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**Brief minutes of the  
ECORD Facility Board Virtual Conference  
from June 28th to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
via e-mail correspondence**

**Recipients of e-mail correspondence:**

The voting members of the ECORD Facility Board (EFB):

- EFB Science Board members
- ECORD Council core group members
- EMA Chair
- ESO Chair
- ESSAC Chair
- ECORD-ILP Chair
- NSF representative (Tom Janecek)
- MEXT representative (Yuzuru Kimura)

**Introduction** by EFB Chair:

As agreed on during the EFB Meeting in March 2014, the EFB held a virtual conference in order to decide on scheduling low-cost MSPs for FY2016 and FY2017. It was necessary to postpone the conference until after the SEP meeting in June 2014, because of Addenda that were submitted, or were expected to be submitted. These Addenda would be needed as a basis for renewed discussions on the proposals.

The 548-Add (Chicxulub Crater) was submitted to the SSO in April and has been discussed at the recent SEP meeting. An Addendum to the 813-Full (Antarctic Paleoclimate) was sent by the proponents to the EFB Chair on June 28th. The Addenda, the SEP recommendations for MSP proposals and the notes taken by Sally Morgan/David McInroy (ESO) and the EFB Chair during the SEP meeting were sent to all EFB members.

The correspondence of the virtual conference was conducted by email to all EFB members.

**Procedure for Virtual Conference decisions:**

- (1) Members are asked to express their opinion and to make suggestions for scheduling by email correspondence to all EFB members.
- (2) Using the majority opinion according to comments and suggestions, the Chair will draft consensus decision texts for scheduling MSPs for FY2016 and FY2017.
- (3) The Chair will ask for a consensus vote per email or electronic poll to approve the consensus.
- (4) In case a consensus cannot be reached, the 5 EFB Science Board members will vote on a decision (according to the EFB-ToR).

**Consensus on scheduling MSPs for FY2016 and FY2017:**

A Doodle poll procedure was initiated on July 10<sup>th</sup> to collect the votes on the two following consensus decisions:

*Consensus 14-12-01: The EFB decides to schedule an expedition for proposal #548 (Chicxulub Crater) in 2016 as proposed in the 548-Full4-Addendum, provided that the budget constraints are met. The EFB recommends to the ECORD Council to set a limit on ECORD's contribution to the expedition operational costs in the order of US\$ 8.5 million.*

*Consensus 14-13-01: The EFB decides to schedule an expedition for proposal #813 (Antarctic Paleoclimate) in 2017 as proposed in the 813-Full-Addendum of June 2014. This decision is based on the condition that the budget constraints are met.*

The poll was closed on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 UTC. Both consensus decisions were approved by all members who participated in the poll.

The Virtual Conference ended with the notification of the result of the electronic vote to all EFB members.

**Additional note:** K. Gohl sent the letters to the proponents of proposals 548 and 813 on 17 July, informing them about the outcome of the Virtual Conference.

Minutes were written by Karsten Gohl (EFB Chair).