Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the PAGES Early-Career Network Newsletter! We hope that you had a nice holiday and, like us, are ready to get back in action. Please see below for the latest news and announcements.

Best wishes,
The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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1. vEGU abstract submission now open
The abstract deadline is 13 January 2021, 12:00 UTC. Please consider submitting your abstract to one of several PAGES Working Group-sponsored sessions. See links below or http://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/upcoming/127-pages/2034-vegu21 for full descriptions.

- **2k Network**: Studying the climate of the last two millennia
  Conveners: Sarah Eggleston, Stella Alexandroff, Hugo Beltrami, Steven Phipps, Andrea Seim

- **CVAS**: Climate Variability Across Scales and Climate States

- **SISAL**: Speleothem and Continental Carbonate Archives of Modern and Palaeoenvironmental Change
  Convener: Jens Fohlmeister. Co-conveners: Andrea Borsato, Gabriella Kolcai, Sophie Warken, Andrea Columbu

- **VICS**: Understanding volcano-climate impacts and the stratospheric aerosol layer:
  [https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU21/session/40861](https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU21/session/40861)
  Main Conveners: Graham Mann (lead), Matthew Toohey (co-lead). Co-conveners: Myriam Khodri, Claudia Timmreck, Davide Zanchettin

PAGES endorsed-group session:

- **Varves Working Group**: Geochronological tools for environmental reconstructions:
  [https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU21/session/40784](https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU21/session/40784),
  Co-sponsored by PAGES. Convener: Arne Ramisch. Co-conveners: Irka Hajdas, Andreas Lang, Kathleen Wendt
Future Earth session:
- Learning from the past? The role of extreme events and natural hazards in the human past: https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU21/session/40434

2. ECN webinar announcements
Upcoming Webinars
- East Africa Webinar Series
  - A series for webinars featuring paleoresearch in East Africa is ongoing, organized by our regional representative Christine Omuombo. Three webinars took place so far; the recording will soon be available on our YouTube channel. Check the webpage with our agenda or stay tuned for listserv announcements for links to the webinars. Future webinars in the series include:
    - Wednesday, 13 January, 12:00 UTC, Dr. Stephen Rucina: “The evolution of paleoecological research in Kenya”
    - January/February, t.b.d: Prof. Asfawossen Asrat: “Quaternary research in Ethiopia”
  - Additional webinar announcements are forthcoming for spring 2021

If you have any ideas for a webinar and want to organize it for PAGES ECN, please reach out to the webinar cluster. We want to make as many webinars as possible available for all our members so keep us updated about any upcoming webinars by writing us at webinar.pages.ecn@gmail.com.

3. Reminder - Contribute memories to PAGES 30th Anniversary Magazine
Did you miss the previous deadline for contributions asking for memories and funny moments? There is still a chance to share your stories. The deadline for contributions has been extended to 31 January 2021.

As part of the celebrations for our 30th anniversary, a special issue of Past Global Changes Magazine will be published in mid-2021. We're calling on current and past working group members, working group leaders, SSC, EXCOM and ECN members, guest scientists, and workshop attendees to contribute.

Please send a short text (max. 100 words) and, if you wish, an accompanying photo with caption (preferably at least 300 dpi) about a particularly memorable or funny experience with PAGES to pages@pages.unibe.ch, using the subject line "30th anniversary contribution". Alternatively, you can also just send a photo and caption. Please make sure any identifiable people in the photos have given their permission.

4. Reminder - New working group and financial support applications due 12 April 2021
New working group (http://pastglobalchanges.org/science/wg/new-wg-proposal) and workshop support applications (http://pastglobalchanges.org/my-pages/meeting-support) are due 12 April 2021. As a reminder, working groups provide a platform for discussion, research, and community building, and normally run in 3-year phases with each phase culminating in an
intermediary or final major product (e.g. synthesis article, special issue, database). PAGES workshop/meeting support falls under three categories of workshops – PAGES’ working group meetings; Educational meetings; and Open call meetings. Follow the links above to learn more.

5. Upcoming events and conferences
For a more complete listing of upcoming conferences and workshops, see the PAGES event calendar.
- vEGU (see above)
- The Significance of Archaeological Textiles international online conference is being held 24-25 February, 2021. Registration will open at the end of January. https://www.thefbo.de/conference/
- The 12th International Meeting of Phytolith Research will take place 8-11 September 2021 in Kiel, Germany. The meeting is planned as a hybrid event, allowing both in-person and remote participation. https://www.12impr.uni-kiel.de/en

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