

PAGES ECN Newsletter - February 2021

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the PAGES Early-Career Network Newsletter! Please see below for the latest news and announcements.

Best wishes,
The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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1. Final call - PAGES ECN interview project

Organizers of a special PAGES ECN project are seeking interest for members to join in production of an interview series (see listserv announcements from 1 Dec and 11 Jan). The series will showcase short interviews (~10 minutes) between an early-career and more senior scientists in their native language. This is a science communication project, which aims to introduce young people (primarily high school students but also 1st-2nd year Bachelor students) to science as a career path. The leadership team is looking to add members who can assist with:

- recording format (including whether audio-visual or solely audio)
- video editing services
- services for closed caption and translation (captions to be provided in English to reach a broader audience)
- platforms for advertising and distribution

Expressions of interest and any questions regarding the project can be emailed asap to Deirdre Ryan [dryan at marum.de].

2. ECN webinar announcements

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.

2a. PAGES ECN East Africa Webinar Series

Upcoming webinars:

- A webinar featuring Dr. Stephen Rucina originally scheduled for 13 January, titled “The evolution of paleoecological research in Kenya,” was postponed. Stay tuned for the announcement of the new date.

Recordings of webinars from this series will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#).

Currently available recorded webinars from this series include:

- Dr. Rahab Kinyanjui: “[Phytolith Research in East Africa](#)”
- Dr. Emmanuel Ndiema: “[Context of Quaternary research in Kenya](#)”
- Prof Dr. Daniel Olago: “[The policy relevance of paleoresearch in Africa](#)”

2b. PAGES ECN North America presents: “Research Show and Tell”

The North American (NA) regional representatives announced a new webinar series featuring researchers within the NA region. Whether it is a tour of a laboratory setup, walkthrough of a favorite method, unboxing of freshly collected samples, or activities in the field, these events are designed to give us a break from traditional zoom slide presentations and get to know the faces and places behind the screens.

- The first event is scheduled for **Monday, 22 February 2021, 17:00 UTC (12:00 ET)** ([Zoom link](#)), hosted by Daniel Killam. Dan will be showing his work and “living lab space” at the Biosphere 2, where he is growing giant clams for biogeochemical research.

If you are in the North American region and would like to contribute a “show and tell” to this series, please contact the [North American RR team](#) so they can properly host you! Also, if you would like to host a similar event for your region, the NA team would be happy to share advice if needed.

2c. PAGES Webinar Series: Hominin Dispersals Research Group

The PAGES-affiliated Hominin Dispersals Research Group (HDRG) will hold a webinar on **Monday, 8 February 2021, 18:00 UTC** ([Zoom link](#)). Join in to learn about their latest work and opportunities to get involved. Further details were shared via the mailing list on Feb 1. Recordings from the PAGES webinar series can be found on their [YouTube channel](#).

2d. Webinar series by PAGES Working Group: Climate Variability Across Scales

An ongoing series brings together experts on timescales from minutes to millions of years, to review the state of knowledge on Earth surface climate variability across timescales. Follow this [link for more details](#) about the series. Recordings of previous events in this series are available on the [PAGES YouTube channel](#).

2e. Webinar series: Enabling FAIR Data Signatories, Stakeholders, and Friends

Several collaborating societies are hosting a new series of webinars. The goal is to help societies and the communities they serve to develop a better understanding of the evolving data (and software) sharing research culture with invited speakers who are actively engaged with journals, funders, institutions, repositories, and other research communities on the practices available and challenges yet to be addressed. Follow [this link to register](#) for the series.

- The first webinar is scheduled for **Friday, 5 February 2021, 15:00 UTC**. The talk is titled “Data sharing and citation: How societies can make a difference” and speakers include Shelley Stall, Juliane Baron, and Helena Cousijin. Click [this link to view the flyer](#) for the event.

3. Virtual Workshop - PaleoHack: Python tools for the analysis of paleoclimate data

Leaders of the LinkedEarth community have organized a [free](#) workshop scheduled for **18-19 February 2021**. The hackathon will be a combination of livestreams, live discussions, and slack conversations. The first hackathon is organized around practicum sessions designed to get you started with the Pyleoclim package in Python (basic familiarity is required, the kind that can be gained after a few tutorials). Follow [this link](#) for more details. Registration is due **7 February**. This is a great opportunity for ECRs to become directly involved in the paleo data community!

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](#).

- The European Geophysical Union **virtual** general assembly (vEGU21) will be held **19-30 April 2021**. Abstract submission has closed. Reduced (or free) registration fees are available to early-career researchers. <https://www.egu21.eu/>
- 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.theftbo.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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