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PAGES YSM/OSM update

PAGES 1st Young Scientists Meeting (6-7 July 2009) and 3rd Open Science Meeting (8-11 July 2009) in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, are shaping up to be very exciting meetings. Preliminary programs are online and are being regularly updated (see p 47). Abstract submission is now open (deadline 16 March 2009). OSM registration is also open (YSM registration to follow abstract review). More at www.pages-osm.org/

Facilities are available for groups wishing to hold side meetings alongside the YSM/OSM. To discuss this option, contact Thorsten Kiefer (kiefer@pages.unibe.ch).

Science Plan

Following the development of the new PAGES Scientific Foci over the last few years, the PAGES SSC and IPO have produced a Science Plan and Implementation Strategy. This plan provides an overview of PAGES scientific directions, objectives, and structure. Details of overlap with other programs, and opportunities for cross-program collaborations are also highlighted.

The plan is currently undergoing external review, however the draft is available for download from our website (www.pages-igbp.org/). Please address comments on the plan to the PAGES IPO or to any SSC member. If you are interested in learning about the science happening on the ground, check the overview of PAGES Working Groups on our website (www.pages-igbp.org/science/workinggroups.html)

New PAGES publications

A review paper by Jones et al. titled "High-resolution palaeoclimatology of the last Millennium: a review of current status and future prospects" has just been published in *The Holocene* (19(1): 3-50). This review represents the results from a PAGES/CLIVAR Intersection meeting that took place in Wengen, Switzerland in 2006.

A summary paper detailing a new reconstruction of sea surface temperatures at the Last Glacial Maximum has been published by the IMAGES- and PAGES-supported MARGO group (Multiproxy Approach for the Reconstruction of the Glacial Ocean Surface). See MARGO Project Members, 2009: *Nature Geoscience*, doi:10.1038/ngeo411.

The special issue of *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* "Regional high-resolution multiproxy climate reconstruction for South America: state of the art and perspectives", will also be published soon. It represents conference pro-

ceedings from a LOTRED-South America workshop held in October 2006 in Mendoza, Argentina. Until the issue is completed in total, 8 of the in-press articles are already available online (see PAGES Product Database: www.pages-igbp.org/products/ under special issues).

Six proxy-specific White Papers on "Proxy Data Uncertainties", resulting from a PAGES/CLIVAR workshop (Trieste, Italy, June 2008), are also now available for download from the PAGES product database, under other.

New offices for PAGES IPO

The PAGES International Project Office (IPO) has moved and now shares offices with the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of Bern. Also housed in the same building is the coordination office of the IPCC Working Group 1, co-chaired by Thomas Stocker, a former PAGES SSC member and Swiss Director. The PAGES staff is excited to be working in such an inspiring environment. Come by for a coffee if you are in the area, or consider a more extensive working visit at the PAGES IPO as a PAGES guest scientist (see PAGES website for more information).

Changeover of PAGES Co-Chair

Julie Brigham-Grette, co-editor of the special section of this newsletter issue and PAGES longest serving SSC member, ended her final term on the SSC at the end of 2008. Her 9 years of service, with 5 years as PAGES Chair (the last as Co-Chair with Heinz Wanner), were a monumental contribution to PAGES. Her high level of leadership and commitment were key to the development of PAGES in the last decade and we thank her on behalf of the paleoscience community. Julie's research interests will keep her actively involved in PAGES in the future.

Bette Otto-Bliesner, who the SSC elected to replace Julie, will now share responsibilities with the current Co-Chair, Heinz Wanner (University of Bern). Bette has served on the SSC since 2006, and is also an SC member of the Paleoclimate Modelling Inter-comparison Project (PMIP2). Her work at the U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research focuses on the use of climate models to investigate past climate change and climate variability across a wide range of timescales. Bette has already been involved in Executive Committee activities in the lead up to the changeover, so the transition will be a

smooth one. We welcome her to the new position.

New SSC members for 2009

Two new members join the SSC in 2009. Fatima Abrantes (Portugal) is located at the Marine Geology Department at the National Institute of Industrial Engineering and Technology in Portugal. Fatima is a paleoceanographer, with special expertise in diatoms and past ocean productivity. Fatima has close ties to IMAGES, having served on their SciCom and ExCom, and to the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP), as well as to IGBP, PAGES umbrella program, as a member of the Portuguese IGBP National Committee.



Steve Colman (USA) is Director at the Large Lakes Observatory and Professor in the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He has a distinguished research career in Quaternary paleoclimatology, geomorphology and limnogeology. Steve is well versed in PAGES activities and has served as US-NSF Program Director of the Paleoclimate and Earth System History Programs.



At the end of 2009, PAGES will be looking for replacements for another 3 members. The deadline for nominations is 1 June 2009. For more details on PAGES SSC, please see www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscmembers/

Next 2 issues of PAGES News

The 2nd issue for 2009 will contain a special section on past sea level and will be guest-edited by Mark Siddall (mark.siddall@bristol.ac.uk), Claire Waelbroeck (claire.waelbroeck@lscce.ipsl.fr) and William Thompson (wthompson@whoi.edu). The 3rd issue for 2009 will contain a special section on advances in paleolimnology, guest edited by Reinhard Pienitz (Reinhard.Pienitz@cen.ulaval.ca) and André Lotter (a.f.lotter@uu.nl). If you are interested in contributing a science highlight to either of these special sections, please contact the editors directly.

Equally welcome are your contributions to the open section of the newsletters, unrelated to the special topic. Guidelines and deadlines for contributions can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html

