Announcements

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Lately, the PAGES IPO has been buzzing with visitors. Denis-Didier Rousseau (France) spent a week at the IPO preparing a Loess-dust activity, Hubertus Fischer (Germany) was in the office to guest-edit this special issue and work on the new IPICS website, Isabelle Larocque (Canada) is helping to establish a new PAGES Databoard Working Group and meeting, Dmitry Sonechkin (Russia) discussed a contribution to the PAGES/CLIVAR Intersection, Olga Solomina (Russia) will help to guest-edit a UPC’s special issue on climate change in mountain regions, and Bert Rein (Germany) will be here to set up the National PAGES Germany website. More information about PAGES Guest Scientist Program can be found at: www.pages-igbp.org/people/guestscientists.html.

Outgoing PAGES SSC members

At the end of 2005, PAGES Scientific Steering Committee said farewell to Daniel Olago (Kenya), Ashok Singhvi (India), and Olga Solomina (Russia). All three members made enormous contributions to PAGES during their time on the committee especially in building the community in their home countries, and we gratefully acknowledge their help and dedication. An open call for nominations for one additional SSC member will close 15 September 2006. We particularly encourage nominations of paleo-scientists from Russia and former Soviet Union countries, since this geographic region is currently underrepresented on the SSC. For details on the nomination procedure, please go to: www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscleaders/nominations.html.

Incoming PAGES SSC members

PAGES welcomes four new members to its SSC this year. Bette Otto-Bliesner (USA) is Head of the Paleoclimate Group at NCAR and Lead Author of the IPCC paleoclimate chapter. She brings knowledge and experience of climate modeling to the SSC. Indra Bir Singh (India) is Professor of Geology at the University of Lucknow. He has a background in terrestrial paleoenvironmental science and brings new expertise in sedimentology to the SSC. Mohamed Umer (Ethiopia), a palynologist, is Associate Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Addis Ababa. He has been active in PAGES as the PEP III African Coordinator. Cathy Whitlock (USA), a paleoecologist, is Professor of Earth Sciences at Montana State University. She has important links to the modeling and paleo-ecology communities.

PAGES jobs database

PAGES free online listing of paleo-science jobs has just been expanded to include a quick and simple form for you to add your job offer directly to the jobs page. Jobs are divided into categories (PhD, faculty, etc.) and will be posted the same day. Post or search for jobs at: www.pages-igbp.org/services/jobs/.

Next issue of PAGES News

The next issue of the PAGES newsletter will be published in July. Please send your general contributions to the open section, as well as program news, workshop reports and humorous tales from the field, to Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch) by 15 May. Guidelines for contributions can be found at www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html.