

PAGES ECN Newsletter - October 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. Call for nominations for PAGES Early-Career Award

The PAGES Early-Career Award (ECA) honors people in the early stages of their career (PhD students and <5 years after their PhD) for their engagement both within and beyond the scientific community. For example through (but 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. The ECA will be publicly presented by PAGES at the next Open Science Meeting (OSM) in Shanghai in 2025. The awardee will receive a certificate, an invitation to present at the OSM, and a conference grant to attend the OSM (max. US\$2000). The deadline to submit nominations is **31 October**. For more information and to submit nominations, see here <https://pastglobalchanges.org/news/137354>

2. Welcome to our new PAGES ECN Steering Committee members!

The PAGES ECN Steering Committee is very excited to welcome our latest two members: [Sudhir Bhadra](#) and Alexandra Fazekas-Németh. Sudhir and Alexandra joined us in late September, and we look forward to having them on board.

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. Human Traces webinar series: Tackling the evolution and dynamics of the Anthropocene from sedimentary records in artificial lakes of Central Argentina: The water quality challenge

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 **20 October at 1400 UTC**, and will feature Dr Silvana Halac (Universidad Nacional de Córdoba) on the topic "Tackling the evolution and dynamics of the Anthropocene from sedimentary records in artificial lakes of Central Argentina: The water quality challenge". For more details and Zoom link, see the event page <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/137292>

3b. 9th PAGES webinar available to view on YouTube

The recording of the PAGES 9th webinar on "Ethics in publishing and combatting predatory practices in science" which took place on 7 September 2023 with Dr. Ramón Feenstra (Universitat Jaume I de Castelló, Spain) and Dr. Asfawossen Asrat Kassaye (Botswana International University of Science and Technology, Botswana) is available to watch on the [PAGES YouTube channel](#)

4. Humboldt International Climate Protection Fellowships: seeking applications from researchers from non-European developing and transition countries

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation International Climate Protection Fellowships are intended for prospective leaders and postdocs with climate expertise, from non-European developing and transition countries (see [Fellowship website](#) for list of eligible countries).

If you are a prospective leader you will do a one-year research-related project in Germany as part of your fellowship; if you are a postdoc, long-term academic research (12-24 months). It should focus on combating climate change, adaptation strategies, preserving ecosystems and biodiversity, or on the sustainable use of the seas and oceans.

Applications close **1 February** each year, so you have plenty of time to plan, write, and submit an application for this excellent opportunity. For many more details, please see the website <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/international-climate-protection-fellowship>

5. Future Earth seeks applications for 2023 Early-Career Fellowship

The Early-Career Fellowship (ECF) is a pilot program launched in 2022, which aims to implement the development concept of innovation, coordination, openness, and sharing, and help promote the achievement of sustainable development goals. The ECF program is organized by Future Earth Global Secretariat Hub China with support from China Association for Science and Technology. The mission of the ECF program is to provide a forum in which early-career researchers from various disciplines (e.g.,

natural, social, and human sciences) can share their interdisciplinary research, pursue unique collaborations, and build a network of colleagues who can share their interest in improving the global sustainable development goals. ECF funds are relatively unrestricted and the recipients will enjoy sufficient independence, flexibility and a built-in support network during his/her tenure as ECF fellow. The deadline for applications is **31 October**. For more information, see here: <https://futureearth.org/2023/09/05/future-earth-seeks-applicants-for-2023-early-career-fellowship/>

6. Reminder—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.

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 submission closed, registration open
- The Ocean Sciences Meeting will be held **18-23 February 2024** in New Orleans, USA.
 - Abstract submission closed, registration open
- The EGU General Assembly will be held **14-19 April 2024** in Vienna, Austria.
 - Session proposals have now closed; keep an eye out for updates on when we can submit abstracts

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