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▶ **Where will the PAGES OSM/YSM be in 2017?**

We are calling for expressions of interest to host our 2017 Open Science Meeting (OSM) and Young Scientists Meeting (YSM). Held once every four years, the OSM/YSM is the premier event in the PAGES calendar and provides an invaluable opportunity to bring the past global change community together from around the world to share, discuss, learn, and plan for the future.

Read more about submitting an expression of interest by 12 June: <http://www.pages-igbp.org/news/all-news-items/9-latest-news/1148-2017-osm-ysm-host>

▶ **Apply to become a PAGES SSC member by 12 June**

PAGES is calling for applications from scientists to serve on its Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) from 2016. Following a first round of nominations earlier this year (which will remain in consideration during this round), the SSC decided to modify the application procedure from solely passive nominations to a process that permits self nominations. These changes were made both to encourage highly motivated scientists to step forward and to diversify the applicant pool in order to achieve a broad disciplinary and geographic balance on the SSC. This means any interested and suitable individuals are now welcome to apply themselves.

The next deadline for consideration by the EXCOM is 12 June 2015. More at: <http://www.pages-igbp.org/people/scientific-steering-committee/apply>

▶ **PAGES working group proposals by 12 June**

Submit a proposal for a new PAGES working group. Ideas for WGs under the Human and Environment sectors of our new science structure, or groups that connect with Future Earth or WCRP are particularly encouraged in this round. More at: <http://www.pages-igbp.org/news/all-news-items/9-latest-news/1150-new-wg-proposal-2015>

▶ **PAGES meeting support deadline by 12 June**

PAGES offers the opportunity for meeting support under three categories of workshop: Official PAGES Working Group, Educational, and Open Call. The next deadline for applications is 12 June 2015. The guidelines are available at: <http://www.pages-igbp.org/my-pages/meeting-support>

▶ **Upcoming deadlines for PAGES-endorsed meetings**

Paleofire: Data-Model Comparisons for the Past Millennium

13-19 September, New Haven, USA

Registration deadline: 5 May 2015

Limited financial support available particularly for early-career and researchers from less developed countries.

<http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/2014/127-pages/1493-paleofire-data-model-wshop>

Antarctica2k 2015 meeting

3-4 September 2015, Venice, Italy

Registration deadline: 31 May 2015

<http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/2014/127-pages/1471-antarctica2k-2015-meeting>

1st Ocean2k workshop

6-8 October 2015, Barcelona, Spain.

To register submit a proposal by 21 May 2015.

<http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/2014/127-pages/1481-1st-ocean2k-workshop>

Australasian paleoclimate of the last 2k: Intercomparison of climate field reconstruction methodologies, modeling, & data synthesis approaches

27-29 October 2015, Auckland, New Zealand

To register contact the organizers.

<http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/2014/127-pages/1490-4th-aus2k-wshop>

To view more paleo-science relevant events coming up around the world, go to our calendar:

<http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/upcoming>

► PAGES and WCRP form scientific partnership

Recognizing the convergence in their scientific interests and activities and the potential for substantial mutual collaboration, PAGES and the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) have formed a scientific partnership aimed at strengthening ties between the two organizations at several levels: <http://www.pages-igbp.org/news/all-news-items/9-latest-news/1145-wcrp-partnership>

► Give your input on new paleodata framework

Julien Emile-Geay and Nick McKay (Data Managers - PAGES 2k Network) have been working on a new framework for the archival and use of paleodata. They have prepared a white paper on data standards and formats, and are asking for the community's feedback:

"The recent success of paleoclimate data syntheses produced by PAGES groups and others in the community is shining a brighter light on the sore need for common data formats and standards in our community. In the context of the PAGES 2k project, we propose a preliminary data standard for paleoclimate data, general enough to accommodate all the proxy and measurement types encountered in phase two of the PAGES 2k temperature project. We also introduce a vehicle for such structured data (Linked Paleo Data, or LiPD), leveraging recent advances in knowledge representations (Linked Open Data).

The LiPD framework enables quick querying and extraction, and we expect that it will facilitate the writing of open-source, community codes to access, analyze, model and visualize paleoclimate observations. We welcome community feedback on this standard, and encourage paleoclimatologists to experiment with the format for their own purposes.

We present these ideas as a white paper on Authorea (www.authorea.com/users/17200/articles/19163/_show_article), a platform well suited for broad feedback from the community. Let us know what you think about these ideas by contacting us: Nick (Nicholas.McKay@nau.edu) and Julien (julieneg@usc.edu)."

► Recent PAGES products

An open access synthesis paper published in *Paleoceanography* by our Ocean2k Working Group has quadrupled the observational reach into tropical ocean temperature history: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2014PA002717/abstract>

PAGES' Varves Working Group (VWG) has published a comprehensive review of annually laminated (varved) lake sediments in *Quaternary Science Reviews*. The paper showcases varve-based sedimentary research and documents unprecedented potential for environmental and climate reconstructions: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0277379115001262>

A recent contribution to the Sea Ice Proxies Working Group by Ferry et al. in *Progress in Oceanography* explores and compares statistical modeling of Southern Ocean marine diatom proxy and winter sea ice data. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0079661114002031>

Werner and Tingley have published a Technical Note entitled: Probabilistically constraining proxy age–depth models within a Bayesian hierarchical reconstruction model in *Climate of the Past*. This paper emerged out of the PAGES workshop: Advances in Climate Field Reconstructions, held at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, 15–16 April 2014: <http://www.clim-past.net/11/533/2015/cp-11-533-2015.html>

► **Mountain research funding call**

The Belmont Forum has announced a call for pre-proposals under its "Mountains as Sentinels of Change" collaborative research action. A total of approximately €8 million is available. Pre-proposals are due 1 June 2015. <http://belmontforum.org/cra-2015-mountains-as-sentinels-of-change>

► **Our Common Future under Climate Change**

This international scientific conference in Paris from 7-10 July will be the largest forum for the scientific community to come together ahead of the COP21, and many of the GEC community will be in attendance.

The call for side events is open until 15 May 2015: <http://www.commonfuture-paris2015.org/How-to-Contribute/Side-Events.htm>

Registration to attend Our Common Future closes 8 June 2015: <http://www.commonfuture-paris2015.org/Registration.htm>

► **Ocean2k announcement**

The Ocean2k Working Group will shortly be commencing Phase 2 of the project. Phase 1 started in 2011 and is just concluding; Phase 2 is an opportunity to both build on past efforts and to develop new initiatives.

1. Ocean2k past:
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If you are unfamiliar with the Ocean2k project, please see the recently updated Ocean2k webpages here: <http://www.pages-igbp.org/workinggroups/Ocean2k/intro>, which includes an overview of the project, and links to paleoclimate data and simulation metadatabases.

Join the Ocean2k listserv to stay informed as we reorganize and plan for phase 2:
<https://listserv.unibe.ch/mailman/listinfo/Ocean2k.pages>

2. Ocean2k present:
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Results from phase 1 include: one paper published in Paleoclimatology. The group also has a number of other manuscripts in revision and preparation, including a trans-regional synthesis manuscript. Links to open-access versions of accepted manuscripts are at the Ocean2k webpages.

3. Ocean2k future:
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The first Ocean2k workshop has just been funded by PAGES-IPO, and is planned for October 6-8, 2015: <http://www.Ocean2k-bcn2015.org>. Details and a call for participation are now published on the website. Please join us and bring your expertise to the development of Phase 2 research goals.

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