



IODP Forum Meeting October 11, 2023 – Wollongong, Australia, and Zoom

Consensus Statements

Consensus 1: The IODP Forum is tremendously grateful to the ANZIC team of Ron Hackney, Sarah Kachovich, and Kelly Kenney for their outstanding hosting skills. The energy and generosity they provided to the IODP Forum was evident throughout the meeting, and the IODP Forum appreciated learning more about the many facets of Australia during the field trip and Welcome to Country.

Consensus 2: Since the April 2023 Forum meeting, the Facility Board chairs developed a new process for transferring proposals between Facility Boards. This process gives proponents more options for their proposals as IODP ends and as post-IODP programs are developed. The IODP Forum appreciates that the Facility Board chairs took on this action and encourages continued coordination and communications to support the community as programs move forward.

Consensus 3: The IODP Forum thanks Uli Harms for traveling to Wollongong to discuss ICDP activities and plans in person. Land-2-Sea proposals have served as a useful basis for cooperation between IODP and ICDP, but obstacles for successful coordination and implementation remain. The IODP Forum encourages post-IODP programs to work closely with ICDP to improve on the Land-2-Sea model, providing a distinct path from proposal to implementation for proponents with investigations that cross the shoreline. This integrated approach will be essential for future success.

Action Items

Action Item 1: The IODP Forum discussed how to communicate operational lessons learned to post-IODP programs. These lessons are particularly important to document as multiple programs move forward and institutional memory may be lost in the process. Katerina Petronotis, Nobu Eguchi, and David McInroy will draft this document by April 2024.

Action Item 2: As IODP concludes, there is an opportunity for the community to think about the functionality of the IODP Forum and its terms of reference, including how the IODP Forum is the custodian of the *IODP Science Plan* and how the IODP Forum fosters synergistic collaborations with other programs and organizations. There are lessons to learn from the IODP Forum experience as similar bodies are being

developed for future scientific ocean drilling programs. Henk Brinkhuis, Nobu Eguchi, and Sarah Kachovich will create a working group that includes representatives from all IODP partners to develop a process for determining these lessons. The draft plan will be discussed in April 2024. The working group will then implement the process and report the conclusions at the September 2024 IODP Forum meeting.