

PAGES ECN Newsletter - August 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 9th webinar

PAGES will be hosting its 9th webinar on "Ethics in publishing and combatting predatory practices in science" on **7 September at 1400 UTC** with Dr. Ramón Feenstra (Universitat Jaume I de Castelló, Spain) and Dr. Asfawossen Asrat Kassaye (Botswana International University of Science and Technology, Botswana). Speaking from their experiences on research ethics in universities, and as part of international academic organizations, Dr Feenstra and Dr Asrat Kassaye will provide their views on ethical implications of current publishing models and the impact of predatory journals and conferences. For more details and the Zoom link, view the calendar entry here: <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/137331>

1b. PalaeoPERCS PalaeoPathways Series

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.

Over the next few months, Pal(a)eoPERCS are running a seminar series on career pathways in palaeo science. The next seminar of this series will be held on **8 August**, featuring Luke Grinham talking about a career in the editorial sector. If you are interested, head over to the Pal(a)eoPERCS website to sign up for seminar notifications <https://paleopercs.com/participate/>

2. Call for speakers: webinar series 'Expanding our knowledge in the study of global changes'

The PAGES ECN Regional Representatives for Latin America are preparing to run a webinar series 'Expanding our knowledge in the study of global changes'. This will take place in the second half of 2023. This series is specifically designed for students and early-career researchers in the study of climate and global changes from their different areas.

The series aims to bring new perspectives to the study of past global changes, as well as encouraging enhanced collaboration, multidisciplinary approaches, and open science among early-career researchers. The organisers are currently seeking speakers to address the following webinar topics:

- Integration of ethnobiological, anthropological, and paleoecological perspectives.
- Quaternary paleoecology and nature conservation.
- Examining environmental studies through multiple temporal and spatial scales.
- Environmental science and policy: Open science and the integration of indigenous knowledge.
- Environmental economics: Evaluating the intersection of the economy and the environment.
- Human health and paleoenvironment: Exploring the connections.
- Conservation and restoration plans and policies.
- Forecasting global changes.
- Other related topic suggestions.

You can nominate yourself or a colleague as a speaker using [this form](#). For more details, including an extended description of the seminar series in both Spanish and English, please see the recent ECN listserv announcement.

3. Second virtual workshop on paleoclimate data assimilation

The second virtual workshop on paleoclimate data assimilation will take place **virtually** on **21-23 August**. This free workshop is for people interested in paleoclimate data assimilation, which is a powerful method for creating spatially complete reconstructions of past climate using proxy records and model information. Applications close **11 August** - for lots more information about the workshop, as well as the application form, see the workshop website <https://michaelerb.github.io/da-workshop/>

4. PAGES Magazine: call for contributions

The PAGES Magazine scheduled for Northern Hemisphere spring 2024 will focus on paleo-earthquakes and -tsunamis. PAGES is inviting contributions on this topic from the broader paleoscience community. For more details, you can read the call here <https://pastglobalchanges.org/news/137332>

5. PAGES ECN 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.

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.

For more information, and to sign up to Write Club, please email writeclub.pages.ecn@gmail.com.

6. Reminder: 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](#)). We strongly encourage our ECN members to apply for these fellowships!

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**. You can see examples of past awardees here <https://pastglobalchanges.org/science/pages-awardees/scholarship-recipients>. More information can be found online here: <https://pastglobalchanges.org/support>.

7. 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 AGU Fall Meeting will be held **11-15 December 2023** in San Francisco, USA. Abstract submissions close **2 August!** <https://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting>

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