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Dear Colleague,

Thank you very much for your positive response to our invitation. We recognise that we contacted you late and really appreciate your willingness to make room for our workshop in your busy schedule. We are still dealing with the practical arrangements but it has by now become clear that the meeting will take place in Finland during the week 22-27 September, most probably with the 22 and 27 as travel days.

So far, we have the following, very nice and diverse list of participants:

John Damuth, Dept. of Life Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara (USA)  
Jan Esper, Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL, Birmensdorf (CH)  
Michael Foote, Dept. of Geophysical Sciences, University of Chicago (USA)  
Mikael Fortelius, Dept. of Geology, University of Helsinki (FI)  
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Volker Mosbrugger, Senckenberg Research Institute, Frankfurt a. M. (DE)  
David Polly, Dept. of Geological Sciences, Indiana University, Bloomington (USA)  
Rick Potts, Human Origins Program, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC (USA)  
Jan Salick, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis (USA)  
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Nils Chr. Stenseth, Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis, University of Oslo  
Eske Willerslev, Ancient DNA and Evolution, University of Copenhagen (DK)  
Kathy Willis, Oxford University Centre for the Environment (UK)

The primary purpose of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for all participants to engage in a deep scientific discussion of where we want to take the new geobiological field we have called integrated climate change biology and how to go about it. This can go beyond, but should include, a discussion of how the iCCB Programme itself should be organised and perhaps funded. A subordinate but important task will be to plan the second meeting and the "iCCB Book" that we hope it will generate (a preliminary outline was included with the first letter). We

are still thinking about how to create the optimal circumstances for this, and will receive your suggestions with gratitude. We do not want to overorganise the meeting, and the group is small enough that we should be able to function as a unit and organise ourselves as we go. So far, it seems clear that we need:

- Presentations of about 30 minutes that will introduce the participants and their research to each other. These presentations should review previous research and look forward, but the emphasis and details should be decided individually
- Discussion, both in connection with the presentations and as general, structured sessions
- Working group sessions to focus on specific tasks identified as important

We will cover all your travel costs to and from the workshop, and provide accommodation and meals. Owing to the tight schedule we're going ahead on a rather ad hoc funding base, and hope that you will find reasonably economical flights to Helsinki. We are budgeting maximum € 1200 (US\$ 1700) for North American flights and € 400 for European flights -- please do warn us if you aren't able to squeeze your ticket into these frames!

We are extremely happy to have you involved in our programme and look forward to having you at the meeting. Please let us know your thoughts and suggestions, including what you think your presentation could be like. We will answer queries individually and promptly, and will get back with another circular letter when we know more about the details.

With our best wishes and regards,



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Christoph Scheidegger  
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Landscape Research)



Nils Chr. Stenseth  
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