



4D-MB Newsletter

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Final 4D-MB Scientific Meeting (4 – 6 October 2023)

Dear Colleagues / Liebe Alpinistinnen und Alpinisten,

First, a hearty New Year to you all. We hope that you had a relaxing time with your friends and families, and now turn, full of vigour, to the events at hand. This promises to be a big year!

We are excited to announce that the final scientific meeting of 4D-MB and AlpArray will be hosted at Bad Hofgastein in the Austrian Alps, on October 4 – 6, 2023, pending finalisation of our agreement with the conference centre (subject to the usual Berlin bureaucracy ☺). The format and content of the meeting will be formalized in the coming months. We will be reaching out to some of you to present keynotes that highlight key aspects of our research, what we have learned, and what will come next in orogenic research.

The meeting will include an evaluation of our project by external referees, and so – according to DFG guidelines – all PIs and as many participants as possible of both the first (2017-2020) and second funding phases (2020-2023) are expected to attend. The evaluation will consist of a poster session (instead of a final report) where EVERY project will highlight its research results and how these relate to the themes of 4D-MB: <http://www.spp-mountainbuilding.de/about/spp-proposal/index.html>.

Feedback from the project referees after our meeting will help the DFG to assess not only our performance, but that of the of Earth Sciences in Germany. Not least, it will be used to guide the DFG on future funding initiatives like our SPP. Although the meeting is required for all 4D-MB participants, we already announced at the recent meeting in Prague that all AlpArray participants are heartily invited too. We'll be in touch with a first circular in the upcoming weeks.

Submit Your Titles – 4D-MB Special Volume

We urge you to submit titles of contributions to the upcoming 4DMB special volume. Please do this ASAP, as we are already a bit behind schedule. We need the provisional titles to submit to AGU for our planned volume. As explained at our recent meeting in Prague, AGU gives us the flexibility for all contributors to choose their preferred journal, while ensuring high visibility of papers as part of the special issue collection. Corresponding/first authors please send your titles to both of us (Mark Handy and Peter McPhee).

Publications and Outreach

Finally, please remember to send us details of newly published articles and outreach so we can keep our records up to date on the 4D-MB website. Up-to-date information on our publication activity is important for the evaluation of our SPP in its final year!

Best wishes!

Peter McPhee and Mark R. Handy