

Henk Brinkhuis Selected as Next IODP Forum Chair

Professor Henk Brinkhuis, Chair of Marine Palynology and Paleoecology at Utrecht University and Director of the NIOZ Royal Netherlands Institute of Sea Research, has been selected as the next Chair of the IODP Forum, beginning a two-year term on October 1, 2021.

Dr. Brinkhuis is a marine geologist, marine palynologist, and paleoceanographer with over 200 publications. His research interests include Phanerozoic global change, extreme climate transitions, and related biostratigraphy, evolution, paleoecology, and biogeochemistry of phytoplankton and dinoflagellates, in particular.

Dr. Brinkhuis has led and participated in three scientific ocean drilling expeditions, including journeys to the Arctic Ocean with Expedition 302 (ACEX) and the Southern Ocean with Expedition 318 (Wilkes Land Glacial History), where he also served as co-chief. He will sail this August and September on Expedition 396 (Mid-Norwegian Continental Margin Magmatism) to study the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum among contemporaneous North Atlantic volcanics.

Dr. Brinkhuis's scientific leadership includes service to Netherlands IODP (chair), the ECORD Science Support and Advisory Committee (ESSAC), the IODP Science Steering and Evaluation Panel (co-chair), and the Executive Committee of the Partnership for Observation of Global Ocean (POGO). Dr. Brinkhuis is particularly interested in building collaborations between academia and industry and other societal partners.

The IODP Forum is a venue for exchanging ideas and views on the scientific progress of the International Ocean Discovery Program. The Forum is the custodian of the IODP Science Plan and provides advice to the IODP Facility Boards on progress towards its fulfillment. Dr. Brinkhuis will be the fourth IODP Forum Chair, following Drs. Dick Kroon, Jamie Austin, and Keir Becker.

