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PAGES SSC changes in 2008

2008 sees a major changeover of members on the PAGES Scientific Steering Committee (SSC). After six years of dedicated service, Rick Battarbee (EXCOM), Frank Sirocko and Pinxian Wang (EXCOM; Vice-Chair) have rotated off the committee. While their presence and input at SSC meetings will be missed, they will continue to play key roles in PAGES new scientific structure, thereby guaranteeing their continued involvement.

Joining the SSC this year are four new members. John Dearing (UK) is Professor in Physical Geography at the University of Southampton. He has a record of years of committed work within PAGES through his leadership of the PAGES Focus on past human-climate-ecosystem interactions. His research expertise is in reconstructing past environmental change through analyses of lake sediments, soils and other archives, and in the integration of climate, human activities and environmental processes. Zhongli Ding (China), a professor at the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, is specialized in eolian (loess) deposits and eastern Asian paleoclimate of the Quaternary and Neogene. He played a key role in the organization of the 2nd PAGES Open Science Meeting in Beijing in



2005 and is currently involved in setting up a new Working Group on Global Monsoon. Michael Schulz (Germany) is Professor for Geosystem Modeling at Bremen University, coordinator of the PAGES-relevant "Integrated analysis of interglacial climate dynamics" priority program of the German Research Foundation, and PAGES representative to the Oceanography Senate of the German Science Foundation. He specializes in modeling and paleoceanography. Eric Wolff (UK), a Principal Investigator at the British Antarctic Survey, is a leading ice core scientist, specializing in paleo-atmospheric chemistry studies. He has played a major role in steering large international programs, such as EPICA (European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica) and IPICS (International Partnerships in Ice Core Sciences). For more details on PAGES SSC and individual members, see www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscmembers.html.



SSC meeting 2008

This year, the annual meeting of the SSC will be part of a congress convened by PAGES umbrella organization, the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), to be held 5-9 May in Cape Town, South Africa. A central idea of this Congress is to gather the SSCs of all IGBP projects (see page 6-7 for features of some of them) and associated organizations in one place, and thus create a platform for cross-project interaction and development of collaborations. This meeting will be a good opportunity to propose your ideas for new PAGES activities. Please contact the PAGES IPO or an SSC member with your ideas.

Next issue of PAGES news

The second issue of the PAGES newsletter for 2008 will contain a special section on data-model comparisons. It will be guest-edited by Gerrit Lohmann, who spent some weeks as a Guest Scientist at the PAGES IPO in Switzerland. If you are interested in contributing a science highlight to this special section, please contact Gerrit directly (Gerrit.Lohmann@awi.de). You can also contribute a Science Highlight or Program News to the open section of the newsletter. The deadline is 9 February 2008. Guidelines for contributions can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html.



PAGES Sessions at the General Assembly of the European Geosciences Union



13 - 18 April 2008 - Vienna, Austria

We encourage you to submit an abstract to one of the following PAGES co-sponsored and endorsed sessions before the 14 January 2008 deadline:

CL6 - Past atmospheric circulation (co-sponsored)

www.cosis.net/members/meetings/sessions/information.php?p_id=298&s_id=5339

CL7 - Land-Atmosphere-Ocean linkages throughout the Quaternary (co-sponsored)

www.cosis.net/members/meetings/sessions/information.php?p_id=298&s_id=5403

CL32 - Advances in Applied Quaternary Geochronology (co-sponsored)

www.cosis.net/members/meetings/sessions/information.php?p_id=298&s_id=5364

CR4/NH7.4/CL51 - Ever smaller than now? Holocene glacier history with climatic background (endorsed)

www.cosis.net/members/meetings/sessions/information.php?p_id=298&s_id=5369

There are many more PAGES-relevant sessions, particularly under "Climate: Past, Present, Future".

For more information: <http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2008/>