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SSC Meeting & INQUA Congress

The annual Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) meeting was held 25-27 July 2007, in Atherton, Australia, alongside the XVII INQUA Congress (28 July-3 August in Cairns). In addition to organizational issues (membership, funding, guest scientists, etc.), the SSC meeting focused on PAGES products and ongoing research, supported workshops and initiatives, and on finalizing PAGES Science and Implementation Plan (to be published in 2008). Minutes of the meeting are available at www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscleaders/meetingminutes.html.

The last day of the SSC meeting was dedicated to discussing collaboration with other IGBP core projects (e.g., AIMES and SOLAS), potential liaison with other relevant international organizations (e.g., INQUA, IPICS and ACE), and adoption of new working groups (e.g., past interglacials, and groups on regional climate variability of the last 2000 years). Thirteen invited guests presented ideas and participated in group discussions on possible links and synergies, which PAGES hopes will bear fruit in the coming months and years. In

particular, INQUA and PAGES have agreed to consider joint activities and joint support of projects of common interest. Off to a good start, PAGES co-convened three sessions at the INQUA Congress (Land-atmosphere-ocean linkages during past climatic changes; Past 2000 years in the Southern Hemisphere; Human-environment interactions during the Holocene).

AGU Fall Meeting

If you will be at the AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco (10-14 December 2007), we encourage you to attend one of the following three special sessions that PAGES is co-organizing:

- U04: Quaternary Climate Records from the Continents: Comparisons with Their Marine and Polar Cousins
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- PP25: The Climate of the Monsoon: Proxy Records, Measurements and Models

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Next Issue of PAGES News

The next deadline for open manuscript submissions to the PAGES newsletter is 12 November 2007. Guidelines for contributions can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html. This issue will also contain a special section on paleoceanography that will be guest-edited by Jean Lynch-Stieglitz (jean@eas.gatech.edu) and Markus Kienast (markus.kienast@dal.ca). If you are interested in contributing a science highlight to this special section, please contact the guest editors directly.



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