

*15 – IODP Forum :
views on IODP renewal*

(G. Camoin for J. Austin)

- ✓ Thorough review of plans for mid-term renewals in all IODP countries, mostly to take place as of 2018-2019

For the Platform Providers, these plans include some sort of internal country or consortium review occurring in 2017, and a mix of criteria for successful renewal involving both good science results measured against the Science Plan and success of their financial models for platform operations

- ✓ Discussion as to how the Forum could contribute to these efforts

General agreement that summaries of IODP scientific progress produced by the Forum could be very helpful in the separate renewal processes

Forum Consensus 15-03 : As the ~2018-2019 mid-term renewal of the IODP approaches, the Forum recommends the preparation of 1-2 page, summaries of recent expedition-based achievements vs. further opportunities for each of the 14 challenges of the IODP Science Plan.

These summaries should be written in a style that is appropriate to target funding managers, non-specialists and the general public. If possible, these summaries should be produced in time to be distributed in 2017 to all national and consortium members engaged in IODP-renewal processes.

Possible mechanisms to produce these summaries might range from :

- (a) <1 day meetings of Co-Chief scientists and outside experts, in association with major conferences such as AGU, EGU, or JpGU,
- to (b) synthesis mini-workshops (not more than ~ 6-10 participants) for major IODP efforts, such as the multi-expedition investigation of the Asian and Indian Ocean monsoons.

The Forum strongly supports efforts by national and consortium IODP offices to consider providing appropriate levels of financial support for these efforts, to take place over the next 12-18 months.

ECORD Council consensus / action ?

Craig Fulthorpe (UTIG, Texas – Co-Chief Exp. #356 NW Australia) nominated by J. Austin

Craig will also be coordinating the Co-Chief review of JR ops over the past year as part of the U.S. facility review that NSF plans to conduct in College Station in February

Other nominations :

> ESSAC action ?

Support and possible budget :

> ECORD Council consensus / action