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Welcome new Science Officer

The PAGES Office is very pleased to welcome Louise Cromer, who has taken over from Christoph Kull as Science Officer. Louise has been off to a busy start in the office by editing the newsletter you are now reading. She has a background in paleoecology, zoology, and Antarctic paleolimnology and is about to complete her PhD at the University of Tasmania, Australia. Her research focuses on the reconstruction of past Antarctic environments and paleolake communities through analysis of faunal microfossils in lake sediments. She is also interested in the origins of the Antarctic freshwater fauna and its responses to small and large-scale environmental change. Within the last four years, Louise has made several trips to Antarctica for a variety of research projects. You can reach her by email at cromer@pages.unibe.ch

Call for new SSC members

At the end of 2007, Rick Battarbee (UK) and Pinxian Wang (China) will rotate off the PAGES Scientific Steering Committee (SSC), leaving two (possibly extended to three) vacant positions. PAGES welcomes nominations for new members until 15 June. The SSC provides guidance for the PAGES project as a whole and oversees major scientific activities. In addition to scientific excellence and status in their communities, members are chosen to provide a balance of paleoscientific expertise and national representation. An list of current SSC members and details on the nomination procedure can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscleaders.html

SSC meeting & INQUA Congress

This year's PAGES SSC meeting is being held alongside the XVII International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA) Congress in Cairns in July (www.inqua2007.net.au). The idea is to identify the overlap of interests between PAGES, INQUA and other groups, to explore opportunities for synergy, to plan joint activities, and to discuss mutually beneficial initiatives. INQUA representatives will attend a day of discussions at the PAGES SSC meeting and PAGES SSC members will be in attendance at the INQUA Congress. In addition, PAGES is co-sponsoring three INQUA sessions:

- 1) Land-atmosphere-ocean linkages during past climatic changes
- 2) Past 2,000 years in the Southern Hemisphere
- 3) Human-environment interactions during the Holocene—a regional approach

Monsoon Working Group

The new PAGES Focus 3 on Earth System Dynamics will contain a Working Group on Global Monsoon. This Group will be launched with a Townhouse Meeting at another upcoming, high-profile monsoon meeting, the Alexander von Humboldt Conference, on 27-31 August in Beijing, China (titled "East Asian Summer Monsoon, past, present and future"). If you are interested in contributing to this new PAGES Working Group, please contact the Focus 3 leader Pinxian Wang (pxwang@mail.tongji.edu.cn).

PAGES scientists medal tally

At this year's Assembly of the European Geophysical Union, prestigious medals were awarded to two exceptional PAGES activists. Pinxian Wang (Tongji University), current Vice-Chair of PAGES, received the Milutin Milankovic Medal for his outstanding contributions to the development of paleoceanography and paleo-monsoon studies in the Western Pacific. Ray Bradley (University of Massachusetts), former Chair of PAGES, received the Hans Oeschger Medal for his contribution to paleoclimate reconstruction from continental archives and for being instrumental in the multi-proxy approach leading to the quantification of climate change over the last millennium. We share a little of the pride with both medallists, congratulate them wholeheartedly and take the chance to thank them for their exceptional services to paleoscience and to PAGES in particular. We also join Bill Curry in congratulating Wally Broecker on his 2006 Crafoord Prize (see next page).

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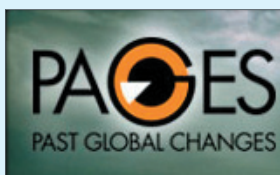
The next issue of PAGES newsletter will contain a special section on Southern Hemisphere paleoscience and will be guest-edited by Peter Kershaw from Monash University, Australia. If you are interested in contributing a science highlight to this special section, please contact Peter directly (peter.kershaw@arts.monash.edu.au). The next deadline for open manuscript submissions is 30 June 2007. Guidelines for contributions can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html



XVII Congress of the International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA)



With three PAGES co-sponsored sessions:



Session 15: Land-atmosphere-ocean linkages during past climatic changes

Session 22: Past 2,000 years in the Southern Hemisphere

Session 29: Human-environment interactions during the Holocene - a regional approach

plus many other sessions relevant to PAGES themes.

28 July - 03 August 2007, Cairns, Australia

Go to www.inqua2007.net.au for more information on this meeting.