Summary of Minutes – PAGES EXCOM Meeting
Troutdale, Oregon, USA
12 July 2009 (evening)

Present: Bette Otto-Bliesner (Co-Chair), Heinz Wanner (Co-Chair), Jérôme Chappellaz, Ricardo Villalba, Cathy Whitlock, Thorsten Kiefer (IPO), Louise Newman (IPO)

SSC Membership
Thorsten pointed out that it was not essential for all of the 4 outgoing positions to be filled because there were currently 18 SSC members instead of the usual 17. However, he also commented that the number of SSC members could be increased, as PAGES was quite a large project. EXCOM discussed the applications at length and finally decided on 3 people. The gender and geographical distribution imbalance on the SSC was a major topic of discussion and one that would be hopefully be redressed in the near future.

Decision   **Chris Turney, Alan Mix and Denis Didier Rousseau to be nominated to IGBP as new SSC members.**

EXCOM Membership
There was a brief discussion on the replacement of Ricardo and Jérôme on the EXCOM. It was agreed that the procedure for voting for the replacement would take place in 2010.

Workshop Funding
The EXCOM discussed the workshop proposals and agreed on funding as follows:

New PAGES Working Groups
The EXCOM discussed the merits of both the varves and marine nitrogen cycle proposals and agreed to accept both as new PAGES Working Groups. It was agreed that the Varves WG workshop should be funded.

Open Call Workshops
The EXCOM discussed the three Open Call applications that were received and decided to fund the following workshop:

Title, Location and Date	Applicant	PAGES Liaison
The West African Quaternary: Paleoclimatic/Sea Level Changes and Anthropogenic Responses Ibadan, Nigeria – 26-30 Oct 2009	Izuchukwu Mike Akaegbobi	Mohammed Umer
International Field Conference and Workshop on Tephrochronology, Volcanism and Human Activity, Active Tephra Kirishima City, Japan – 10-17 May, 2010	Takaaki Fukouka	Takeshi Nakatsuka

Action   **IPO to inform workshop organizers about EXCOM's decision on support.**