

## Looking ahead to some important events

Dear Colleagues / Liebe Berglerinnen und Bergler,

Coming down from the "high" of our recent meeting in Prague, we want to share with you - especially with those of you who didn't attend the meeting - a clear idea of where we are headed in the final year of 4D-MB:

- 1. We will have a final 4D-MB meeting in October of 2023 which MUST BE ATTENDED by all PIs and project participants. This is a directive of the DFG for the final phase of SPP projects. We would like to host the meeting in the Alps and are currently searching for an appropriate venue. The place and time will be announced in the coming weeks.
- 2. All groups will be expected to prepare a poster for the meeting presenting the salient points of their projects and how these related to results of other 4D-MB/AlpArray as well as to the themes of the second phase of 4D-MB. These themes are available for your reference on the 4D-MB website: <a href="http://www.spp-mountainbuilding.de/about/spp-proposal/index.html">http://www.spp-mountainbuilding.de/about/spp-proposal/index.html</a>. At the invitation of the DFG, the posters will be reviewed by referees of 4D-MB. Their feedback will help the DFG assess the performance of Earth Sciences in Germany and is used for future funding initiatives like our SPP. So, it's IMPORTANT.
- 3. The posters will be presented instead of a final report that each project group would otherwise have to prepare and submit to the DFG at the end of their 3-year funding period. So, the posters will save time in addition to bringing our research to a successful conclusion.
- 4. The format and content of the final meeting will be formalized in the coming months, but we have already announced that all AlpArray participants are heartily invited too. We'll be reaching out to some of you to present keynotes that highlight key aspects of our research, especially what we have learned that is NEW and provide an idea of where orogenic research will go from here.

Finally, please take a moment to read the summary of measures for the final year of 4D-MB, included in the slides that follow. This includes accessing money earmarked for gender-equality measures. If you have any specific questions about funding of your project during its final phase, don't hesitate to get in touch with me or our representative at the DFG, Frau Iris Sonntag (iris.sonntag@dfg.de).

## Mark Handy,

On behalf of members of the 4D-MB Steering Committee present at the meeting