Report of NanTroSEIZE Project Management Team Meeting

San Francisco – December 8th, 2005

Attendance

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Agenda

- 1) Brief Review of Proposed Stage 1 Operations
- 2) Determine Specific Stage 1 operations for each platform
- 3) Specific Expedition plans
- 4) Collaborations between platforms
- 5) Co-chief scientist selections
- 6) Next meeting date and agenda

1) Review of Stage 1 operations and FY07/08 Operations (Appendix 1)

The meeting began with the chair providing (1) a short review of the proposed Stage 1 plans for NanTroSEIZE developed at the August 2005 PMT in Hawaii and (2) a summary of the FY07/FY08 schedule as developed by the Operations Task Force (Oct 2005) and approved by Science Planning Committee (Oct 2005). Stage 1 operations consist of:

Table 1: PMT Stage 1	prioritization	(From August	2005 PMT meeting)
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NT2-03:	pilot hole coring and logging (~1000 m)
NT1-01:	coring and logging
NT1-07:	coring and logging
NT1-03:	coring and logging
NT2-01:	coring and logging (of 1 hole in pair)
NT3-01:	pilot hole coring and logging (~1340 m)
NT3-01 :	preliminary CORK operation

Subsequent to the August 2005 PMT meeting, the Operations Task Force developed a schedule for FY07/08 operations that included riserless operations for both the Chikyu and the USIO-SODV vessel (See Figure 1, below). The schedule has a 4-month block of time dedicated to Chikyu riserless operations (focusing on pilot holes for the future riser sites NT2-03 and NT3-01). The USIO-SODV NanTroSEIZE operations were not specifically defined by the OTF, but two expeditions were dedicated to NanTroSEIZE Stage 1 riserless operations.

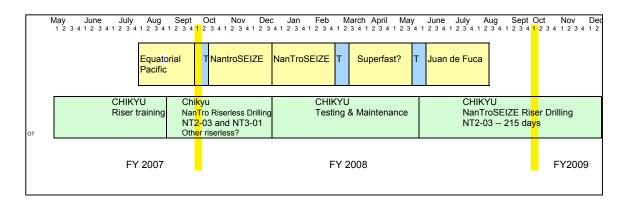


Figure 1: FY07/FY08 USIO and CDEX operations as approved by OTF and SPC.

2) Specific Stage 1 operations for each platform

The main focus of this PMT meeting was to develop a more specific plan for Stage 1 operations for both the USIO-SODV and Chikyu (i.e., divide the Stage 1 operations into expedition-sized operations).

The PMT used the OTF/SPC approved set of operations (see Figure 1, above) and the following guidelines to help develop an initial expedition plan:

- (1) Riserless operations at NT203 and NT3-01 were allocated to Chikyu.
- (2) The CORK at NT3-01 should be installed by the same vessel that drills the pilot hole.
- (3) For logistical and cost efficiencies, LWD operations are best conducted by one vessel during one operation.
- (4) To assist staffing, groupings of "Stratigraphic" sites (NT1-1 / NT1-7 / NT3-1 / NT2-3) and "Structural" sites (NT1-3 / NT2-1) are preferred.

The initial attempt at dividing Stage 1 operations between platforms resulted in the following draft plan (Table 2, below).

Table 2: First draft of the division of operations between Chikyu and USIO-SODV

CDEX	USIO	
NT2-03 Pilot Hole	All Sites LWD	
NT3-01 Pilot Hole	NT1-01 –reference site	
NT3-01 CORK	NT1-07 – reference site	
NT2-01?	NT1-03?	

In this initial plan, the pilot holes for the riser sites were to be drilled by Chikyu (per OTF/SPC recommendations) with CORK operations for NT3-01 also allocated to Chikyu. LWD operations were allocated to the USIO, as they have considerable experience in these operations. In addition, the reference (stratigraphic) sites NT1-01 and NT1-07 were allocated to the USIO to provide a coherent expedition for staffing.

However, allocating operations for NT2-01 and NT1-03 proved problematic. The sites should be paired as "structural" sites to enhance staffing efficiency, but they could not be paired together on either platform in this scenario as the time necessary to conduct the operations would overrun the allocated time.

The PMT attempted to rectify this situation by allocating both structural sites to the USIO as shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Second draft of the division of operations between Chikyu and USIO-SODV

USIO	CDEX	
LWD all sites	NT2-03 Pilot Hole	
NT2-01	NT3-01 Pilot Hole	
NT1-03	NT3-01 CORK	
NT1-07		
NT1-01		

This plan provided for one "stratigraphic" expedition (NT1-07; NT1-01), one "structural" expedition (NT2-01; NT1-03) and one LWD expedition for the USIO. Three separate expeditions for the Chikyu were envisioned with this plan, including two pilot hole expeditions (NT2-03, and NT3-01) and one observatory installation expedition. This plan, however, left as much as 60 days of unallocated time to Chikyu operations.

The PMT then discussed moving NT3-01 operations to the USIO to take advantage of their considerable experience in setting CORKs and moving LWD operations to the Chikyu. These changes resulted in the operations outlined in Table 4 (below)

Table 4: Third draft of the division of operations between Chikyu and USIO-SODV

USIO	CDEX
NT3-01	NT2-03 Pilot Hole
NT3-01 CORK	All Sites LWD
NT1-07	NT2-01
NT1-01	NT1-03

This plan provides a more even distribution of time and has the benefit of putting most of the "Stratigraphic" sites together as well as keeping CORK and NT3-01 coring operations together. LWD operations, NT2-03 Pilot hole drilling and "Structural" sites NT2-01 and NT1-03 were allocated to Chikyu, providing high-visibility initial operations to both platforms.

3) Expedition plans

The PMT discussed how to allocate operations defined in Table 4 (above) into viable expeditions for staffing. The expedition breakdown was fairly obvious and was done according to similarities of operations and/or science objectives (See Table 5, below).

Table 5: Expedition breakdown for NanTroSEIZE Stage 1 operations

USIO expeditions Expedition #1 NT1-07 NT1-01	CDEX expeditions Expedition #1 LWD all sites
Expedition #2 NT3-01 riserless coring NT3-01 CORK	Expedition #2 NT2-03 Pilot Hole
	Expedition#3 Fault targets NT1-03 NT2-01

Additional Discussion of Operations (Appendix 2)

The timing of 3D Seismic Survey operations and the subsequent interpretation to define precise site locations for drilling was discussed, especially with respect to determining contingencies and alternate sites and obtaining required permits. The PMT is very concerned about the lack of a survey contract at this time. Any delay at this point will be very problematic. Shin'ichi Kuramoto outlined the planned timetable for the acquisition and interpretation of 3D data. If all efforts go according to schedule, interpretation should be concluded towards the end of 2006. This timetable would fit into the required review process by EPSP (December 2006), but any delay would put the permitting process in danger and potentially delay FY07 operations.

NT3-01 operations will require an offset VSP, which will most likely involve both US and Japanese vessels. Operational protocols will need to be developed by both IOs in order to obtain the required permits to operate in the area.

Two specific action Items resulted during the discussion expedition planning:

Action Item 0512-01: For next PMT meeting (Feb, 2006), USIO and CDEX to develop more detailed operational timetables for the expeditions listed in Table 5.

Action Item 0512-02: An initial protocol document for LWD operations conducted prior to coring will need to be developed by CDEX and submitted for review at the June 2006 EPSP meeting.

3) Collaborations between platforms (Appendix 3)

The PMT and IOs recognize that ensuring consistency of data analyses between platforms and expeditions will be extremely important for an operation like NanTroSEIZE. To provide this consistency, Mike Underwood presented a very detailed plan (see Appendices) for establishing Lead Scientific Specialists for the various disciplines including:

- 1. Lithostratigraphy and Petrology
- 2. Age Correlation
- 3. Structural Geology
- 4. Geotechnical Properties and Hydrogeology
- 5.Geochemistry
- 6.Logging
- 7. Core-log-seismic integrations

The PMT members (and guests) had numerous questions and concerns surrounding this issue including such items as (1) overlap of roles/responsibilities with co-chief scientists and staff scientists, (2) length of service, (3) Selection criteria, (4) roles of National Offices in selection and funding. However, all the participants generally agreed this Lead Scientist Specialist concept is a very good idea but that they needed time to review the presentation in order to provide specific input, especially with respect to roles/responsibilities and funding.

In order to move forward in a timely manner on this issue, the PMT agreed to review this document between this meeting and the next one in February and provide specific concerns/comments to the Co-chief project scientists (Tobin/Kinoshita) and Mike Underwood. The document would be revised and discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Action Item 0512-03: All PMT members to review Lead Scientist Specialist document and provide detailed input to co-chief project scientists (Tobin/Kinoshita) and Mike Underwood. Mike Underwood will incorporate comments and provide a new draft for discussion and potential implementation at next meeting.

4) Co-chief scientist selection

The PMT discussed co-chief staffing. The IOs had previously been sent a slate of cochiefs nominations that included both SPC and PMT recommendations. The PMT and IOs agreed to let the NanTroSEIZE PMT co-chief project scientists (Tobin/Kinoshita) provide co-chief recommendations for each expedition shown in Table 5 (above). The PMT recognizes the IOs have to balance staffing needs with overall national balance and thus there may not be a one –to–one match with the PMT recommendations and Stage 1 operations.

The overall goal is to have co-chief invitations sent out by the IOs in early January so that the co-chiefs can become involved in all future planning of specific expedition operations.

ACTION ITEM 0512-04: Tobin/Kinoshita to provide IOs with specific PMT co-chief recommendations for each of the expeditions outlined in Section 2 of this report. These recommendations should be given to the IOs by December 24, 2005.

5) Next PMT meeting: date and agenda

The next meeting will be held in the IODP-MI offices in Sapporo, Japan in late January (Jan 30, 31) or early February (Feb 1-2 or Feb 2-3).

Action Item: 0512-05: Chair to work with Sanny Saito in IODP-MI Sapporo office and finalize date.

The following issues (among others) will be part of the next meeting agenda:

- 1) Presentation and discussion of detailed operational estimates for proposed expeditions
- 2) Development of contingencies for permitting process
- 3) Prospectus development (Overarching Stage 1 and individual expeditions)
- 4) Staffing of expeditions
- 5) Sampling protocols
- 6) Finalize Lead Scientist roles and responsibilities
- 7) Name change for NanTroSEIZE?

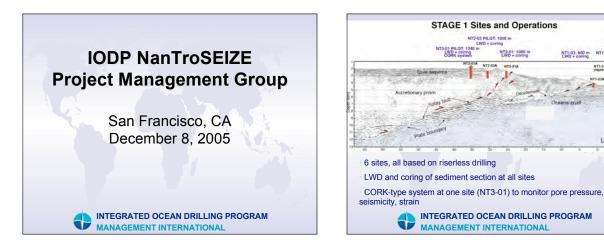
The chair will solicit additional agenda items over the next month.

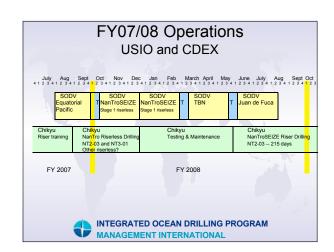
APPENDICES

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Appendix 1

Review of Stage 1 operations and FY07/08 Operations





STAGE 1 Sites and Operations

NT2-01: 1000 m

NTI-01: 594 m LWD + coring

NT1-06 (or -077): LWD + control

NT1-01A/06A

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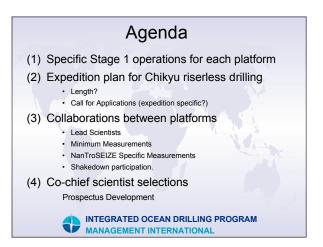
NT1-03: 600 m

Stage 1 Prioritization (not necessarily order of operations)

- 1. NT2-03 pilot hole coring and logging (~1000 m)
- NT1-01 coring and logging 2.
- 3. NT1-06 coring and logging (substitution of NT1-07?)
- NT1-03 coring and logging 4.
- 5. NT2-01 coring and logging (of 1 hole in pair)
- 6. NT3-01 pilot hole coring and logging (~1340 m)
- 7. NT3-01 preliminary CORK operation

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Site NT1-01 (reference site: basement high)	Location and Water Depth 32° 44.8878' N 136° 55.0236' E	TD in Stage 1 (mbsf) 600m	Coring/LWD • Core to top of basement • LWD • VSP	Anticipated Geology hemipelagic seds, turbidites	Wireline No	Stage 1 Observatory No	Potential Challenges & Drilling Ris
NTI-06 (or 07?) (reference site: basinal section)	3540m Choosing precise location for substitute site NTL-07	~1000m	Core to top of basement LWD VSP	hemipelagic seds, turbidites	No	No	Possible unstable sands in LSB facies
NT3-01 PILOT (planned for later 6km riser site)	33°17.6'N, 136°38.6'E 1950m*	1339 m	Both core and LWD entire section to ~1340 mbsf	a. 1039 m tubidites and hemipelagic seds b. 300m accretionary prism shale and sandstone	WL suite plus offset VSP survey	CORK-II style: Strain, tilt, temp, pore pressure, seismicity	Possible free gas zone associated with gas hydrate reflector at 0.3 see bsf. 2. Possible unstable sands in upper 100s of r bsf.
NT1-03 (frontal thrust & toe region)	33° 1.23258' N 136° 47.9485' E 4125m	600 m	Both core and LWD entire section to TD	600 m turbidites and hemipelagic sediments	WL suite and VSP survey	No	Possible unstable hole conditions due to fractured rock 2. Possible unstable sands beneath frontal th 3. Possible water overpressures in fault zone
NT2-01 (seaward part of mega- splay)	33°13.6'N, 136°42.6'E 2300 m	1000 m	Both core and LWD to TD	1000 m turbidites and hemipelagic sediments	WL suite and VSP survey	No	 Possible free gas although no BSR recogn 2. Unstable hole conditions due to fractured brecciated rock, possibly with water overpressure at fault zones (0.3s and 1s)
NT2-03 PILOT (planned for later 3.25 km riser site)	33°17.0'N, 136°41.4'E 2200 m	1000 m	Core and LWD to TD	1000 m m turbidites and hemipelagic sediments	WL suite, VSP	No	 Possible free gas although no BSR recogn 2. Possible unstable hole conditions due to fractured and brecciated rock, possibly with water overpressure at fault zones.



Appendix 2

CDEX updates



CDEX Operations -June 05 OTF meeting

The OTF consensus was that FY07/08 *Chikyu* operations should begin with the NanTroSEIZE "Stage1" riserless scenario Work with NanTroSEIZE Project Management Team to define Stage 1 Expeditions

Relatively simple starting expeditions

Riseries operations --- minimum of "special" operations beyond coring, logging, and casing to maintain stable hole conditions.

Stage 1 operations could be conducted by both Chikyu and SODV vessel to maximize science potential

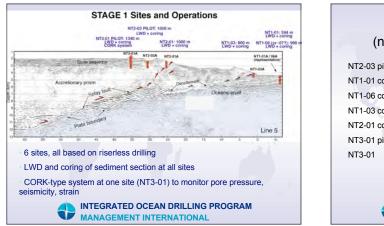
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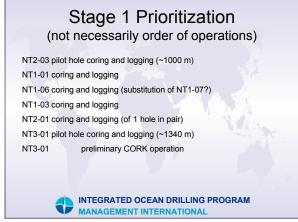
NanTroSEIZE Stages

"Stages" are an operational sequence – they are NOT the same as the individual proposals (603-A, B, C, and D) Stages are also NOT individual legs

- Stage 1 Initial drilling and logging riserless mode
- Stage 2 Penetrate Mega Splay; Begin Riser Drilling
- Stage 3 Riser 6000+ meter Site
- Stage 4 Install Full Deep Monitoring System

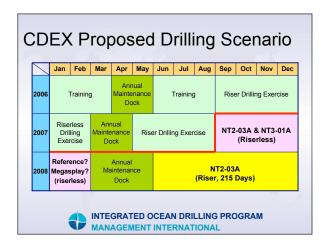
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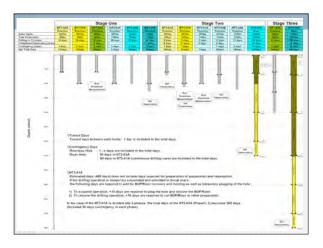


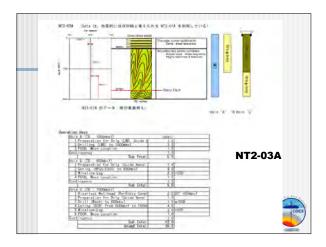


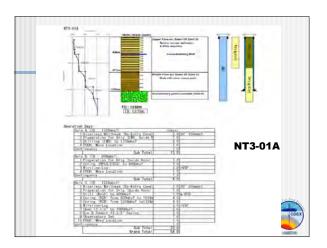
	Hole Name	Science Support Services	Coring Services	LWD Logging	Wireline Logging	Downhole Measurement	Observatory Installation
-	NT1-01A (Riserless)	x	x	x			1. Contract (1. Contract)
	NT1-07A (Riserless)	x	x	x			<u>, </u>
Stage	NT1-03A (Riserless)	х	X	x	x	x	
1	NT2-01A (Riserless)	х	x	x	x	1	
	NT2-03A (Riserless)	х	x	x	x		
	NT3-01A (Riserless)	х	x	x	x		х
	NT1-01A (Riserless)	х	X		x		x
	NT1-07A (Riserless)	x	x		x	x	x
Stage	NT2-01A (Riserless)	х				x	
2	NT2-01B (Riserless)	х					x
	NT2-04A (Riserless)	х	x	х	х		
	NT2-03A (Riser)	х	x		х		х
Stage	NT1-03A (Riserless)	х	x	х	x		
3	NT3-01A (Riser)	х	x		x		х

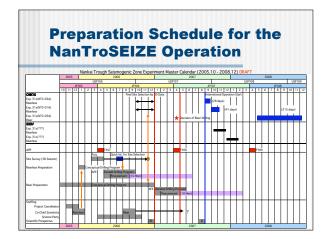


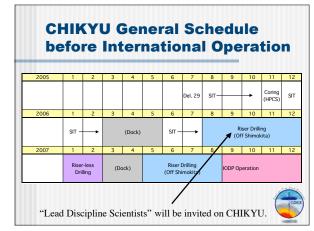












Other Issue to Consider

- Contingency Plan Development
- Final Site Selection Procedure based on 3-D data
- Staffing
- Super Co-Chief" or "Project Coordinators" for the riser drilling
 expeditions Collaboration of IOs

 - Working Group between USIO and CDEX
 Coordinate logistics, EEZ clearance, negotiation to
 Fisherman's unions, etc
 Core curation, Publication, Data management, etc
 - QA/QC, Exchange program, etc
- Nickname
- NanTroSEIZE is official?
- E&O

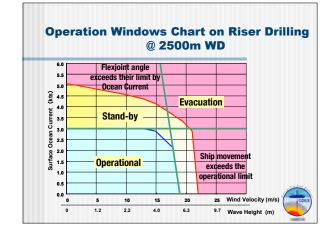


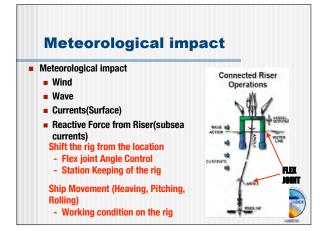
Premises for the Contingency Plan Development

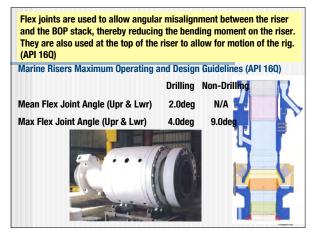
- Riser working condition
 - Kuroshio current
 - Typhoon
- Safety site survey results
 - Topography (flat enough to BOP setting)
 - Optimize target depth



- Operational Condition
 - The condition where all the operations can be conducted.
- Stand-by Condition
 - The condition where all the drilling (coring) operations should stop.
 - Wait on Weat
 - Make ready for evacuation, which are to prepare for Drill Strings Hang-off, Riser Disconnect, Riser Hang-off.
- Evacuation Condition
 - The condition where the Riser has to be disconnected from BOP and has to be evacuated from the location





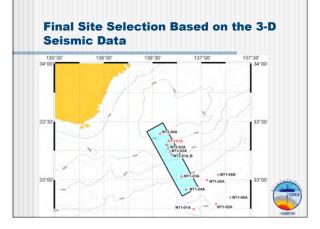


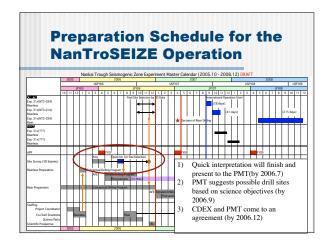


Statistics Analysis/Study of Current in NanTroSEIZE Location

- Existing applicable data
- Actual measurement data by current meter
- Estimation of Kuroshio meandering by Frontier Research Center for Global Change in JAMSTEC (~3 months ahead)
- Operability study using Current study and Metocean Study
- Plan to Test DPS (Station Keeping Test) at proposed NanTroSEIZE Location







Appendix 3

Lead Scientist Specialist concept

Introduction

- NanTroSEIZE is a multi-expedition, multi-year project that will require an unprecedented amount of coordination among Co-Chief Scientists, Staff Scientists, shipboard scientists, toobicians, and Implementing Organizations technicians, and Implementing Organizations.
- During their Fall 2005 meeting, the SPC selected a scheduling model in which drilling expeditions on *Chikyu* and the US SODV operate simultaneously in Nankai Trough during FY2007 and FY2008.
- That proposed schedule demands a new type of organizational framework, one that places a high priority on collaboration and continuity among science specialists within each of the major subdisciplines.

Lead Science Specialists

- One mechanism for achieving seamless integration of data sets from multiple expeditions (and two platforms) is to appoint Lead Science Specialists.
- At a minimum, we recommend naming Lead Science Specialists in the following seven categories:

 - Lithostratigraphy and petrology Age correlation (paleontology and magnetostrat.)

 - Structural geology Geotechnical properties and hydrogeology

 - Geochemistry Logging (LWD, wireline, P-T) Core-log-seismic integration (including VSP)

Nominations

- We recommend that the NanTroSEIZE PMT be given the responsibility for nominating Lead Science Specialists.
- Appointments would be subject to approval by IODP-MI and the IOs.
- Criteria for selection would include:
 - Prior research experience in Nankai Trough
 - Proven history of successful interdisciplinary and international collaboration
 - Good communication skills

 - Management style conducive to consensus-building Track record of working harmoniously with fellow Nankai colleagues

Input from PMOs

- Suggestions from USAC and J-DESC might be helpful for PMT to consider.
- Direct nominations from those committees, however, probably won't provide a knowledgeable assessment of the desired criteria, especially for subtle nuances of team-building.
- National balance is desirable, but it should not be the overriding concern.

Duration

- Once appointed, a Lead Science Specialist would remain eligible to serve as a shipboard scientist or as a Co-Chief Scientist during any particular expedition.
- Responsibilities as LSS would extend for the duration of the NanTroSEIZE seagoing expeditions, including installations of long-term observatories.
- Appointments would be subject to annual review and renewal by the IOs and PMOs.

Specific Duties

- Participate in all pre-expedition planning meetings with IOs and PMT.
- Accept primary responsibility for Quality Assurance and Quality Control within the specialty, including inter-laboratory ship-shore calibration.
- Provide consistent hands-on training and written tutorials for shipboard operations within the specialty.
- Supervise daily activities of shipboard scientists within the specialty.
- Assign appropriate divisions of responsibility among shipboard scientists within the specialty.

Specific Duties

- Foster free and open discussions of data interpretation among specialists (both intra-leg and inter-leg).
- Guide and build consensus for data interpretation among specialists (both intra-leg and inter-leg).
- Help coordinate interdisciplinary data interpretations among Co-Chief Project Scientists, Co-Chief Scientists, and fellow Lead Science Specialists (both intra-leg and inter-leg).
- Meet periodically with all Lead Science Specialists, taking advantage of opportunities of convenience (e.g., crossovers, AGU, PMT meetings, etc.).

Specific Duties

- Visit both platforms periodically, particularly during expedition crossovers when Staff Scientists, shipboard scientists, technicians, and Co-Chiefs rotate.
- When shore-based, communicate daily with platforms via E-mail and, when warranted, use conference calls or video conferencing to resolve problems.
- Help coordinate sampling plans for each expedition and foster collaborations for essential shore-based lab measurements within the specialty.
- Identify and help rectify gaps or inconsistencies in essential shore-based data sets.

Specific Duties

- Publicize opportunities to sail within specific science communities (via professional societies) and recruit new participants within each specialty.
- Serve on the Editorial Boards for proceedings volumes (together with Co-Chiefs and Staff Scientists) and co-author expedition summaries.
- Participate in all post-expedition meetings.
- Assist IODP-MI and PMOs with Education and Outreach.
- Deliver written and oral progress reports to the SAS, PMOs, and national committees upon request.

Funding Model

- Responsibilities will be at least as time-consuming as those assigned to a Co-Chief Scientist.
- Commensurate release time will be required for
- university professors (and others?). Funding model should parallel the long-established precedent for ODP and IODP Co-Chief Scientists.
- Recommendation: Six months of salary per year.
 Stints as shipboard scientist would be included in the 6 months (total = 6).
- One-time stint as Co-Chief Scientist would add 3 months of salary for that year (total = 9).

