



IODP Forum Meeting September 3-4, 2024 – Shizuoka, Japan, and Zoom

Consensus Statements

Consensus 1: The IODP Forum enthusiastically thanks JAMSTEC for supporting the IODP Forum meeting in the lovely city of Shizuoka, Japan. The Shizuoka City Cultural Hall provided a perfect location for holding constructive discussions, including lively exchanges of ideas about facilitating future collaboration between the different post-IODP scientific ocean drilling programs. We are especially grateful to Nobu Eguchi and his team, who have been wonderful in their various roles as our local hosts, and for their kind hospitality during memorable social events.

Consensus 2: The IODP Forum encourages the post-IODP programs to establish a Forum-like body to provide a mechanism for communications that enhances opportunities for collaboration and coordination, and that builds a vision for a future unified scientific ocean drilling program. The Forum-like body should also be inclusive of IODP in its leadership to ensure all scientific drilling programs are considered during discussions.

The IODP Forum values the international partnerships that have been the foundation of scientific ocean drilling, and it hopes that a future Forum-like body will carry on that practice in an equitable way that provides scientific and operational benefit to all future programs.

Consensus 3: The IODP Forum warmly thanks Henk Brinkhuis for his effective leadership and consensual approach during his three-year term as Chair. His leadership was instrumental in developing the legacy of the International Ocean Discovery Program and helping to plan a future collaboration between the different post-2024 programs. Henk, the IODP Forum and the broader international ocean drilling community sincerely thank you for your dedicated service and leadership and wish you all the best for your future endeavors. We will miss your “soft” voice and your friendship. All4now and CU Henk!

Consensus 4: The IODP Forum extends its gratitude to Larry Krissek, Shouting Tuo, and Sasha Turchyn for co-chairing the final Forum of IODP. Their cooperative approach enabled fruitful discussions and lively interactions, helping to make the IODP Forum a success and setting an example for post-IODP collaborations. The IODP Forum is grateful for the perspective they brought to the meeting and their dedication to the international approach that has been the hallmark of this program.

Consensus 5: The IODP Forum expresses deep appreciation and sincere thanks to Charna Meth and her team at the IODP Science Support Office for many years of service to the scientific ocean drilling programs and community, notably here for being the backbone of the organization and preparation of the many IODP Forum meetings over the years. We wish her and her team success and the best of luck on future pursuits!

Consensus 6: The IODP Forum acknowledges all the entities and individuals who have contributed to eleven years of success under the International Ocean Discovery Program. Without the vessel crews, technicians, funding agencies, Facility Boards, Science Operators, Program Member Offices, support offices, members of the Science Evaluation Panel and Environmental Protection and Safety Panel, working groups, outreach teams, enthusiastic community of scientists at all career levels, and the interested public, the legacy of one of the world's longest running and most successful international scientific collaborations would be far less profound than it is today.

Consensus 7: The IODP Forum wishes to acknowledge Professor Maria Bianca Cita Sironi's extraordinary life and scientific career, which ended on August 12, 2024 at the age of 99. Professor Sironi was a pioneer in scientific ocean drilling and marine geology, an emeritus professor at the University of Milano, and an advocate for the participation of "small European countries" in the Ocean Drilling Program through the ECOD consortium in 1986. Her tireless dedication enabled the Italian participation in ODP and subsequent scientific ocean drilling programs.