

**Summary of Minutes  
EXCOM Meeting  
San Francisco, USA  
4 December 2005**

Present

EXCOM: Rick Battarbee, Julie Brigham-Grette (Chair), Heinz Wanner  
IPO: Thorsten Kiefer, Christoph Kull  
Guests: Herman Zimmerman (8:00 to 9:45 and 14:00 to 16:00)

Regrets

Ashok Singhvi, Pinxian Wang (their written comments were included in discussions)

**PAGES Future Structure—Submitted Proposal:**

The draft NSF proposal was discussed. It was decided that the IPO should publish the proposed new scientific structure on PAGES website, requesting feedback. Discussion then turned to implementation of the new structure. It was proposed that future PAGES activities be called “Foci”, “Working Groups” and “Tasks” (from highest to lowest in hierarchy). To boost the process of Foci and Theme build-up, and the integration of existing active scientific groups from the old structure, SSC members would guide activities. Tentative responsibilities were outlined. It was stressed that the development of new themes should be flexible.

**IPO Funding Overview 2006–2010:**

EXCOM commented that additional funding should be found from private institutions and foundations to support workshops, products, etc., as was successfully done for the “Past Millennia Workshop”. PAGES should also ask for additional funding to run its own workshops.

**Budget:**

EXCOM approved the 2005 financial summary and agreed to use the residual \$20,000 to fund the primarily community-proposed workshops. Since the current NSF grant runs out at the end of July 2006, PAGES must close out then with a zero balance. EXCOM accepted the need for financial flexibility with workshop funding in 2006 in order to achieve this.

• **Workshop funding**

The idea of an online workshop proposal form was discussed and accepted. The IPO will design and implement the form, incorporating EXCOM comments. Workshop funding proposals submitted to the November deadline were reviewed. It was decided to allocate approx. \$20,000, primarily for support of developing country participants, as follows:

| <b>Workshop</b>   | <b>Location &amp; Date</b>              | <b>Amount</b> |
|---|---|---------------|
| Climate change, tree-growth response: British-Russian young scientists workshop | Krasnoyarsk, Russia<br>24-28 Jan. 2006  | \$4,000       |
| Marine-terrestrial linkages during past global climatic changes                 | Barcelona, Spain<br>6-8 March 2006      | \$2,500       |
| Climate changes and their impact on forests                                     | Ekaterinenburg, Russia<br>5-7 Jun. 2006 | \$4,000       |
| AOGS Session: monsoon variability from Indian Ocean & South China Sea records   | Singapore,<br>10-14 Jul. 2006           | \$2,000       |
| Historical climatology of Hispano-America during the last 500 years             | Seville, Spain,<br>July 2006            | \$3,000       |
| Stable-isotope ratios of shell middens  | Hamilton, Canada<br>Aug. 2006           | \$4,000       |
| <b>PAGES activity</b>   | <b>Location &amp; Date</b>              | <b>Amount</b> |
| MedCLIVAR workshop on unexplored paleo-climate sources – Near East/North Africa | Spain<br>Fall 2006                      | \$10,000      |

**SSC:**

- **Nominations**

EXCOM agreed that Solomina's replacement should be a person with strong links to the Russian community, e.g. someone from a former Soviet Union country. EXCOM will keep a look out in the community for possible candidates, potentially with permafrost, ice core or forcing/modeling (Focus 1) expertise. An open call will be held in 2006.

- **Tasks**

EXCOM discussed the tasks of SSC members, suggesting the following as important:

1. Promote PAGES scientific agenda—Host PAGES workshops, edit special newsletter or journal issues, represent PAGES at meetings, coordinate national PAGES activities.
2. Take responsibility for PAGES Foci and Themes. Develop concepts and get the new program going.
3. Act as a liaison to workshop organizers.
4. Communicate with the IPO.

## **EXCOM:**

A replacement for Singhvi is needed. Brigham-Grette will send out an email to SSC about the election of a new EXCOM member.

## **PAGES Networking:**

- **Newsletter**

It was agreed that Brigham-Grette guest edit PAGES News 2006/2, a special issue on the U.S. NSF ESH/MESH program. An extended HOLIVAR workshop summary will be included in this issue (Battarbee responsible).

- **Paleo in other IGBP projects**

EXCOM is of the opinion that links to other IGBP core projects should be sought if there is an obvious connection to a paleo-community within a partner program. The idea was put forward to develop a series of workshops with IGBP projects related to paleo, possibly starting with ILEAPS.

- **IPICS/PAGES relationship**

EXCOM agreed that PAGES should host the website for IPICS (International Partnership for Ice Core Science) and endorse IPICS activities. IPICS may play an important role in the future PAGES-Polar collaboration and this link should be actively developed. It was decided to ask Chappellaz to act as PAGES-IPICS liaison.

- **IMAGES/PAGES relationship**

It is clear that IMAGES should be maintained as a PAGES program. It was suggested to have IMAGES representatives take part in SSC meetings and to ask IMAGES to help find its new position within PAGES. New joint PAGES-IMAGES activities should be established.

- **Policy on endorsement of activities**

It was decided that PAGES will endorse “affiliated projects” and that PAGES should be proactive in this process. To be endorsed by PAGES, a project should:

- Address PAGES scientific questions
- Stress the relevance to PAGES
- Contribute regularly to the newsletter/website (outreach to the community)

Endorsement does not mean any loss of responsibility for the affiliated project. Endorsement should be seen as the benefit of being part of/recognized by an international community (PAGES). An online form, similar to that being developed for workshop funding proposals, will be designed by the IPO.

- **Other activities in preparation**

EXCOM agreed that the following should be actively developed as PAGES activities:

- Regional Variability South America, Ricardo Villalba, Martin Grosjean; Workshop in prep. to be held alongside the 2006 SSC meeting in Mendoza, Argentina.
- Past Regional Climate Variability in the Mediterranean–Near East–North Africa Region, Ricardo Garcia, MedCLIVAR; Workshop-Initiative in prep. for fall 2006.
- Past Millennia Climate Variability; Workshop being organized by IPO in June 2006 in Wengen (Switzerland). Funding secured due to financial support from EPRI (Electric Power Research Institute).

- Loess Belt Activity, Dennis-Didier Rousseau, et al.
- 14C chronology, Irka Hajdas (+ Paula Reimer).
- Man, Trees and Climate System (MATRICS), Pavel Tarasov, Victor Brovkin, Mayke Wagner

- **PAGES presence at large meetings 2006**

The ESSP conference ([www.essp2006osc.com](http://www.essp2006osc.com)) is being held from 9-12 November 2006 in Beijing, China. EXCOM discussed whether PAGES should submit a proposal for a special session (deadline 16 December 2005). Dearing/Battarbee will organize a session related to the old Focus 5. Two other ideas were put forward:

1. A session related to one of the conference themes, e.g. Global Change in Monsoon Asia.
2. A session from within the PAGES/CLIVAR Intersection.

### **Calendar – Meetings:**

EXCOM approved the date and location (2-3 October – Mendoza, Argentina) for the 2006 SSC meeting. It was decided to hold an EXCOM meeting before then in order to prepare the SSC agenda and to interact with the IPO on the transition into the new funding situation. The meeting was scheduled for Friday, 16 June, alongside the HOLIVAR meeting in London. The second EXCOM meeting will be held on the evening of Monday, 2 October during the SSC meeting. The usual EXCOM meeting alongside AGU in December will not be held in 2006.