

**8th Meeting of the
Science Steering and Evaluation Panel
May 29-June 1, 2007
Rice University, Houston, Texas, U.S.A**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (v5)

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5.2 Recommendation related to forming a DPG related to the Asian Monsoon and Tibetan Uplift History

During discussion of the 713-MP (Mission Monsoon) proposal it was recognized that the four proposals dealing with the Asian Monsoon and Tibetan Uplift History, all proposals reviewed very positively during earlier SSEP meetings, need further coordination, organization and prioritization. This can be best achieved by forming a Detailed Planning Group (DPG) to develop an optimal plan (including drilling, proxies to be used, post-cruise science, etc.) for addressing the main objectives of research. Thus, the full panel agreed to the following recommendation by consensus:

SSEP Recommendation 0705-4: The SSEP recommends that SPC consider forming a Detailed Planning Group that will be responsible for organizing and prioritizing proposals dealing with the history of Asian monsoon and its linkage to the uplift of the Himalayan-Tibetan orogenic system (Proposals 552 – Bengal Fan, 595 – Indus Fan, 618 – SE Asian Shelf, and 683 – East Asia Topography and Monsoon). The SSEP will provide SPC with a mandate for the DPG before the next SPC meeting.

5.3 Recommendation related to 694-Full3 (Izu-Bonin-Mariana Arc Evolution umbrella proposal)

The SSEP understands the scientific importance of Izu-Bonin-Mariana arc drilling described in Proposal 694-Full3 submitted as an umbrella proposal for IBM complex drilling project. However, the SSEP could not agree by consensus whether or not this

proposal should stand as a CDP umbrella proposal, but did agreed by consensus to forward the proposal to the Science Planning Committee for their judgment.

SSEP Recommendation 0705-5: The SSEP asks SPC to decide whether or not 694-Full3 should be endorsed as a Complex Drilling Project (CDP).

6. Presentation by MS PHD's students

Each of the visiting MS PHD's students made a short presentation about what they learned during the meeting through interaction and observation with panel members and liaisons.

7. Nomination and Election of a next co-chair candidate

Jan Backman nominated Heiko Pälke to serve as the next Co-Chair of SSEP. Frédérique Eynaud seconded the nomination. The nomination of Heiko Pälke was approved by vote of the full panel, using paper ballots.

SSEP Recommendation 0705-6: The SSEP recommends that SPC consider Heiko Pälke for appointment as the next Co-Chair of SSEP.

8. Next SSEP meetings

Frédérique Eynaud announced that the 9th SSEP meeting has been scheduled in Bordeaux, France. Tentative dates are Nov 12-15, 2007. The following meeting will be held in Asia during May 2008.

9. Resolutions for outgoing SSEP members

Resolutions were presented thanking outgoing SSEP members for their years of dedication including, John Chen, Jerry Dickens, Jeff Gee, Makoto Ito, Zhimin Jian, Juli Morgan, Rüdiger Stein, Lori Summa, and Mike Underwood. A special resolution was made for Nobu Eguchi, moving from the position of IODP-MI science coordinator.

10. Conclusion

The co-chairs Ryuji Tada, Rüdiger Stein, and Barbara John thanked again the hosts Juli Morgan, Jerry Dickens and Lori Summa for their excellent organization and arrangements, field trip coordination, and hospitality throughout the meeting. The co-chairs thanked all of the panel members for their dedication and hard work. Watchdogs submitted drafts of all proposal reviews to the IODP-MI science coordinators (Nobu Eguchi and Barry Zelt) before the meeting ended.

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662-Full3	South Pacific Gyre Microbiology	D'Hondt	Takai	Menez	Wilson	Takeuchi	Schulte
671-Pre2	Campi Flegrei Caldera	Sacchi	Kopf	Underwood	Tamura	Elliot	Wilson
703-Full	Costa Rica SeisCORK	Brown	Summa	Wilson	Kopf	Morgan	Yamaguchi
704-Full	Sumatra Seismogenic Zone	Goldfinger	Ishiwatari	Summa	Morgan	Kumagai	Chen
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683-Full	Tectonics East Asia Topography and Monsoon Southern Alaska Margin 1: Climate-	Wang	Eynaud	Ito	Jaeger	Takeuchi	Dickens
686-Full	Tectonics Pacific Mesozoic Extreme	Jaeger	Ito	Aiello	Kuroda	Backman	Chen
709-Pre2	Environment	Ohkouchi	Lyle	Dickens	Nishi	Menez	Backman
713-MP	Mission Monsoon Gulf of Cadiz	Clift	Dickens	Pälike	Suzuki	Lyle	Nishi
714-APL	Paleoceanography Hawaiian Drowned Coral Reefs	Lobo	Kuroda	Jaeger	Aiello	Pälike	Schulte
716-Full	Bering Sea Sub- millennial Climate	Webster	Suzuki	Lavier	Jian	Menez	Eynaud
721-APL	Gulf of Aden	Cook	Kuroda	Lyle	Jian	Eynaud	Aiello
724-Full	Faunal Evolution Malvinas	deMenocal	Jian	Dickens	Eynaud	Nishi	Pälike
556-Full4	Confluence	Wefer	Nishi	Eynaud	Ito	Yamaguchi	Jian

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697-Full	Izu-Bonin-Mariana Reararc Crust	Tamura	Kimura	Fujiwara	Gee	Takazaw a	Suzuki Konerup- Madsen
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5.1 Recommendation related to 707-Full2 (Sagami Bay Seismic Monitoring)

The SSEP recognizes 707-Full2 (Sagami Bay Seismic Monitoring) as a very important proposal, addressing key seismic hazards in heavily populated area case. The proposal as written by Kobayashi and 34 other proponents for the Kanto asperity, is identified as an umbrella proposal for a CDP. This is not stated specifically but implied. Previous review confirmed importance of the scientific objectives, and relevance to the ISP (solid earth cycles). The SSEP therefore forwards the proposal to SPC for designation as a CDP for prompt approval, with very strong support. The full panel agreed to the following recommendation by consensus:

SSEP Recommendation 0705-3: SSEP recommends that Proposal 707-Full2, **Kanto asperity project: Geological and geophysical characterization of the history and present behavior of the earthquake cycle**, be recognized as a Complex Drilling Proposal (CDP) associated with component proposals presently assigned 722-Full and 723-Full. The SSEP views the scientific goals of this project as very high priority and unusually high in terms of societal relevance. The scope of the project, the interrelationship of individual phases of proposed research, and the dependence of individual expeditions on the outcome of previous ones, necessitates this designation. At this time, all of the proposals lack critical site survey data, and further consideration by the SSEP will be delayed until such data have been acquired and analyzed. However, we note that designation of Proposal 707 as a CDP may help the proponents to obtain

funding to carry out the needed surveys. Additionally, CDP designation would enhance integration of the multiple science components and long-term science planning.

5.2 Recommendation related to forming a DPG related to the Asian Monsoon and Tibetan Uplift History

During discussion of the 713-MP (Mission Monsoon) proposal it was recognized that the four proposals dealing with the Asian Monsoon and Tibetan Uplift History, all proposals reviewed very positively during earlier SSEP meetings, need further coordination, organization and prioritization. This can be best achieved by forming a Detailed Planning Group (DPG) to develop an optimal plan (including drilling, proxies to be used, post-cruise science, etc.) for addressing the main objectives of research. Thus, the full panel agreed to the following recommendation by consensus:

SSEP Recommendation 0705-4: The SSEP recommends that SPC consider forming a Detailed Planning Group that will be responsible for organizing and prioritizing proposals dealing with the history of Asian monsoon and its linkage to the uplift of the Himalayan-Tibetan orogenic system (Proposals 552 – Bengal Fan, 595 – Indus Fan, 618 – SE Asian Shelf, and 683 – East Asia Topography and Monsoon). The SSEP will provide SPC with a mandate for the DPG before the next SPC meeting.

5.3 Recommendation related to 694-Full3 (Izu-Bonin-Mariana Arc Evolution umbrella proposal)

The SSEP understands the scientific importance of Izu-Bonin-Mariana arc drilling described in Proposal 694-Full3 submitted as an umbrella proposal for IBM complex drilling project. However, the SSEP could not agree by consensus whether or not this proposal should stand as a CDP umbrella proposal, but did agree by consensus to forward the proposal to the Science Planning Committee for their judgement.

SSEP Recommendation 0705-5: The SSEP asks SPC to decide whether or not 694-Full3 should be endorsed as a Complex Drilling Project (CDP).

6. Presentation by MS PHD's students

Each of the visiting MS PHD's students made a short presentation about what they learned during the meeting through interaction and observation with panel members and liaisons.

7. Nomination and Election of a next co-chair candidate

Jan Backman nominated Heiko Pälike to serve as the next Co-Chair of SSEP. Frédérique Eynaud seconded the nomination. The nomination of Heiko Pälike was approved by vote of the full panel, using paper ballots.

SSEP Recommendation 0705-6: The SSEP recommends that SPC consider Heiko Pälike for appointment as the next Co-Chair of SSEP.

8. Next SSEP meetings

Frédérique Eynaud announced that the 9th SSEP meeting has been scheduled in Bordeaux, France. Tentative dates are Nov 12-15, 2007. The following meeting will be held in Asia during May 2008.

9. Resolutions for outgoing SSEP members

Resolutions were presented thanking outgoing SSEP members for their years of dedication including, John Chen, Jerry Dickens, Jeff Gee, Makoto Ito, Zhimin Jian, Juli Morgan, Rüdiger Stein, Lori Summa, and Mike Underwood. A special resolution was made for Nobu Eguchi, moving from the position of IODP-MI science coordinator.

10. Conclusion

The co-chairs Ryuji Tada, Rüdiger Stein, and Barbara John thanked again the hosts Juli Morgan, Jerry Dickens and Lori Summa for their excellent organization and arrangements, field trip coordination, and hospitality throughout the meeting. The co-chairs thanked all of the panel members for their dedication and hard work. Watchdogs submitted drafts of all proposal reviews to the IODP-MI science coordinators (Nobu Eguchi and Barry Zelt) before the meeting ended.

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Attachment 2. Provisional agenda

#8 Scientific Steering and Evaluation Panel

Tuesday, May 29 – Friday, June 1, 2007

8:30 – 17:00 (will end at noon on Friday)

Rice University

Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

Monday, May 28 (Optional)

Field Trip to Galveston & Gulf Coast (co-led by John Anderson)

FT Dinner in Galveston or Kemah

Tuesday, May 29

Joint Session, Reports

- Introduction of attendees to SSEP
- Opening Remarks by Host (Morgan)
- Approval of the agenda (John)
- Approval of minutes from Sapporo Meeting, Japan, November 2006 (John)
- Introduction to the meeting (John)
- Status of IODP (Talwani)
- SPC report (Becker)
- SSP report (Sawyer)
- USIO report (Miller)

----- Coffee break -----

- CDEX report (Kubo)
- ESO report (Brewer)
- EDP report (Ussler)
- IODP-MI report (Eguchi/Myers)
- MS PHD'S Program (TBN)

----- Lunch break -----

Meeting overview

- Reviewing process and breakout sessions (Stein)
- Mission concept, SSEP role, reviewing process (Underwood)
- and mission reviewing process discussion (Stein?)

----- Coffee break -----

Report on new tools and technologies (Campo/Schlumberger)
and panel discussion
Breakout sessions

- Proposal review
- Mission proposal review

Ice Breaker and BBQ dinner at Martel College, Rice University (optional)

Wednesday, May 30

Breakout sessions

- Proposal review cont.
- Mission proposal review cont.

Meeting Dinner - downtown on Metro (ExxonMobil sponsors)

Thursday, May 31

Breakout sessions

- Proposal review cont.
- Mission proposal review cont.

Joint SSEP session

- Proposal review.
- Mission proposal review

Astros-Cincinnati Game (optional)

Friday, June 1

Joint SSEP session

- Proposal review
- Mission proposal review

Discussions and recommendations to SPC

Presentations by MS PHD'S students

Nomination of next co-chair

Resolutions for outgoing SSEP members

Announcements and discussion on upcoming SSEP Meetings

November 2007

May 2008 (suggestions)

Conclusions