

## **PAGES ECN Newsletter - August 2020**

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the PAGES Early-Career Network Newsletter! Please see below for the latest news and announcements.

Best wishes,  
The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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### **1. Welcome to new PAGES ECN RRs (Diana, Sandra)**

Two new Regional Representatives have joined the PAGES ECN. We welcome Diana Ochoa for Central and South America (Peru) and Sandra Brugger for North America (USA). It is great to see our regions growing in representation! Thanks to all our Regional Representatives for sharing the network and leading several new initiatives recently. Be sure to get in touch with [your local RR](#) or email [pages.ecn@gmail.com](mailto:pages.ecn@gmail.com) if you are looking to be more involved.

### **2. PAGES announces 30th Anniversary**

Celebrations are starting for PAGES' 30th anniversary! Since 1991, PAGES has been at the forefront of paleoscience research and collaboration, bringing together international scientists to study past changes in the Earth system in order to improve projections of future climate and environment, and inform strategies for sustainability. Planned celebrations include a special Past Global Changes Magazine issue in the first half of next year and informal events at PAGES' 6th Open Science Meeting and 4th Young Scientists Meeting in Agadir, Morocco, in May 2021.

<http://pastglobalchanges.org/news/all-news-items/9-latest-news/2564-pages-30th-anniversary>

### **3. Call for reviewers of the IPCC WG Group II second order draft**

The Working Group II (WGII) contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) is due to be finalized in 2021. The Second Order Draft (SOD) of the IPCC AR6 WGII report will be open for expert review from 4 December 2020 to 29 January 2021.

The Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS), the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI), the Past Global Changes Early Career Network (PAGES ECN), the Permafrost Young Research Network (PYRN), and the Young Earth System Scientists (YESS) community are coordinating a group review of the SOD of the IPCC AR6 WGII report by early career scientists. More information and an application form (**due September 23**) can be found at the following link:

<https://www.apecs.is/news/apecs-news/4146-call-for-reviewers-of-the-second-order-draft-of-the-working-group-ii-contribution-to-the-ipcc-sixth-assessment-report-ar6-2.html>

### **4. Upcoming webinars from PAGES and Pal(a)eo PERCS**

- Pal(a)eo PERCS is an ongoing virtual seminar series designed to showcase the research of Early Career Researchers in paleo- (ntology, ecology, ceanography, climate, etc.). Anyone is welcome to apply for a talk on their subject. Some of the talks will be given by PAGES ECN members. For more information, go to <https://paleopercs.wordpress.com/>
- “How to start a PAGES working group”: Michael Evans, PAGES SSC co-chair and EXCOM member, will explain how to start a new working group within PAGES. The webinar will likely be planned for the second half of September. Stay tuned for the official announcement.
- East Africa webinar series: plans are under development by regional representatives within the East African region to organize a webinar series by African researchers about the current paleo research landscape in Africa. The series is planned to start in late 2020.

For these and future webinars, we are looking for speakers or recommendations. If you are interested in co-organizing any of these topics, if you have an idea of your own to share with us or if you are thinking about organizing your own webinar under the umbrella of PAGES ECN, please contact the Webinar cluster: [webinar.pages.ecn@gmail.com](mailto:webinar.pages.ecn@gmail.com)

### **5. PAGES-INQUA ECR Workshop - applications outcome**

The conference organizers have received and read through all the submitted abstracts (>70). All those who submitted an abstract will receive an email stating if their abstract and grant request have been approved for the postponed PASES in Chile, November 2021. Selection criteria promoted not only abstract quality and highly motivated ECRs, but also cultural, gender and economic equality and diversity. Unsuccessful applicants are highly encouraged to participate at the virtual PASES workshop in November 2020 (dates and programme TBA). Questions? Email us at [workshop.pages.ecn@gmail.com](mailto:workshop.pages.ecn@gmail.com)

## 6. The Early Pages Blog Update

### Two new posts on The Early Pages:

(1) In this very candid and important post, an early-career researcher shares their personal experience with grief and depression. Mental health issues are prevalent in academia, yet many carry their burden alone. Open conversation is important to remove stigma and connect with each other, and we are grateful to the author for telling us their story:

<https://theearlypages.blogspot.com/2020/07/darkness-and-light-on-mental-health-in.html>

(2) What is it like to be on a research cruise in the Antarctic? In this post, Margot Courtillat writes about her experience on an IODP research cruise aboard the JOIDES Resolution. This post is not only a lovely read and provides great escapism, but it is also full of useful information for those interested in joining this program in the future:

[https://theearlypages.blogspot.com/2020/07/expedition-in-antarctica\\_24.html](https://theearlypages.blogspot.com/2020/07/expedition-in-antarctica_24.html)

**We are looking for authors!** You're invited to join our growing list of authors and get more exposure by contributing with a post of your own! We welcome posts from ECRs in and out of academia on all kinds of topics, be it your work or your experiences and opinions regarding the paleosciences, life as an ECR, academic life, and others. If you would like to write a post but aren't sure what to write about, that's fine too! Contact us at [pages.ecn.blog@gmail.com](mailto:pages.ecn.blog@gmail.com), we can come up with a topic and outline together.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @TheEarlyPages!

## 7. Reminder - PAGES Early-Career Award

PAGES provides a biennial Early-Career Award (ECA) for excellence in collaborative scholarship, including research, communication, outreach, leadership, networking, community service, and international collaboration. The PAGES ECA honors people in the early stages of their career for their engagement both within and beyond the scientific community, for example through (though not limited to) involvement in science coordination, outreach, networking, leadership activities, development of international collaborations and for excellence in research in support of PAGES' goals. See <http://pastglobalchanges.org/my-pages/pages-eca>. Deadline for nomination: **30 September 2020**.

## 8. Reminder - 2021 OSM and YSM registration open

Registration and abstract submission are available for the 2021 Young Scientists Meeting (YSM) and Open Science Meeting (OSM) in Agadir, Morocco. The meetings are scheduled for 16-18 May and 18-22 May, respectively. These meetings are a great way to become more involved in PAGES and share your research. Travel support is also available (for qualified applicants). Further information: <https://www.pages-osm.org/>. The deadline for OSM abstract submission and financial support request is **October 1**. The deadline for YSM abstract submission and financial support request is **September 13**.

## 9. Reminder - New working group and workshop support applications

New working group (<http://pastglobalchanges.org/science/wg/new-wg-proposal>) and workshop support applications (<http://pastglobalchanges.org/my-pages/meeting-support>) are **due 16 September 2020**. As a reminder, working groups provide a platform for discussion, research, and community building, and normally run in 3-year phases with each phase culminating in an intermediary or final major product (e.g. synthesis article, special issue, database). PAGES workshop/meeting support falls under three categories of workshops – PAGES' working group meetings; Educational meetings; and Open call meetings. Follow the links above to learn more.

## 10. Call for ECN speakers for Association for Environmental Archaeology webinar series

The 41st Association for Environmental Archaeology Fall Meeting at the University of Groningen, Groningen, The Netherlands has been postponed to 2021. They plan to produce four webinars to replace this year's event, and are hosting a competitive call for ECR presentations. Abstract submissions are due **16 August 2020**, and selected speakers will be announced August 19th-25th. More information at <https://envarch.net/events/41st-aea-conference-groningen/>

## 11. Upcoming events and conferences

- For a more complete listing of upcoming conferences and workshops, see the [PAGES event calendar](#).
- [GSA 2020 Connects Online](#) is a 100% online experience on **26–30 October** that replaces the in-person annual meeting scheduled for 25–28 October in Montréal, Canada. Abstract submission and registration will open in early July.
- The 'Feeding Anglo-Saxon England' project team is holding a virtual conference: "New perspectives on the medieval agricultural revolution", to be held online, by video link, on **7-8 December 2020**. Speakers will explore how archaeobotanical, palynological, zooarchaeological, and biomolecular analyses enable us to reconstruct farming regimes from across medieval England and beyond. Registration is free. For the complete program and registration form, please visit our website: <https://feedsax.arch.ox.ac.uk/conference.html>
- The American Geophysical Union's [Annual Fall Meeting](#) will be mostly virtual, held from **7-11 December 2020**. Abstract submission is now closed. Registration fees are expected to be 50% lower than normal.
- The 8th edition of the International Anthracology Meeting (anthraco2021) will take place in the city of Porto from **6-10 September 2021**, organized by InBIO (Research Network in Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology) and the Natural History and Science Museum of the University of Porto, with the support of DRCN (Northern Regional Directorate of Culture). The first circular and more details can be found at the conference's website – <https://anthraco2021.weebly.com>.

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