

**Minutes EXCOM Meeting
Cape Town, South Africa
5 May 2008 (evening)**

PRESENT

Jérôme Chappellaz, Bette Otto-Bliesner, Thorsten Kiefer (IPO), Louise Newman (IPO), Ricardo Villalba, Heinz Wanner (Co-Chair)

ABSENT

Julie Brigham-Grette (Co-Chair)

SSC Membership

Heinz presented the nominations for SSC membership for 2009 and the candidates were discussed at length. EXCOM decided to consult with the SSC before making a final decision. *[The SSC subsequently recommended replacing Julie Brigham-Grette with 2 new members, Fatima Abrantes and Steven Colman, and EXCOM agreed.]*

Action **IPO to inform nominees about EXCOM'S decision on SSC membership.**

Workshop Funding

EXCOM discussed the proposals and agreed to fund the following workshops:

Open Call Workshops

Title, Date and Location	Applicant	PAGES Liaison
Climate Change: The Karst Records (KR5) Chongqing, China – 2-5 June 2008	Hongchun Li	Ding
Climate Variability in the Greater Mekong River Basin Dalat City, Vietnam – 16-18 Feb 2009	Brendan Buckley	Wanner

PAGES Initiatives

Title and Location	P.I.	PAGES Liaison
Paleoclimate Modeling Intercomparison Project Workshop: Coupled Simulations and Data Syntheses Estes Park, Colorado, USA – 14-19 Sep 2008	Bette Otto-Bliesner	IPO
African Palaeofire Workshop Nairobi, Kenya – 27-31 Oct 2008	Mitchell Power	Whitlock
Global Monsoon and Low-Latitude Processes: Evolution and Variability Shanghai, China – 29-31 Oct 2008	Pinxian Wang	Ding/ Kiefer

Action **IPO to inform workshop organizers about EXCOM's decision on support.**