2020 IODP Forum Meeting: Consensus Statement #1

The IODP Forum enthusiastically endorses the current version of the Science Framework, with the understanding that final edits will be made over the next few weeks. It is an outstanding document, inspiring our community to explore Earth by scientific ocean drilling. The Forum warmly offers its thanks to the Scientific Framework Working Group and the international team of authors for their diligent work in producing this exciting and forward-looking document, which has united the international community's input and succinctly outlined the long-term mission, vision and challenges of future scientific ocean drilling. The Forum applauds the co-editors, Anthony Koppers and Roz Coggon, and professional science communicators Ellen Kappel and Johanna Adams for their scientific knowledge and unbounded enthusiasm to make the richly illustrated Science Framework a reality in such a short time.

2020 IODP Forum Meeting: Consensus Statement #2

The Forum identified numerous issues that will require community-wide attention and coordination prior to and during the next annual Forum meeting. Therefore, an interim meeting is proposed for February 2021 to address specific, higher priority (in terms of timeline) issues. The priority 1 issues would be discussed in February 2021. The priority 2 and 3 issues would be discussed in September 2021, or in near future aligned with information coming from the funding agencies. The items to be considered are:

- Transitioning from the 2013-2023 Science Plan to the 2050 Science Framework, including stimulating proposal submissions for Flagship Initiatives (priority 1)
- Considering a new implementation procedure for second post-cruise meetings (priority 1)
- Implementing Enabling Elements in the new program(s) (priority 2)
- Defining "facilities," including virtual expeditions, in the new program(s) (priority 2)
- Defining the role and membership structure of the next Forum (priority 3)
- Considering a descriptive and accurate "program" name (with the understanding that the word "program" may not be part of it) (priority 3)