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1.) PAGES New Executive Director

After an open search that started in June, the PAGES IPO and Scientific Steering Committee is pleased to welcome Dr. Thorsten Kiefer as the new Executive Director of PAGES.

Thorsten is leaving the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Cambridge and was previously part of the Institute for Geosciences at the University of Kiel. His recent research has focused on rapid centennial-scale climate changes of the late Pleistocene and Holocene. His academic interests are diverse, incorporating research themes such as understanding the ramifications of global change on regional climates, assessing past human-climate interactions, and determining the role of surface- and deep-ocean circulation on modulating climate. To this end, he has developed and integrated paleoceanographic records with ice core data, climate model simulations and archeological evidence, and has studied a number of areas in the Indian, Pacific, and North Atlantic Oceans. He has been involved in a number of international collaborative projects and has been active in PAGES-related programs including IMAGES (International Marine Global Change Studies) and MARGO (Multiproxy Approach for the Reconstruction of the Glacial Ocean surface). He looks forward to serving the wider paleoclimate community through PAGES. Thorsten has already started working part-time remotely from Cambridge. He will move to Bern and start working full-time in April 2005 (contact: kiefer@pages.unibe.ch).

2.) OSM website and registration

PAGES 2nd Open Science Meeting (OSM) will be held in Beijing, China from 10-12 August 2005, alongside the 9th IAMAS Scientific Assembly. The PAGES OSM website is now online at <http://www.pages2005.org/>
The website contains information on the preliminary program, social events, travel, hotel, etc. Abstract submission and registration are open. All contributed papers will be in the form of posters. The poster abstract submission deadline is 31 March 2005. The OSM Call for Papers was mailed out to all PAGES News subscribers as a supplement to the recent September issue. If you need any additional information, please contact osm@pages.unibe.ch.

3.) EPICA Challenge

The European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica (EPICA) challenge: Predicting greenhouse gas concentrations over 800,000 years. The EPICA ice core from Dome C has provided a new record of climate extending back

800,000 years. The imminent appearance of a dataset of greenhouse gas concentrations covering this period presents a unique opportunity for a test of our understanding, particularly of the climate/carbon system. The EPICA challenge (issued in Eos earlier this year) is for modeling groups and others to predict the dataset (of CO₂ and/or CH₄) before it appears, with the aim of promoting an open discussion of the underlying ideas and assumptions. People are invited to send their ideas to PAGES IPO (kull@pages.unibe.ch) for collation and display at the AGU in December. Further Information:
http://www.pages.unibe.ch/news/pictures_info/epica.html

4.) PAGES-related meetings and sessions

First International workshop on CLIMATE VARIABILITY OVER AFRICA
2005 ICTP activity
Alexandria, Egypt, 6-17 March 2005
Conveners: A.S. Zakey, F. Molteni, A. Bracco and N. Elguindi
Further Information:
<http://www.pages.unibe.ch/calendar/calendar05.html>

THE CLIMATE OF THE NEXT MILLENNIA IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF ABRUPT CLIMATE CHANGE DURING THE LATE PLEISTOCENE
Mainz, Germany, 7-10 March 2005
Conveners: Frank Sirocko, Jerry McManus, Martin Claussen, Christoph Kull
Registration deadline: 31 October 2004
Abstract deadline: 10 January 2005
Further information:
[http://www.uni-mainz.de/FB/Geo/Geologie/sedi/en/](http://www.uni-mainz.de/FB/Geo/Geologie/sedi/en/DEKLIM-EEM)
DEKLIM-EEM Secretary Saskia Rudert (email: rudert@uni-mainz.de).

COASTS AND COASTAL PEOPLE-SCENARIOS OF CHANGE AND RESPONSE
LOICZ II Inaugural Open Science Meeting
Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands, 27-29 June 2005
Abstract deadline: 30 November 2004
Further information:
http://www.loicz.org/loicz_nl/6cfc735ad960dcbcfdd34acaf1981256.php

5.) Various:

PAGES Workshop Funding:

PAGES renews its open call to workshop organizers interested in applying for funding. Information and application guidelines can be found at:
<http://www.pages.unibe.ch/services/funding.html>

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR THE FIRST CALL FOR 2005 IS 30 JUNE 2005

Web Science Highlights:

The "Science Highlights" page on the PAGES website (<http://www.pages.unibe.ch/shighlight/shighlight.html>) is a great place to present your scientific work. If you would like to submit an article, please follow the guidelines below, then send your text and figures attached to an email to Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch).

Guidelines:

1. Your article should relate to an area of PAGES research.

2. Your article should fit on a webpage (title, a two-line introduction, max. 1200 words and 1-2 figures)
3. Figures should be in a web-supported format such as jpeg or gif.

PAGES News 2005/1:

The 2005/1 newsletter issue will highlight general PAGES activities. If you would like to contribute a "Science Highlight", "Workshop Report", "Program News", or a funny "Tales from the Field" story please contact Christoph Kull (kull@pages.unibe.ch). The deadline is 31 December 2004.

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