Inside PAGES

This spring, the PAGES office was busy keeping different PAGES projects on track:

Several guest scientists spent a few days to a few weeks at the PAGES office. Bert Rein compiled an extensive National PAGES Germany website and Sri Yudawati Cahyarini set up the Indonesian PAGES (page 5, this issue). All 18 of the currently available national PAGES websites are online at: www.pages-igbp.org/ about/national/. A few more National PAGES are in the pipeline and will be ready in autumn this year.

In May, the IPO, with the help of Isabelle Larocque, organized the second Databoard meeting, at the PAGES office in Bern. This project, which aims to develop a better data network in the near future, will be of special benefit to the paleocommunity. Further information is available at www.pages-igbp.org/ services/data/.

In early June, the PAGES-CLIVAR workshop on Past Millennia Variability, organized by the PAGES office, was held in Wengen, Switzerland. This very successful event will also have some follow-up activities. Read more in the workshop report on page 38.

Finally, the PAGES office has been engaged in organizing several upcoming fall activities. The IGBP-SCOR Fast Track Initiative on Ocean Acidification will hold its first workshop at the end of September in the USA (http://igbp-scor.pages.unibe. ch/firstworkshop.html). Regional Variability workshops will be held for the Mediterranean area, together with the MEDCLIVAR program, in Spain in November, and for South America, alongside the annual PAGES SSC meeting, in Argentina in October. Information is available on our calendar webpage (www. pages-igbp.org/calendar/).

SSC nominations

At the upcoming SSC meeting, two new SSC members will be elected. The related Open Call for Nominations will close 15 September 2006. We particularly encourage nominations of paleoscientists from eastern Asia, and from Russia and former Soviet Union countries, since these geographic regions will be underrepresented when current members leave at the end of this year. For details, please go to: www.pages-igbp. org/people/sscleaders/nominations. html.

Next issue of PAGES News:

The next issue of the PAGES newsletter will be published in December. It will contain an open section on general paleoscience themes and a special section on radiocarbon chronometry. Please send your contributions of science highlights, program news, workshop reports and humorous tales from the field to Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch) by 31 October 2006. Guidelines can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/ newsletters/instructions.html.

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Regional Climate Variations in South America over the late Holocene

October 4-7, 2006; Malargüe, Mendoza, Argentina

The aim of this meeting is to deepen the academic interactions among paleoclimatologists of South America, without neglecting the presence of notable investigators from outside the region. During the four day meeting, the conference will be organized around 8 thematic sessions related to climatic, high-resolution paleoclimatic and numerical modeling studies in South America. The preliminary sessions are related to:

- Documentary data and early instrumental data
- Tree rings
- Lake and marine sediments
- Ice cores
- Glaciers
- Pollen and vegetation records
- Multi-proxy reconstruction methods
- Climate and modeling

Abstract Deadline: 8 September, 2006

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