



IODP Forum Meeting April 22-23, 2023 – Vienna, Austria, and Zoom

Consensus Statements

Consensus 1: The IODP Forum thanks Bernhard Plunger, his team, and the Austrian Academy of Sciences for hosting the meeting at the exquisite Austrian Academy of Sciences building in Vienna. The logistics, space, audio / visual support, and food facilitated a productive meeting with good discussions. The IODP Forum appreciates Bernhard's & the Academy's generosity and hospitality.

Consensus 2: The IODP Forum recognizes that the lack of information about future proposal systems is currently impacting the ability of the community to plan new proposals and undertake revisions to submitted proposals. Those with proposals at the JRFB are also anxious to know the options available to them going forward. The IODP Forum encourages the Facility Boards to coordinate on timelines and communications to provide the community with next steps as soon as possible.

Consensus 3: The IODP Forum continues to encourage efforts directed towards improved integration and mutual coordination for future joint projects, where the upcoming Land-2-Sea expedition (Mediterranean-Atlantic Gateway / IMAGE) may well serve as a testcase.

Consensus 4: The IODP Forum is pleased that the National Science Foundation is committed to maintaining access to scientific ocean drilling cores and data, and that it is their intention to retain the current governance structure for five years post-IODP. The IODP Forum also applauds IODP partners for their intention to continue to store cores collected by the *JOIDES Resolution* at the Bremen Core Repository and Kochi Core Center at no cost to NSF.

Consensus 5: Projects based on legacy assets offer new opportunities for large-scale collaborations using archived core, data, and other legacy resources from the scientific ocean drilling programs. The IODP Forum supports continued efforts to explore the development of these programs, including collaborations between programs as future scientific ocean drilling program structures are established. Projects based on legacy assets could also be used to further collaborations with ICDP and other research programs.

Consensus 6: The IODP Forum expresses its sincere gratitude to the extensive work done by Barry Katz and the Environmental Protection and Safety Panel (EPSP) in reviewing proposals for all platforms over the course of IODP, as well as the previous

scientific ocean drilling programs. The success of the scientific ocean drilling programs would not have been possible without their dedication and robust evaluations.

Action Items

Action Item 1: The IODP Forum discussed how to evaluate the scientific successes and identify remaining challenges of IODP in context of the Science Plan. The IODP Forum participants will consider potential mechanisms for identifying remaining Science Plan challenges and for identifying operational, organizational, and other lessons learned. IODP Forum participants are asked to send further comments and ideas to Henk Brinkhuis and Charna Meth, who will compile them for discussion at the October 2023 meeting.