Putting PAGES together

For the first time since the establishment of its program of Foci and Activities, PAGES has held a meeting of virtually all the scientists responsible for coordinating PAGES research throughout the world. This Leaders Meeting took place in Hilterfingen, Switzerland on the north shore of Lake Thun, November 8 and 9, 1997. The main goals of the meeting were to summarize progress in each area of activity, to review the PAGES project as a whole, to promote synergism between the various research teams and to put PAGES on course for making the best possible impact at the Open Science Meeting.

PAGES derives its distinctive identity from prioritizing the study of those aspects of past global change that contribute crucially to our understanding of Earth system function on human timescales and to our capacity to improve the quality of any assessment of future climate changes and their impacts. Even with this strongly focused research agenda, the range of tasks to which PAGES is committed is broad and diverse. The challenge of synthesizing the results is a daunting one. Full documentation of all the PAGES activities will soon be available through publication of the ‘PAGES Status Report and Implementation Plan’, now complete and due for publication early in 1998.

To some degree, the structure of PAGES includes built-in patterns of coordination. Some of these, like PEP I, are already at the stage where preliminary syntheses can be attempted (see Calendar entry on the Merida Meeting). Beyond these, the PAGES Open Science Meeting to be held in London April 20 - 23, 1998, will provide an on-going archiving compilation of PAGES science and of its significance for the future (see this page).

In parallel with presentational syntheses at meetings and in the publications that grow out of them, PAGES shares an additional key responsibility: the WDC-A Paleoclimate Data Base which can be accessed via either NGDC in Boulder Colorado (http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/paleo/pghb-dis/index.html) or Meteo-France in Toulouse, France (http://www.cnrm.meteo.fr:8000/pghb) constitutes a major global resource and a long term PAGES legacy of growing value. Efforts are underway to ensure that the facility meets the data needs of all PAGES research. The Data Workshop in Boulder, (February 9 - 12, 1998) is an important stepping stone in this direction.

PAGES Open Science Meeting
Senate House, University of London, April 20 - 23, 1998

Draft Program

**MONDAY APRIL 20**
8.45 - 9.25 Ray Bradley
9.25 - 10.05 Keith Briffa
10.15 - 10.45 Mike Gagan

Coffee break
11.15 - 11.55 Lonnie Thompson
11.55 - 12.35 Vera Markgraf

Lunch
14.00 - 14.40 Zhenghong An
14.40 - 15.20 Françoise Gassee
15.20 - 16.00 Jim Knox

16.00 - 18.00 Poster session 1

**TUESDAY APRIL 21**
8.45 - 9.25 Richard Alley
9.25 - 10.05 Elsa Cortijo
10.05 - 10.45 Dominique Raynaud

Coffee break
11.15 - 11.55 Juerg Beer
11.55 - 12.35 Greg Zielinski

Lunch
14.00 - 14.40 Thomas Stocker
14.40 - 15.20 Suki Manabe
15.20 - 16.00 Edouard Bard

16.00 - 18.00 Poster session 2

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 22**
8.45 - 9.25 Anne De Vernal
9.24 - 10.05 Sylvie Joussauame
10.05 - 10.45 Sandy Harrison

Coffee break
11.15 - 11.55 Jean Jouzel
11.55 - 12.35 David Rind

Lunch
14.00 - 14.40 Colin Prentice
14.40 - 15.20 Ed Boyle
15.20 - 16.00 Tom Pedersen

16.00 - 18.00 Poster session 3

**THURSDAY APRIL 23**
8.45 - 9.25 Paul Colviniaux
9.25 - 10.05 Rick Battarbee
10.05 - 10.45 Peter DeMenocal

Coffee break
11.15 - 11.55 Jonathan Overpeck

Lunch
14.00 - 16.00 Panel Discussion chaired by Chris Rapley

The Poster presentations will be broken into three one day sessions and arranged thematically. The deadline for poster abstract submission is now past. Late poster abstracts are welcomed until March 15th although inclusion in the published abstracts volume cannot be guaranteed.

Registration:
The deadline for registration is March 15th, with late registrations possible up to the time of the meeting itself with additional fees imposed.

Pre-registration forms, housing registration forms, and the latest information on the meeting are available by e-mail from the PAGES office (pages@pages.unibe.ch) or from the PAGES website (http://www.pages.unibe.ch/).