

# PAGES EXCOM Meeting Minutes

## 22-23 October 2012

**Members:** Alan Mix (Co-Chair), Hubertus Fischer (Co-Chair), Denis-Didier Rousseau (joined later on first day), John Dearing, Takeshi Nakatsuka

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### 1. Workshop Proposals

- PAGES IPO to better advertise calls for WS support in future rounds
- Motivate a workshop with a forward-looking perspective on Future Earth. The format could be similar to the “50 questions in Palaeoecology” meeting.
- Raise support limit to 15,000 USD for PAGES Working Group workshops if a good case is made, but still state that normal range of support is 5-10k.
- It was determined the following workshops would receive support, subject to meeting individually tailored conditions:

#### Working Group workshops

Working Group workshops	Date	Focu s	Applicant
5 <sup>th</sup> PIGS WS (Louvain, Belgium)	4-6 March 2013	F3	Chronis Tzedakis
Euro-Med2k WS (Reading, UK)	25/26 March 2013	F2	Juerg Luterbacher

#### Open Call workshops

Open Call workshops	Date 2012	Applicant
Chironomid WS (Southampton, UK)	10-12th June 2012	Peter Langdon
South American Paleoecology Database WS (Santiago, Chile)	1/2 <sup>nd</sup> week of April 2013	Claudio Latorre

PMIP3 Ocean WS (Corvallis, USA)	24-26 Sep 2013	Andreas Schmittner
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## Educational workshops

Educational Workshop	Date	Applicant
Speleothem Summer School (Heidelberg, Germany)	28 July-2 Aug 2013	Michael Deininger
Latin American Paleocology WS (Jujuy, Argentina)	15-26 July 2013	Sonia Fontana

## 2. Quick review of PAGES Working Groups

### Existing Working Groups

#### ***Climate Forcings (Focus 1)***

- Global Palaeofire Working Group (GPWG)
- PALSEA (Paleo-Constraints on Sea-Level Rise) - Action: Encourage PALSEA to work out a plan for phase-II as “new working group”. PAGES then to review.
- Solar forcing – NEW; first workshop held in Davos, Switzerland, in Sep 2012 - Action: Clarify the objectives and how to reach them.

#### ***Regional Climate Dynamics (Focus 2)***

- PAGES/CLIVAR Intersection – Action: Ask for plan of next activities and buy-in to Future Earth?
- PR Challenge – concluded

#### ***Global Earth-System Dynamics (Focus 3)***

- ADOM (Atmospheric circulation dynamics: Observations and modeling) - Action: Remind ADOM about the *PAGES news* special issue (preparation in Spring, publication in Summer 2013). Explore whether the DUSTSPEC workshops proposed to NSF by Natalie Mahowald and Gisela Winckler have potential for a push for ADOM.

- Global Monsoon – Action: Encourage Liping Zhou to develop a new monsoon group that includes impacts (- timely in the light of Future Earth).
- Ocean Acidification – concluded
- SynTraCE-21 (Synthesis of Transient Climate Evolution of the last 21-kyr) – Action: Contact and check status. [Done: WS in Nov 2012, happy to maintain WG status for now.]

### ***Human-Climate-Ecosystem Interactions (Focus 4)***

- Theme “Regional Integration”
- Theme “Biodiversity”
- Theme “Water”
- Theme “Land Carbon”
- Theme “Soil and Sediment”
- Theme “Land use and cover”
- Initiate a Focus 4 workshop across all themes later in 2013 - to revisit the themes and how they can link in with priorities of Future Earth.
- Consider removing Land Carbon theme eventually

### Anticipated new Working Groups

- None
- WG on Climate Modes could be useful, if PAGES/CLIVAR does not address the topic

## **3. Endorsed Groups**

### Current endorsed and affiliated groups

- PAGES IPO to request reports from the endorsed groups for the SSC meeting in Goa.

### IHOPE

- Speak with IHOPE representatives at upcoming meetings to see how IHOPE will evolve and what opportunities for collaboration there are.
- PAGES to propose pro-actively common activities (e.g. hold a dedicated joint workshop)?

## Potential new or re-endorsements

### IMAGES

- Observe whether the new Science Plan will be published and new structures are implemented.
- Ask when feedback on the new science plan is due. Then ask SSC to give feedback.
- Propose that a Program News article is published in PAGES news to present new science plan when ready.

### Arctic Holocene Transitions (D. Kaufman)

- YES to endorsement. Discuss possibility for PAGES hosted project webpage.

## **4. PAGES OSM & YSM 2013**

### OSM

- One OSM plenary speaker still TBD.

### YSM

- SSC members should attend YSM meeting to interact with young scientists.

### Data sharing policy

- Produce a good-practice guide for distribution at the OSM.

## **5. Committee Membership**

### SSC

- EXCOM to consider F4 representatives for the SSC.
- IPO to start call for nominations very soon. SSC nominations should be circulated in eNews, Newsletter, and through national representatives.

### EXCOM elections

- Hubertus Fischer to run EXCOM elections via email to replace Takeshi Nakatsuka before the Goa meeting.

## **6. Miscellaneous**

### Paleo-press release database

- EXCOM to encourage Chris to continue his effort and present a concept/prototype at the next SSC meeting.
- Main questions are: How to minimize labor and how to maximize quality control?

#### Future Earth

- Hubertus and Eric Wolff to draft a concept for splitting up the “Changing Planet” Integrative Research Theme in the Future Earth draft Research Framework into two new ones: “machinery” and “observations”. Circulate draft among SSC.

#### Next SSC and EXCOM Meetings (in Goa)

- SSC to Invite “Future Earth” people for a discussion during Goa SSC meeting, e.g. Martin Visbeck, Gordon McBean, and Indian representative on Transition Team/Belmont forum?
- EXCOM Meeting 2013 (tentatively) scheduled for 30 Sep and 1 Oct 2013, again as a videoconference.
- An additional online “EXCOM” meeting could be held in spring (April/May) if specific Future Earth strategies need to be discussed.