

## Inside PAGES

### From the PAGES Committees

Bette Otto-Bliesner and Ricardo Villalba were recently voted on to the PAGES Executive Committee (EXCOM), replacing Pinxian Wang and Rick Battarbee, who rotated off the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) at the end of 2007. In addition, an organizational change in the SSC has resulted in Heinz Wanner, formerly PAGES Swiss Director, becoming PAGES Co-Chair and now sharing the leadership with Julie Brigham-Grette. Julie will rotate off the SSC at the end of 2008 and PAGES welcomes nominations for a new member before 27 April 2008. The SSC provides guidance for the PAGES project as a whole and oversees major scientific activities. In addition to scientific excellence and status in their communities, members are chosen to provide a balance of paleoscience expertise and national representation. A list of current SSC and EXCOM members, and details on the nomination procedure can be found at [www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscleaders.html](http://www.pages-igbp.org/people/sscleaders.html)

### PAGES Open Science Meeting & Young Scientists Meeting

The dates and location of PAGES 3rd Open Science Meeting (OSM) have been fixed! The OSM will be held from 8-11 July 2009 at Oregon State University in Corvallis, USA. In addition, a PAGES Young Scien-

tists Meeting will be held for the first time alongside the OSM from 6-7 July 2009. The OSM Program Committee is currently working on the topics and structure of the meetings.

### PAGES Info Sheets

Under the umbrella of Cross-Cutting Theme 4 (Dissemination and Outreach), PAGES is developing a series of information sheets that address key issues in climate and environmental science from a paleo-perspective. The issues will be addressed at a popular science level, targeted for early university-level students, and teachers of early- or pre-university courses. The first in the series, on "Earth System Models", has been launched to coincide with the special section of this newsletter issue. This, and other upcoming Info Sheets, can be downloaded for free from PAGES website ([www.pages-igbp.org/science/infosheets](http://www.pages-igbp.org/science/infosheets)).

### PAGES Online Calendar

Following on from the successful redesign of the online paleo-jobs database ([www.pages-igbp.org/services/jobs/](http://www.pages-igbp.org/services/jobs/)), PAGES has recently updated the online calendar. You are now able to add paleoscience-related events directly to the database using the online form ([www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/](http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/)). Calendar entries will be posted

within 24 hours of submission. This service is of course free.

### LOTRED-SA Metadatabase

The LOTRED South America group has now been equipped with a database, where metadata of regional paleoclimate and paleoenvironmental data sets are collected and displayed ([www.pages-igbp.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/lotredsa](http://www.pages-igbp.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/lotredsa)). It is a simple tool intended to assist with data compilation by allowing for an overview of existing data. This type of database is available to all regional PAGES groups (contact Thorsten Kiefer; [kiefer@pages.unibe.ch](mailto:kiefer@pages.unibe.ch)).

### Next issue of PAGES newsletter

The next issue of *PAGES News* will contain a special section on speleothems, which will be guest edited by Dominik Fleitmann (University of Bern, Switzerland; [fleitmann@geo.unibe.ch](mailto:fleitmann@geo.unibe.ch)) and Christoph Spötl (University of Innsbruck, Austria; [christoph.spoetl@uibk.ac.at](mailto:christoph.spoetl@uibk.ac.at)). If you are interested in contributing a science highlight to this special section, please contact Dominik or Christoph directly. The next deadline for open manuscript submissions is 25 May 2008. Guidelines for contributions can be found at: [www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html](http://www.pages-igbp.org/products/newsletters/instructions.html)





## PAGES Calendar 2008


**23 - 27 June 2008 - Vancouver, Canada**  
**1<sup>st</sup> American Dendrochronology Conference**  
[www.treeringsociety.org/AmeriDendro2008/](http://www.treeringsociety.org/AmeriDendro2008/)

**29 June - 03 July 2008 - Fairbanks, USA**  
**9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Permafrost**  
[www.nicop.org/](http://www.nicop.org/)

**05 - 14 Aug 2008 - Oslo, Norway**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> International Geological Congress: Earth System Science**  
[www.33igc.org/coco/](http://www.33igc.org/coco/)

**11 - 13 Aug 2008 - Shanghai, China**  
 **Quaternary pollen database of China**  
[www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/](http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/)

**14 - 16 Sep 2008 - Athens, Greece**  
 **Extreme climate events during recent millennia and their impact on Mediterranean societies**  
[www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/](http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/)

**14 - 19 Sep 2008 - Colorado, USA**  
 **PMIP2 Workshop**  
[www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/](http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/)

**29 - 31 Oct 2008 - Shanghai, China**  
 **PAGES Global Monsoon Symposium: Global Monsoon and Low-Latitude Processes**  
[www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/](http://www.pages-igbp.org/calendar/)