

## WCRP Signs Scientific Partnership with PAGES

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*D. Carlson, Director WCRP (left) and T. Kiefer, Executive Director PAGES (right) signing the agreement during the WCRP Joint Scientific Committee meeting that took place in Geneva, Switzerland, in April 2015*

Recognizing the convergence in their interests and activities, and the potential for substantial mutual collaboration, WCRP and PAGES (Past Global Changes) have formed a scientific partnership aimed at strengthening ties between the two organizations at several levels.

PAGES supports research aimed at understanding the Earth's past environment in order to understand patterns and mechanisms of variability (both natural and human induced) and to constrain projections for the future. Founded in 1991, PAGES is sponsored by the U.S., the Swiss National Science Foundation and NOAA. Over 6000 scientists from more than 100 countries around the world conduct research within the PAGES sphere of interest.

Following the signing of the partnership agreement at WCRP's recent Joint Scientific Committee Meeting, a small scoping committee from the WCRP and PAGES communities will begin to explore opportunities for collaboration through activities of mutual interest that focus on the enhancement of climate and paleoclimate research.

These activities might include workshops, ad hoc or ongoing shared working groups or panels, jointly sponsored and produced reports or assessments, convergent and interoperable data

sets and databases, integrated models, joint sessions at international conferences, collaborative proposals, public outreach and education, or other activities or products of mutual interest.

The official document/agreement can be found here:

[http://www.wcrp-climate.org/images/documents/jsc/JSC36/WCRP\\_PAGES\\_final.pdf](http://www.wcrp-climate.org/images/documents/jsc/JSC36/WCRP_PAGES_final.pdf)