

IODP Science Evaluation Panel

Deadline to apply: 14 March 2023

The International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) addresses fundamental questions about Earth's climate, deep life, geodynamics, and geohazards and is driven by a flow of drilling proposals provided by the scientific community. The **Science Evaluation Panel (SEP)** is central to the success of IODP 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 expedition schedules.

The European Consortium of Ocean Research Drilling (ECORD) Science Support and Advisory Committee (ESSAC) is now accepting applications from active leading scientists to fill **two places** in the **Site Characterization Subgroup** of SEP. The call is open to scientists with experience in relevant research fields from all ECORD Member Countries, but preference may be given to experts in: **marine geophysics, tectonics, submarine geohazards**. Qualified scientists from **all ECORD Member Countries** are encouraged to apply, with applications by female scientists especially welcome.

Responsibilities of Site Characterization specialists on SEP include reviewing and verifying the completeness and adequacy of the site characterization data package for each drill site submitted to the IODP Site Survey Data Bank, as well as providing feedback to proponents on science and drilling strategies.

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 ECORD countries. Appointments are normally for three years (six meetings). The first meeting to be attended by the new members will be held in Italy (June 2023 tbd).

Applications should be emailed to the ESSAC Office (essac@ogs.it) by 14 March 2023. Provide a single PDF that includes: (i) a CV; (ii) a letter of interest including your specific expertise, previous involvement in DSDP/ODP/IODP expeditions or panels, and research interests; and (iii) a list of relevant publications.

Before applying please contact your national ESSAC delegate to confirm whether financial support is available for travel and subsistence costs associated with attending SEP meetings. When applying, please also send your delegate a copy of your application.

Useful links:

SEP: <http://iodp.org/boards-and-panels/science-evaluation-panel>

Facility Boards: <http://iodp.org/facility-boards>

IODP Science Plan: <http://iodp.org/program-documents>

ESSAC Delegates: <http://www.ecord.org/about-ecord/management-structure/essac>

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