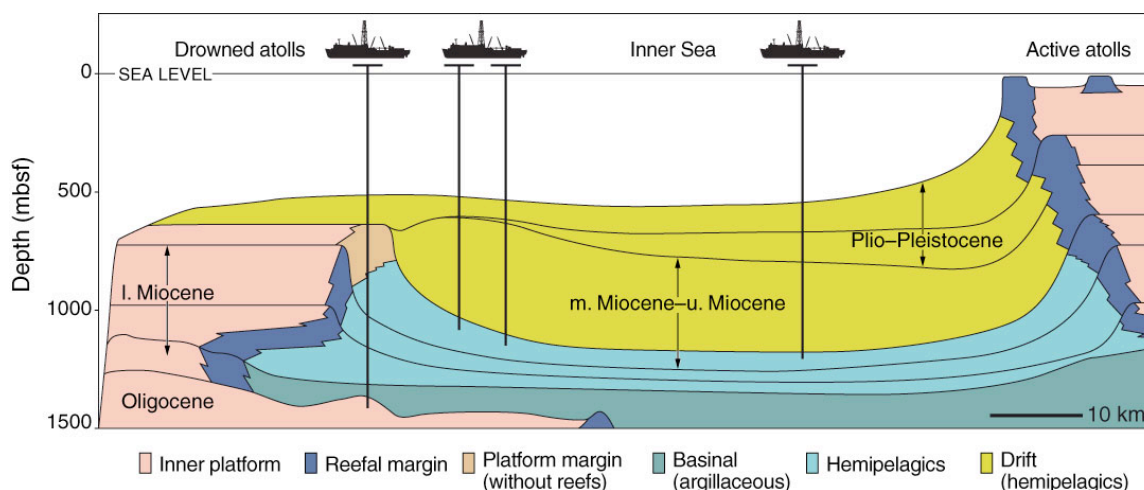


**OPEN CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS OF TWO ECORD PANEL MEMBERS
IN THE **SCIENCE EVALUATION PANEL (SEP)**,
A SCIENCE ADVISORY PANEL TO THE FACILITY BOARDS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN DISCOVERY PROGRAM (IODP)**

DEADLINE 15 December 2016



IODP Expedition 359 : Sketch of the Neogene stratigraphy of the Maldives showing the stratigraphic relationship between drowned parts of the archipelago, drift deposits, and still-active atolls (after Betzler et al., 2013a).

The International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) is continuing the legacy of its predecessor programs by focusing on important research themes that address fundamental questions about Earth's climate, deep life, geodynamics, and geohazards. IODP science is motivated by community input in the form of unsolicited drilling proposals that address the themes and challenges of the IODP Science Plan (<http://iodp.org/program-documents>). The **Science Evaluation Panel (SEP)** (<http://iodp.org/boards-and-panels/science-evaluation-panel>) provides scientific and technical advice to the *JOIDES Resolution* Facility Board (JRFB), the ECORD Facility Board (EFB) and the Chikyu IODP Board (CIB) and is responsible for the evaluation and selection of the best and most relevant proposals, based on both scientific excellence and completeness and quality of the site survey data package. Externally reviewed, ready-to-drill proposals are then forwarded to the IODP Facility Boards for development of annual and long-range schedules (<http://iodp.org/facility-boards>).

ESSAC, the Science Committee of the European Consortium of Ocean Research Drilling (ECORD), calls for nominations of experts in the field of marine geology and/or geophysics for the participation in the **Science Sub-Group** (1 Member) and the **Site Survey Sub-Group** (1 Member). Qualified scientists from **all ECORD Member Countries** are encouraged to apply. Applications from female scientists are especially welcome.

Responsibilities include:

Science Sub-Group -

Evaluating pre-proposals, identifying pre-proposals to move forward towards a full proposal (path depends on platform requested), and deactivating those proposals unlikely to succeed. The SEP also provides feedback to proponents regarding potential successful science and drilling strategies, and early guidance about necessary site characterization data.

Site Survey Sub-Group-

Reviewing site survey data packages and verification of the completeness and adequacy of the data submitted to the IODP Site Survey Data Bank and providing feedback to proponents on science and drilling strategies and on the degree of completeness of the site characterization data package of each drill site. This will result in identification of proposals needing revision, those that have significant data gaps, and those to be sent for external review.

The successful candidates are expected to attend two Science Evaluation Panel meetings per year (usually winter and summer) and to represent the interests of all countries of the ECORD consortium (<http://www.ecord.org>). The duration of the appointment is normally for three years (six meetings).

Please send your application directly to the ESSAC Office via electronic mail before **15 December 2016**. Required documents (PDF only) are: a CV; a letter of interest including your specific expertise, previous involvement in DSDP/ODP/IODP expeditions or panels, research interest; and a publication list. Please also send a copy of your application documents to your national office/delegate in order to help support your application (<http://www.ecord.org/about-ecord/management-structure/essac/>).

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