale Braconnot	PB	Switzerland	in-person (day 2)	Vice Chair

Minutes from past meetings [here](#).

1 Introduction

1.1. Approval agenda 2023

Approved the agenda for 2023.

1.2. Approval of the 2022 minutes

Approved 2022 Minutes.

1.3. Outstanding items 2022

Outstanding items to be discussed during the meeting when a topic arises in the agenda.

1.4. New to PAGES IPO

- Iván Hernández-Almeida – Science Officer
- Leigh Martens Winiger goes on maternity leave as of 1 September 2023

2 Funding

Discussed SCNAT and CAS funding and Future Earth support. The 2024 budget was approved. Discussed diverse funding avenues, and several SSC members will approach their networks.

Action: Inquire with her colleague at NSF (EF).

Action: All SSC members should liaise with their national governments. Contact MFL if any SSC member has identified a funding opportunity.

3 Annual reports

PAGES working groups, plus the early-career network (ECN). Some working groups will sunset at the end of the year, while some have just started. SSC members, and working group liaisons, presented the highlights from the working group annual reports. Discussions were held, and feedback was collated for group leaders.

Action: All working group liaisons must provide feedback to their groups and cc the IPO. SSC members should review the progress, provide advice or comment where helpful, and should focus on groups where help/ advice seems necessary or where a change of status is imminent e.g. sunsetting or transitioning.

3.1 Working groups

Action: Discuss action on / advice for / feedback to the WGs. IB will become the liaison for the African Tree Ring Network.

3.2 Endorsed & affiliated groups

SSC liaisons briefly went over the groups explaining activities over the last year. Most liaisons had nothing major to report except that things are going well. Some haven't even heard from or have little contact with the groups. Others remain strong and are active. PAGES will host four PhD

students from DEEPICE in July 2023 who will be guest editors of a *PAGES Magazine* issue to be published in 2024. Also, a DEEPICE communication training program will be held in Switzerland in September 2023.

Action: The International Continental Scientific Drilling Program will become an endorsed and affiliated group.

Action: Discuss at the next EXCOM meeting what to do with inactive groups.

3.3 Data Stewardship Scholarship

The SSC liaisons gave a brief update on the current status.

4 New proposals

4.1 Proposals

In total, there are 16 new proposals.

These include:

- 2 new working groups – one accepted
- 2 working group extension – one accepted
- 4 workshop applications – three accepted
- 3 endorsed support application – one accepted
- 1 educational event – accepted
- 4 data stewardship scholarship applications – two accepted

SSC members discussed the applications and provided feedback for the EXCOM.

Action: EXCOM members to include SSC feedback in the decision-making process.

4.2 Deferred funding proposal

One proposal has been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Action: EXCOM members to include SSC feedback in the decision-making process.

4.3 Length of forms for proposals and annual reports

Action: Review forms and decide if needed to adapt/alter (KM, LJ, and FL).

5 SSC & EXCOM membership

5.1 SSC membership

Approved renewal of PS, EF, AH, and KM for the second term.

5.2 Discuss general SSC membership

Action: No action was taken.

5.3 SSC Applications 2023

Three applications were recommended to join the SSC.

5.4 EXCOM membership

Action: SY and LZ to inform SSC members who will be replacing ZJ as of next year.

5.5 Revisit terms of reference for the SSC and EXCOM

Action: Determine if the terms of reference require adaptation. Revisit terms of reference next year (MG).

6 Open Science Meeting

6.1 Open Science Meeting 2025

The SSC has accepted the bid to host the next OSM in Shanghai in 2025. Some comments/considerations were discussed, such as hotel arrangements, hybrid possibilities, number of participants, and demographic balance.

Action: Discuss any pending unresolved items regarding the bid. Working group for unresolved issues (MG, ZJ, LZ, MFL, IHA), the OSM (IB, LZ, AG), and the YSM (JN, KM, EF).

6.2 Succeeding Open Science Meeting

Action: Develop scenarios for the next SSC meeting: (EF and MG).

7 Integrative activities

7.1 Update from liaisons

Thresholds and tipping points activity is moving slowly, and it's hard to know what to tackle next. There was a clear consensus that it needs to go forward but needs rethinking. The challenge is the same for the Extremes IA.

Action: Organize a topical science meeting. Come up with a list of names to approach and ask for opinions for a meeting with about 40-50 participants before the next EXCOM meeting. Investigate the possibility of having a group of scientists from different WGs leading activities on tipping points (EC, AH, and IB).

7.2 Data stewardship

Action: Develop guidelines for best practice (LJ).

7.3 New/different activities

Action: Enough on the agenda, no new activities.

8 Topical science meeting

Action: Suggested ACME and MARDI for a topical science meeting (EC).

9 Early Career Network

JN presented ECN activities. Some points mentioned: more training, more activities on a local/regional scale, learning about funding opportunities, and expanding social media platforms to China.

Action: Approach the FE hub in China and ask how they tackle communication globally (in countries with no access to Twitter etc.) (LMW, CvR).

Action: Inquire with the ECN to see if they would like to be more involved with the early career award. Making the application simpler also needs to be considered. Get back to PAGES IPO as soon as possible if we want to open a call for the award this year (JN). done

10 PAGES publications and communications

10.1 Magazine, Horizons

IHA presented current and future magazine issues/volumes. The theme of the upcoming magazine is already decided. IHA also proposed new ideas on how to proceed with PAGES magazine. It was proposed to focus on one major topic per year and publish a single edition of PAGES Horizons magazine with a corresponding theme to the main magazine.

10.2 Communications

LMW presented some key changes to the distribution of PAGES magazine and challenges faced with the people database.

11 Pilot projects/new initiatives

New initiatives were established over the last few years, such as the Inter-Africa Mobility Research Fellowship program 2023 (five grants), Latin America and Caribbean Fellowship Program 2023 (five grants), and the data stewardship scholarship. Some ideas were exchanged, including expanding the fellowship program to Southeast Asia.

Action: PAGES SSC-EXCOM will explore having partners to support the Asia fellowship program. To be discussed at the next EXCOM meeting (MFL and LZ).

12 PAGES' vision: A road map for PAGES

12.1 Organization and management of working groups

Discussed the need to improve collaboration of paleocommunity in South America. One option is to support a regional WG in that region. The initiative must come from these countries, not imposed by PAGES (but encouraged). The SSC is generally positive to allow for the creation of this type of group, which will be evaluated after the lifetime of the 1st phase WG (first 3 years).

Action: Explore the possibility of a WG in South America (FL and EF).

12.2 Commissions and other strategies for the Global South

MG: Refer to existing regulations, like EGU or Future Earth.

Action: No action was taken.

13 Upcoming meetings

The SSC-EXCOM meeting in 2024 will take place in Marrakech, Morocco at the end of April.
PV and Seb Steinig are going to the SRI 2023.
AG might attend WCRP OSC in Rwanda.

14 Updates from PAGES supporters and partners

WCRP (Pascale Braconnot, Vice Chair) - highlighted WCRP lighthouse activities, upcoming open science conference, and reiterated the important tie WCRP has with PAGES.

15 Additional items and final remarks

Action: Not discussed. No additional items.

End of meeting