

## **PAGES/SSC—Involvement and Responsibilities**

*SSC Members - individually:*

- direct involvement or liaison in PAGES activities/tasks;
- regional or organizational liaison assignments;
- generate ideas/recommendations for the PAGES Project;
- provide leadership/interface with regional/disciplinary community;
- provide point-of-contact for public media.

*SSC Members - collectively:*

- Administrative involvement
  - oversight for entire project;
  - evaluate project elements;
  - identify opportunities/develop links with other research organizations;
  - identify resource needs for global research.
- Scientific involvement
  - set project direction, priorities, objectives;
  - identify research opportunities, gaps, etc.;
  - develop plans to achieve scientific objectives;
  - establish policies for community involvement in PAGES (e.g. data requirements, analytical protocols).

PAGES SSC members act as agents of a larger research community with global interests rather than as individual scientists. This does not preclude any SSC member from participating as an individual scientist within his/her own sphere or within PAGES (e.g., as a leader or member of a PAGES Focus, Working Group or Task).

## **PAGES Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) Terms of Reference**

1. To identify scientific issues and detailed goals and objectives for the PAGES Project;
2. To develop scientific plans and to establish requirements to conduct PAGES research;
3. To recommend the necessary community actions for the implementation of PAGES research and, where necessary, coordinate and manage the resulting activities;
4. To collaborate, as appropriate, with other IGBP Core Projects and activities, and with other organizations devoted to global change research;
5. To report, as appropriate, to IGBP and to related bodies on project status, state of planning and accomplishments of the project;
6. To establish and support the administrative office required for the implementation of the objectives of the PAGES Project.

The administrative office for the PAGES Project is the PAGES International Project Office (IPO). The IPO acts as the secretariat and the operational agent of the PAGES SSC. The IPO, working closely with the PAGES Executive Committee, sets in motion the activities approved by the SSC, identifies research leaders, and implements PAGES research projects. It is the responsibility of the IPO to advance all the terms of reference of the PAGES SSC.