

PAGES ECN Newsletter - October 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 (Nezha and Paula)

Two new Regional Representatives have joined the PAGES ECN the past couple of months. We welcome [Paula Gabriela Echeverría-Galindo](#) for Central and South America (Guatemala) and [Nezha Mejjad](#) for North Africa (Morocco). Thanks to all our Regional Representatives! Be sure to get in touch with [your local RR](#) or email pages.ecn@gmail.com if you are looking to be more involved.

2. PAGES YSM postponed to 2022

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, PAGES and the Local Organizers of the OSM/YSM have postponed the OSM/YSM until May 2022. Moreover, the situation will be re-assessed mid-2021 before a final decision is made. Meanwhile, PAGES is exploring options to run other (online) activities. Updates will be communicated through our monthly e-news and on the website (pastglobalchanges.org).

3. Share your talks at upcoming conferences

The steering committee and Regional Representatives are eager to promote the work of our members. If you are presenting a poster or oral presentation at any upcoming conference,

please consider sending the date and link to your abstract to pages.ecn@gmail.com. We will compile the list and share it with our network prior to the conference!

If you are presenting at GSA 2020 (26-30 October), PMIP 2020 (26-30 October), or another upcoming/accessible conference, please let us know the details!

4. PAGES ECN webinar announcements

- On October 13, Dr. Mike Evans, PAGES SSC Co-chair and EXCOM member, will deliver a webinar on starting and managing a working group within PAGES. The webinar will take place at 14:00 UTC and will be hosted here: <https://zoom.us/j/96050536329>.
- On November 4, Dr. Alessio Rovere will deliver a webinar on grant proposal writing where he describes his experiences from his successful grant application at the European Research Council.

Also, the most recent PAGES ECN webinar in Spanish organized by Central-South American Regional Representatives is now available on our [YouTube channel](#). Dr. Oris Rodrigues Reyes (Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute) presented her research about “Revealing secrets of the Azuero fossil forests”. Oris is the first female botanist from Panama and we are delighted she shared her experience as a role model for Latin American ECRs.

5. PAGES-INQUA ECR workshop updates

- a. The virtual “Past Socio-Environmental Systems” PASES meeting (vPASES2020), jointly organized by PAGES ECN and INQUA ECR, will be held from 9-11 November 2020. This workshop will plant the seed for the postponed in-person PASES next year in Chile. Both events are connected and aimed at overcoming the lack of training and network opportunities due to COVID-19. ECRs will have the opportunity to exchange knowledge and foster collaborations in the interdisciplinary topic of human-climate-environment interactions in the past.
- b. Each day will consist of 2-hour sessions from 11:00 to 13:00 UTC (find your time zone [here](#)). Keynote talks by [Cesar Mendez](#) and [Yoshi Maezumi](#) will open the first two days, followed by 10-min talks by ECRs. The third day will consist of a roundtable discussion with renowned experts on past human-climate-environment interactions, and breakout group activities.
- c. Authors have been selected among the initial pool of ECRs who submitted an abstract for the postponed in-person PASES2021 workshop. Hence abstract submission for the virtual meeting is closed. Please note that anyone interested to participate can register for free, without submitting an abstract. **Registration will open October 23 through November 6, 2020**
- d. All the details and full programme are available at the [PASES website](#). Contact us at workshop.pages.ecn@gmail.com should you have any questions.

6. The Early Pages blog update

New post on The Early Pages - In our latest post, Mark Lawler sheds light on a recent drastic decline of the caribou (reindeer) population in North America. Why are the great survivors of the

Late Pleistocene Extinction struggling to survive today, and what role does modern climate change play? Read more here:

<https://theearlypages.blogspot.com/2020/10/caribou-survived-late-pleistocene.html>

We are looking for authors! 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, and others. Contact us at pages.ecn.blog@gmail.com.

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

7. Science Cluster: Encouraging science collaboration among ECRs

We are happy to introduce a new PAGES ECN initiative, the Science Cluster! This initiative is intended to provide a platform that connects ECRs who want to develop and exchange ideas, as well as to expand their scientific network. We plan to organize virtual meetings, where participants can discuss their ideas for potential collaboration, in particular with respect to writing collaborative papers, applying for joint project funding, starting a new PAGES Working Group or any other collaborative scientific initiatives.

If you are interested in expanding your science or have questions about this initiative, please contact us at science.pages.ecn@gmail.com. If you would like to join, you will then be given further instructions and be asked to fill out a form.

8. Micropalaeontology in the 21st Century

Registration is open for The Micropalaeontological Society Annual Conference, online from the University College London, **11-13 November 2020**. The three days will consist of a combination of keynote speakers, open talks and posters. Deadline for abstract submission for talks and posters **15th October 2020**. There is a small registration fee (£10-20) to cover the costs of running the meeting. For more information, see <https://www.tmsoc.org/conf2020/>.

As part of the conference, there is a one day workshop on Tuesday **10 November** to discuss Microfossil Geochemistry. Through a multi-panel discussion, the aim is to bring together the micropalaeontological and geochemical communities, so that they can learn from each other and understand how they can collaborate to understand data from microfossils. Timing for the event will be 0800-1730 UTC. Poster sessions will be incorporated throughout the workshop. There is no charge for the workshop event. If you'd like to join, please fill in this Google Form by **1 November 2020** at 23:59 PST: <https://forms.gle/bF5233j9sBhTFNwC7>. Questions can be emailed to TMSgeochemworkshop@gmail.com.

9. Reminder - Share your memories for a special issue of Past Global Changes Magazine
PAGES would like to highlight some memories in celebration of next year's 30th anniversary. As early-career researchers, we may not have participated for very long, but we can still share some experiences as young members of the organization! Please consider contributing a story

or a photo for the upcoming PAGES Magazine issue. Details can be found at: <http://pastglobalchanges.org/2571>. Deadline for submission: **30 October**.

10. Upcoming events and conferences

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

- Digital workshop "Pitch your Research" will be digitally held between **20-21 October**. (Workshop held in German with some English presentations). This interactive format is aimed at PhD students from all disciplines who are dealing with the topic of digitalisation in their dissertation. The participants of the workshop will present their dissertation to other doctoral students and receive individual feedback. The workshop is free to attend, however, the abstract submission deadline has passed. <https://www.indigo-netzwerk.de/veranstaltungsliste/workshops/doktoranden-workshop-2020/>
- [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.
- The PMIP (Paleoclimate Modelling Intercomparison Project) Conference 2020 takes place on **26-30 October** in Nanjing, China. The conference will also be held virtually. No registration or payments are required. <http://www.pmip2020.com>
- The Micropalaeontological Society Annual Conference, online from the University College London, **11-13 November 2020**. See newsletter item above (#8) and links therein for more detailed information.
- 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 **7-11 December 2020**. Abstract submission is now closed. Registration fees are expected to be 50% lower than normal.

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