

PAGES ECN Newsletter - December 2020

Dear colleagues,

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

We wish you well towards the end of 2020 - a memorable and challenging year. This year the PAGES ECN has grown to match some of the new normal through high interest in webinars and online writing retreats, in particular. Please reach out to the steering committee at pages.ecn@gmail.com if you have any feedback and/or would like to be involved as we continue to build our community while adapting to new challenges!

Best wishes,
The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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1. Contribute memories to PAGES 30th Anniversary Magazine

Did you miss the previous deadline for contributions asking for memories and funny moments? There is still a chance to share your stories. The deadline for contributions has been extended to **31 January 2021**.

As part of the celebrations for our 30th anniversary, a special issue of *Past Global Changes Magazine* will be published in mid-2021. We're calling on current and past working group members, working group leaders, SSC, EXCOM and ECN members, guest scientists, and workshop attendees to contribute.

Please send a short text (max. 100 words) and, if you wish, an accompanying photo with caption (preferably at least 300 dpi) about a particularly memorable or funny experience with PAGES to pages@pages.unibe.ch, using the subject line "30th anniversary contribution". Alternatively, you can also just send a photo and caption. Please make sure any identifiable people in the photos have given their permission.

2. New working group and financial support applications due 12 April 2021

New working group (<http://pastglobalchanges.org/science/wg/new-wg-proposal>) and workshop support applications (<http://pastglobalchanges.org/my-pages/meeting-support>) are due 12 April 2021. 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.

3. ECN webinar announcements

New Webinars on YouTube:

- **Getting your proposal funded**
A recording of the webinar delivered by Dr. Alessio Rovere from MARUM, Bremen is now available on our YouTube channel. In the webinar entitled “Getting your proposal funded: an ERC success story”, he talks about the journey to his successful grant application to the European Research Council. Access it on the ECN YouTube channel [here](#). The presentation used in his talk is also available [here](#).
- **PAGES 2k Network: Phase 3 overview**
On 18 November 2020, PAGES 2k Network coordinators and project leaders gave an introduction to this working group, and presented some of the current and upcoming activities. Access it on the ECN YouTube channel [here](#). The speakers highlighted ways that ECRs could still get involved and become active members. Many thanks to the 2k Network leaders and those involved in organizing this webinar!
- **Excelling at conferences as ECR**
Onema Adojoh presented tips for ECRs on how to prepare for and to excel with your presentation at international conferences, during the GSA 2020 annual scientific meeting in November. His talk can be found on Youtube [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars

- **East Africa Webinar Series**
A series for webinars featuring paleoresearch in East Africa is ongoing, organized by our regional representative Christine Omuombo. The first webinar took place last week, given by Dr. Rahab Kinyanjui. The recording will soon be available on our YouTube channel. Check the webpage or stay tuned for listserv announcements for links to the webinars. Future webinars in the series include:
 - Friday, 4 December, 12.00 UTC, Dr. Emmanuel Ndiema: “Quaternary research in Kenya: Building collaborations that favor technology and knowledge transfer”
 - Wednesday, 16 December, 14.00 UTC, Prof. Daniel Olago: “The policy relevance of paleoresearch in Africa”
 - Wednesday, 13 January, 12.00 UTC, Dr. Stephen Rucina: “The evolution of paleoecological research in Kenya”
 - January, t.b.d: Prof. Asfawossen Asrat: “Quaternary research in Ethiopia”
- Another webinar organized by our South and Central American Regional Representatives is scheduled for December, entitled "**Succeeding as a female scientist in Latin America**" (Ser científica en Latinoamerica y no fallar en el intento:

Mujeres en Ciencia) by Dharma A. Reyes Macaya from ONG Conciencia Sur. The webinar will take place Tuesday, Dec 15, 3pm UTC and Dharma will be presenting in Spanish. However, presentation materials will be in English to ensure a broader accessibility to the global ECR community. We encourage everyone to participate and share the Zoom link invitation: <https://upch.zoom.us/j/8794598513>

The organizers of this webinar also request your participation in a short questionnaire to serve as a starting point for a discussion on gender equality in science following the talk. If you can't make it to the webinar itself, you might still be interested in filling in this questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/k4mong1Smym5wh686>

If you have any ideas for a webinar and want to organize it for PAGES ECN, please reach out to the webinar cluster. We want to make as many webinars as possible available for all our members so keep us updated about any upcoming webinars by writing us at webinar.pages.ecn@gmail.com.

4. Virtual PAGES-INQUA ECR workshop feedback and updates

- We are thankful to all presenters, keynote speakers and attendees for a fruitful and inspiring three-day workshop touching upon a wide range of paleosciences and socio-environmental topics with talks and hands-on activities. We had a nice turnout of 240 registrations, with an average of 100 participants from different parts of the world tuning in each day.
- In an attempt to find ways this community-driven workshop can maintain momentum and to continue to serve ECRs in the months leading up to the in-person workshop next year, we kindly ask you to complete the [feedback form](#). It roughly takes 5-7 minutes to fill in, and it will be open until **December 10**. The form is anonymous and the responses will be used for internal evaluation only.
- Last but not least, those interested to join the post-workshop breakout activity, **"Pillars of collaboration" of ECRs in past socio-environmental systems research**, please sign in [here](#). We highly encourage you to read the foundations of this project at the website: <https://www.pases2020.com/index.php/breakout-activity/>. Everyone is welcome to join this community-driven collaborative venture to create a global network of case studies and knowledge on human-environment relationships in the past.

5. Society of Canadian Limnologists seeking interested ECR speakers to join database

The Society of Canadian Limnologists recognizes the impact that the current pandemic is having on limnological research, and especially the career trajectories of early career researchers (ECR). To facilitate career development, they are curating a database of ECR limnologists (any field) who would like opportunities to be guest lecturers and/or seminar speakers in 2020-2021. In keeping with the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) goals of SCL, we especially encourage submissions from Black, Indigenous, People of Colour and Persons with Disabilities. The intention is for course instructors and departmental seminar coordinators to tap into the database to connect with willing ECR speakers and/or lecturers.

If you are an ECR and would like to be included in the database, please fill out this form:
<https://forms.gle/FGVyanGfmgnrfht67>

6. Upcoming events and conferences

For a more complete listing of upcoming conferences and workshops, see the [PAGES event calendar](#).

- 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**. Registration is free. For the complete program and registration form, visit website: <https://feedsax.arch.ox.ac.uk/conference.html>
- The American Geophysical Union's [Annual Fall Meeting](#) will be mostly virtual, held from **1-17 December 2020**. Abstract submission is now closed. Registration fees are expected to be 50% lower than normal.

For more information about all things PAGES ECN, please visit:

[Jobs, Funding, and Listserv guide](#) | [@PAGES_ECN on Twitter](#) | [ResearchGate](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Facebook](#) | [The Early Pages](#) | [@TheEarlyPages on Twitter](#)

