The University of Bern, Institute of Archaeological Science IAW and the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research OCCR, and the IGBP Past Global Changes PAGES programme organize an international conference on ‘Culture and Climate’. The interdisciplinary conference will gather researchers working in palaeoecology, climate change research and prehistory.

SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE
The main themes will cover:
• Holocene climate and environmental changes in the cultural context; impacts of climate and environmental change on humans.
• Holocene ecology, economy and the use of resources at prehistoric wetland sites; anthropogenic impacts on wetland environments, ecosystems and regional climate.
• Prehistoric wetland sites in the regional context: migration, mobility, trade and exchange.
These themes will be addressed in invited keynotes, open oral sessions and formal poster presentations. For a detailed programme and registration see www.oeschger.unibe.ch/events/conferences/cultureclimate

CALL FOR PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS
We encourage papers presenting case studies of broader interest, synthesis and review papers. Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted to the conference organizers before 1 February 2014. For details see the conference website.
The publication of high-profile conference proceedings (review papers and original research papers) in a special issue of an international journal is envisaged.
CONFIRMED SPEAKERS
Flavio Anselmetti (U Bern, Switzerland), Jinyan Cao (U Hangzhou, China), Ekaterina Dolbunova (State Heritage Museum St. Petersburg, Russia), Beat Eberschweiler (KA Zürich, Switzerland), Stefanie Jacomet (U Basel, Switzerland), Fortunat Joos (U Bern, Switzerland), Margaret Gowen (ICOMOS, Ireland), Jutta Kneisel (U Kiel, Germany), Julia Pongratz (Max Planck Institute for Meteorology Hamburg, Germany), Stephan Shennan, (University College London, UK), Frank Sirocko (Mainz U, Germany), Guoping Sun (Zhejiang Provincial Institute of Relics and Archaeology Hangzhou, China), Tina Swierczynski (Helmholtz-Zentrum, Potsdam Germany), Robert Van De Noort (U Exeter, UK), Willy Tinner (U Bern, Switzerland), Haowei Wo (Zhejiang U, Hangzhou, China)

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GENERAL INFORMATION
The conference lasts from, 11 - 13 June, 2014 (Wednesday morning to Friday afternoon) and will be followed by an excursion on Saturday, 14 June 2014. Information about the conference venue and accommodation is available on the conference website: www.oeschger.unibe.ch/events/conferences/cultureclimate

REGISTRATION
The registration fee of CHF 100 (students : CHF 50) includes conference registration, material, coffee breaks and welcome reception. Participation at the conference dinner (13 June 2014) is optional (supplementary CHF 70). Deadline for registration is February 1, 2014. Please register at www.oeschger.unibe.ch/events/conferences/cultureclimate/registration_en.html Participants will be selected for oral or poster presentations by the Scientific Committee, based on submitted abstracts.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Bern!

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