

3rd Meeting of the ECORD Council
University of Bremen, Bremen, Germany, 17.03.2004

Motions

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C. Franklin moved, S. Egelund seconded, all in favour.

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Minutes

Participants

Eve Arnold (Stockholm University, Sweden, alternate)
Angelo Camerlenghi (OGS, Italy, alternate)
Are Birger Carlson (NFR, Norway, member)
Menchu Comas (MCYT, Spain, alternate)
Sören Dürr (DFG, Germany, member)
Susanne Egelund (SNF, Denmark, member)
Dan Evans (BGS/ESO, United Kingdom, observer)
David Falvey (BGS, United Kingdom, observer)
Chris Franklin (NERC, United Kingdom, member)
G. Omar Fridleifsson (ISOR, Iceland, member)
Kathy Gillis (U. Victoria, Canada, observer)
Martina Hilger-Hildebrandt (ESF, observer)
Anu Huovinen (AF, Finland, member)
Jeroen Kenter (ESSAC Chair, Netherlands, observer)
Andy Kingdon (BGS/ESO, United Kingdom, observer)
Hermann Kudraß (BGR, Germany, observer)
John Ludden (CNRS, France, member, ECORD Council Vice-Chair)
Chris MacLeod (ESSAC Vice-Chair, observer)
Patricia Maruéjol (EMA-CNRS, France, observer)
Catherine Mével (EMA, France, observer)
José Hipolito Monteiro (GRICES, Portugal, member, ECORD Council Vice-Chair)
Werner Piller (FWF, Austria, observer)
Raymond Schorno (NWO, Netherlands, member, ECORD Council Chair)
Helmut Weissert (SNF/ETH, Switzerland, alternate)
Andrea Volbers (BGR, Germany, Minutes)
Valentina Zampetti (ESSAC Science Coordinator, observer)

Agenda

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Minutes: ECORD Council meeting Paris 15 December, 2003**
- 4. EMA/ESO/ESSAC reports**
- 5. Nominations for science panels and staffing the Arctic and Juan de Fuca**
- 6. IMI annual meeting, European members and nomination to Board of Governors**
- 7. Nomination of 4th member for SPPOC**
- 8. Election of new Vice-Chair**
- 9. Information about the ECORD ERA-net**
- 10. Next meeting**

1. Welcome

R. Schorno welcomed ECORD members and observers. He announced that S. Joussaume (director of CNRS-INSU) signed the MEXT-NSF Memorandum for ECORD the previous day and ECORD became a formal member of IODP. He thanked H. Kudraß for organising the Signing Ceremony and the ECORD Council meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

R. Schorno introduced the agenda, emphasising the importance of the EMA, ESO, and ESSAC reports and the representation of ECORD at IMI. R. Schorno reminded the ECORD Council members that a new Vice-Chair needs to be announced. S. Dürr suggested a round of introductions and participants introduced themselves.

3. Minutes: ECORD Council meeting Paris 15 December, 2003

R. Schorno asked ECORD Council members to comment about the Paris draft Minutes. C. Mével referred to the EMA presentation and suggested excluding the last table (EMA and ESSAC budget) from the draft Minutes. S. Dürr requested a more detailed participation list that would state the status (member/observer) of participants. In addition, the next Minutes should explicitly name the ECORD Council Chair and Vice-Chairs in the participation list. S. Dürr suggested adding the sentence to item 5, page 9 "Annual ESO and EMA budget should be presented more timely in order to be able to discuss budget items with less pressure". The Minutes were approved after some changes.

4. EMA/ESO/ESSAC reports

EMA report (C. Mével).

- EMA received the MoU from Spain, which was signed by Sylvie Joussaume (Spain is now the 13th member of ECORD)

C. Mével handed over the documents to M. Comas (applause).

She summarized that there were no news on funding from Ireland since they were in the process of moving their office out of the city. She did not have any information from Belgium. W. Piller added that Austria would like to contribute 100 000 \$ to the Programme. The Austrian Science foundation would finance 50% of the sum whereas 25% will be paid by the Austrian Academy of Science and the Ministry will cover for the other 25%. The Geological Survey of Austria is interested but might not contribute to the Programme. C. Mével stated that D. Sakellariou was absent because he was at another meeting in Greece.

- Memorandum with NSF and MEXT. The Memorandum was signed yesterday, ECORD is now officially a member of IODP, although there is *still some discussion about « mobilization costs »* - IMI issue?

She summarized that if mobilisation costs were to be removed from the IODP budget, ECORD's contribution to the Programme would be reduced.

-The EMA office and CNRS-INSU were visited by Y. Tanaka (MEXT), January 29, and K. Suyehiro (JAMSTEC, secretary of IMI), March 2, *excellent opportunities to have informal discussions*

-EMA issued the 2nd ECORD Newsletter, with the participation of ESO and ESSAC. To order copies, ECORD Council members should send an email to C. Mével .

-EMA has completely reorganized the ECORD website: www.ECORD.org

P. Maruéjol presented the new ECORD website. It is easy to navigate thanks to a vertical bar of navigation on each web page. The welcome page would also include IODP news. G. Fridleifsson pointed out that Iceland was not on the map and C. Mével promised to solve this problem. H. Kudraß suggested making the ECORD newsletters available via the ECORD websites and requested links to the national organisations. C. Mével added that she would like to present photos of the Signing Ceremony on the web as well. She suggested that comments should be sent to Patricia Maruéjol by email. J. Kenter announced that a meeting is planned to discuss the maintenance of the ESSAC and ECORD websites, their contents and layouts. ESO should be involved in these discussions.

R. Schorno asked whether ECORD Council Minutes should be available on the internet. C. Mével disagreed because some of the discussions should not be public. J. Monteiro suggested using a private password to read the Minutes. C. Franklin proposed to post a summary of the Minutes on the ECORD website and H. Kudraß suggested limiting it to one page.

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- Participation in the workshop on Education and Outreach, Austin, February 20-23, *organized by J. Austin, to define the role of IODP MI, IOs and national committees in these activities.*

One of the outcomes of the meeting was that each country would have to find its own source of funding for education. As discussed at the IODP Education and Outreach Workshop in Bremen prior to the IODP/ICDP EuroForum, possible ways of funding will be explored, e.g. EC programs on education activities.

D. Falvey asked about relations to the media. C. Mével replied that the policy had not been finalized yet.

- Participation in the IOs meeting, Edinburgh February 27-28, *to organize communication between the three IOs. Contact with Manik Talwani*

Budget situation

C. Mével presented the budget situation for FY04 as signed in the MoU.

[Figure 1]

She stated that the table will be revamped because of the expected contribution from Italy and possible contributions from Canada and Austria.

- EMA has issued all the invoices (except for Spain),
 - before the end of 2003, at the request of some member countries
 - at the end of January for the remaining invoices
 - At this point, 1,75 M\$ have arrived at CNRS-INSU, no money yet from the second round of invoices, *the money should arrive before April 1st*
 - Financial services of the CNRS-INSU and the BGS/NERC are working on the contract, which will be discussed at a *meeting in Swindon in a week*; we hope that the contract will be in place within a few weeks
 - There is still a funding problem for the Arctic expedition
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|----------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| ECORD expenses FY04 | (M\$) | |
| - Artic (without the Oden) | | 11,717 |
| - EMA | | 0,125 |
| - ESSAC | | <u>0,060</u> (special contr NL) |
| | | 11,842 |
- ECORD income: 9.69 to 10.12 M\$
 + *some funding from ECORDnet*
 1.6 to 1.9 still missing
- How will the Council deal with this?
 Carry forward funds from FY05?
indication that :
 Germany could carry 1/4 of 1.75 = 0,4375

C. Franklin indicated that the UK will move forward next year's contribution to fill the gap.

- Implication for future:

As parts of the money have already been advanced, the full sum of 14 M \$ would not be available for the next year. Since 7 Million \$ will be reserved for SOC's, only 4,246 Million \$ will be available as POC's.

[Figure 2]

If more money was forwarded from FY05, less than 4 Million \$ would be available. A first estimate by ESO indicates that the POC's necessary to drill Tahiti will be around 4 Million \$. C. Franklin added that he talked to NERC to bring forward parts of the contribution of the other years. C. Mével encouraged ECORD countries to investigate the possibility of increasing their contributions.

- What is happening at the international level?

- The Chikyu is still on time
- NSF has indicated that there will be no funding to operate the JOIDES Resolution beyond April 2005

The proposal to NSF focuses on the refit of the riserless ship.

There will be a hiatus in the operation of the riserless drillship of probably a year.

IODP MI has appointed the Vice President for operations:

Thomas Janecek will start April 1st, in Wahsington DC

ECORD Council members discussed the length of the hiatus. C. Mével mentioned that the hiatus was planned from the beginning. H. Weissert added that according to his information sources, it was important to start drilling early. J. Ludden pointed out that the first JR expedition would start around 1 month before the first MSP project, so drilling of the Lomonosov Ridge would not be the first IODP expedition. C. Mével suggested renegotiating ECORD's contribution (POCs, SOCs) if the hiatus would be >1 year. H. Kudraß added that it would be better to use this money to support further MSP operations. It was stated that ECORD would not know the details of the budget but only the average sum. D. Falvey pointed out that ECORD would need more detailed information in written form. ECORD Council members discussed the exclusion of the mobilisation costs from the budget. J. Monteiro stated that MSPs are problem-oriented, platforms would only be hired for a special purpose and there would not be any platforms to be maintained. D. Falvey added that there would be further changes, and e.g. the definition of what belongs to POCs (loading drill pipes, putting on equipment) was changed. ECORD Council members decided to ask for a meeting with NSF and MEXT to tackle these questions.

C. Mével reported that the IMI structure should be operational by October 1st 2004.

[Figure 3]

It was stated that IMI would like to hire Europeans for the Sapporo office. C. Mével presented the overall IODP structure involving the CMO. The CMO will issue requests for proposals for a number of activities.

[Figure 4; figure 5]

-Future actions

next meetings

- participation in the Science Planning Committee meeting, Washington DC, 23-26 March
- participation in the Science Planning Committee meeting, Japan, June
- participation in the Eurocean conference, Galway, May
- organization of the SPPOC and IODP council meetings, Paris, July 7-9 and 10, respectively

J. Ludden stated that the Paris meeting might cost between 10 000-15 000 €. ECORD Council members discussed whether the costs of meetings should be generally paid from the EMA budget. C. Mével asked ECORD Council to decide on this issue.

C. MacLeod pointed out that a SPC meeting is expected to be organised in Europe. M. Comas added that the next SSEP meeting will be held in Granada but it was not clear whether IODP would support it.

C. Mével explained that lunch, coffee, reception and renting of rooms are organised and paid for by the host. It was stated that e.g. the SPC roster includes 70 people. J. Kenter added that SPC wanted to meet three times per year instead of two times. According to him, M. Talwani planned to use video conferences to avoid additional costs.

ECORD Council members discussed the number of meetings Europe would have to host. Of 9 panel meetings, three should be in Europe. It was stated that SPPOC meetings would be the most expensive and that for all other meetings ~5 000€ might be sufficient. J. Ludden pointed out that this would not be a problem for 2004 and some ERA-Net money could be

used as well. It was suggested to organise meetings at universities because they would not charge for meeting rooms as much as hotels do.

R. Schorno summarized that it would be in principle possible to fund meetings out of the EMA budget. EMA could report after the meeting about the costs and should provide help organising meetings.

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- Develop a communication strategy, *contact with ESO and ESSAC for ACEX*
Work with the ESSAC (E. Arnold) on Education, *how can EMA help?*

- Contact with ESF - it was suggested that the Chair and Vice-Chair meet with the new ESF director in Strasbourg

- Investigate new funding sources. J. Ludden suggested having this item on every agenda (AOB)

C. Franklin summarized that the IODP EUROCORES proposal should be adopted by the ECORD Council and that the draft should be sent to ESSAC members. This would be an excellent opportunity to get the seismic profiles done which would be very costly. S. Dürr added that pure site survey could not become a EUROCORES project as EUROCORES would have to involve research activities.

R. Schorno summarized that ECORD Council approved that C. Franklin forwards the draft to ESSAC. M. Hildebrandt explained that the proposal will be forwarded to the ESF Standing Committee in April or November and after that, the ESF Executive Board will prepare the final call. She added that the 5 page outline of the project should mention EUROMARGINS (all existing activities should be named).

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ESO report (D. Evans)

The following are ranked IODP MSP proposals

- Lomonosov Ridge, Arctic Ocean
 - Planned for August-September 2004
- Tahiti and Great Barrier Reef (Proposal 519)
 - Newly ranked No.1 – Planned for 2005?
- New Jersey Margin (Proposal 564)

ESO activities to date include signed contracts with:

- Oden (via SPRS)
- Icebreaker (via SPRS) – Not yet completed
- Vidar Viking, the drillship
- SeaCore (drilling rig, equipment and personnel)
- Logging contractor– Not yet completed

- Ice and fleet management (via SPRS)

A Russian observer was invited to the ACEX (Arctic Coring expedition) science party. His presence on board would be paid by ESO but his travel expenses to meetings would have to be paid differently. J. Ludden mentioned that his travel expenses could be paid via the ECORD-Net money.

The Science Party comprises an Onshore and an Offshore Party. All will participate Onshore and be the true 'Science Party' with associated privileges and obligations under IODP policy. This will be in November 2004 in Bremen, and is the main locus of scientific tasks; end is the start of the moratorium period

D. Evans presented the fleet to ECORD Council members and the provisional schedule Hope to use a nuclear icebreaker. On the drill ship (Vidar Viking), a moonpool and a rig will be installed to allow drilling. So far, 7 days of transit in ice to site and 21 days potential drilling time before return would be planned.

ESO has responsibility for MSP expedition outreach, including ESSAC EuroForum, plans for press interest, a possible TV agreement, interest following French press conference, artist participation and UK IODP Launch on 1st June.

ESO proposal to separate Tahiti/GBR into 2 operations in separate years

- Is this scientifically acceptable to SPC?
- ECORD Council members discussed whether ECORD funds would be sufficient to drill Tahiti.

Two main issues from last meeting :

1. Rates charged for BGS staff
2. ESO/BGS having higher than anticipated costs at a late stage

- ESO Costs have been reviewed since last meeting, and ECORD-Net funds will be used to pay some BGS staff costs.
- The planning of the operations and subsequent scientific work and its associated archiving/databasing and information dissemination but excluding operations were originally estimated to be approximately 15% of the gross budget available to ESO., and this was accepted by ESO. The actual equivalent in 2004 is \$476k, which is a smaller percentage.
- BGS overhead is 120% or \$295k (c. 2.4% of budget). This is required by UK Government policy to maintain BGS facilities, finance, contracts, administration, secretarial, computing etc. This rate is accepted (up to 5th Framework) by EC for research projects.
- If BGS does not get its full overheads, it operates at a loss, which it should not be required to do as it is running a service for others to do their science.
- However, BGS/NERC has put considerable financial input into ESO
 - BGS Science Budget £75k \$135k
 - NERC top-up £82k \$148k (excludes money for EMA contract, JEODI funds, NERC/BGS input to setting up of ECORD)
 - Has signed contracts to value of over \$8.5 million without receiving a covering contract
- ESO Costs are lower than initially predicted and accepted by ECORD during EoI negotiations

R. Schorno summarized that ECORD Council understood that BGS had to cover for its costs. There appear to be two types of members: Big countries contributing the majority of funding

whereas smaller countries contributing as much as they can but who have limited funding. Although the bigger countries supply 75% of the funding they also receive revenues by hosting EMA and ESO which are being paid out of ECORD budgets. He stressed the need for additional funding, like NWO provided funds for the ESSAC office in Amsterdam and DFG and Sweden also contributed additional funds for 2004. Although it is appreciated that NERC is bearing financial risks, pulling money forward is mortgaging future funding. J. Ludden mentioned that CNRS also paid an extra 75 000€ for EMA expenses which however have been kept outside of the budget. C. Franklin replied that NERC has already put in additional funding (£82k) to support ESO activities which will not be counted as part of the UK contribution, but he would also explore the possibility of further funding.

S. Dürr stated that the staff rates of the University of Bremen do not include the overheads BGS is calculating because DFG is indirectly paying for it. This difference would be the reason for the conflict and would need to be adjusted. In case that BGS would charge overhead rates, Bremen University would need to modify its rates. R. Schorno agreed that Bremen University could do so but S. Dürr added that as a result, ESO costs would then increase and this is only a matter of bookkeeping which should better be avoided. S. Dürr will talk to G. Wefer about this issue. He pointed out that RCOM was funded by DFG and therefore parts of the overhead that have not been charged to ECORD were directly paid by DFG. He stated that this year's budget was in fact already approved but added that next year's budget would need to be discussed well in advance to find a good solution.

ESSAC report (J. Kenter)

- An ESSAC Meeting was held in Bremen 16 March 2004 - Executive Summary
- ESSAC website (<http://www.geo.vu.nl/users/essac>) and e-mail address (essac.amsterdam@falw.vu.nl)
- ESSAC hired Science Coordinator: Valentina Zampetti
- J. Kenter introduced the FY04 and FY05 riserless vessel and MSP schedule.

[Figure7]

- Three ECORD Co-Chiefs have been invited (25 % of the total):
 - ✓ ACEX: Jan Backman (Sweden)
 - ✓ Core Complex I: Chris MacLeod (UK)
 - ✓ North Atlantic II: Rüdiger Stein (Germany)
- ECORD shipboard scientist invitations
 1. Juan de Fuca (#545): 6 ECORD scientists invited this Monday but no info on Japanese and US invitees, yet

ECORD invitations :

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|---|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Bartetzko | Germany | RWTH Aachen | Logging scientist; petrophysics; downhole measurements |
| 2 | Coggon | United Kingdom | University of Southampton | Petrologist; metamorphic petrologist |
| 3 | Dumont | Sweden | University of Stockholm | Organic Geochemist |
| 4 | Engelen | Germany | University of Oldenburg | Microbiologist |
| 5 | Heuer | Germany | University of | Inorganic/organic geochemist; |

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|---|----------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 6 | Steinsbu | Norway | Bremen University of Bergen | hydrologist Microbiologist |
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Notes: 1. 8 applicants.

2. #533 Arctic Expedition : 10 ECORD invitations + 1 co-chief; 8 Japanese and 9 US scientists.

ECORD Science Party invitations:

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| 1 | Brinkhuis** | Netherlands | RUU Utrecht | Paleontologist (Dinoflagellates) |
| 2 | Eynaud** | France | Université Bordeaux I | Paleontologist (Dinoflagellate)/(Foraminifer - Planktonic) |
| 3 | Gattacceca | France | Cerege (CNRS) | Geophysicist; paleomagnetist; stratigraphic correlator; structural geologist |
| 4 | Jakobsson** | Sweden | Stockholm University | Geophysicist; Physical Properties Specialist; Geospatial Database and Geoscientific Data Integration Expert |
| 5 | Kaminski** | United Kingdom | University College London | Paleontologist (Foraminifer - Benthic)/(Foraminifer - Planktonic) |
| 6 | Koc** | Norway | Norwegian Polar Institute | Paleontologist (Diatoms) |
| 7 | Matthiessen** | Germany | Alfred Wegener Inst. For Polar and Marine Research | Paleontologist (Dinoflagellate); sedimentologist |
| 8 | Pälike** | United Kingdom | Stockholm University | Hydrologist; Oceanographer; Physical Properties Specialist; Sedimentologist; Stratigraphic Correlator |
| 9 | Rio** | Italy | University of Padova | Paleontologist (Nannofossil); Sedimentologist |
| 10 | Stein | Germany | Alfred Wegener Inst. For Polar and Marine Research | Sedimentologist; organic geochemist |

Notes: 1. 30 applicants, 2. Jenkyns (UK) will be invited as shore based Science Party member if basement is reached, 3. * also member of shipboard Science Party.

- -ECORD Shipboard Scientists (FY04-05), nominations for the remaining expeditions Nominations based on 1) scientific expertise and experience and 2) funding contribution scheme over 4 year period.

Current staffing status:

North Atlantic I (28 applicants for I&II): 16 ECORD nominations with 9 "stars" indicating strong ECORD preferences (final)

North Atlantic II (28 applicants for I&II): 11 ECORD nominations and 7 "stars" so far (provisional, deadline applications 16 April)

Core Complex I (16 applicants for I&II): 8 ECORD nominations and 5 "stars" so far (provisional, deadline applications 16 April)

Core Complex II (16 applicants for I&II): 8 ECORD nominations and 5 "stars" so far (provisional, deadline applications 16 April)

- ECORD SAS panel members
 - ✓ SPC and SSP were populated in the fall of 2004
 - ✓ Confusion over membership rights in technical panels; was assumed to be driven by expertise but now controlled by 7/7/3+1 rule (IODP MOU)? Discussion issue for next week SPC in Washington
 - ✓ Proposal prepared by MacLeod/Kenter and presented to ESSAC delegates this afternoon
- ESSAC Working Groups

During the November 2003 ESSAC meeting two Working Groups (WG) were established to respond to urgent IODP issues: IODP Publications and Education&Outreach.

- 1) IODP Publications (McKenzie, MacLeod, Ildefonse, Camerlenghi) draft report prepared and submitted to Ken Miller, Chair of the committee
- 2) Education&Outreach (Arnold, Mevel, Kingdon, Barriga) draft report prepared, submitted and discussed in Austin, Feb04

- Other related IODP issues
 - ✓ SAS panel membership ratios and co-chairs versus single chair policy
 - ✓ Conflict of Interest SPPOC Ad hoc Committee-2 (SPPOC Consensus 03-12-07)
 - ✓ IODP Conference in Greece will probably be moved to fall 2004
 - ✓ Need for (limited) support for ECORD Distinguished Lecturer Series and ESSAC meeting host countries
 - ✓ South Pacific SL project split into two separate projects or move forward to FY06 – SPC Washington discussion
 - ✓ Letter of Intent Vrije Universiteit to become IODP MI member submitted to Paul Stoffa March 15
- ESSAC Science Coordinator, website and e-mail address
 - ✓ Valentina Zampetti was selected out of a group of 6 candidates that applied to the position in Feb-Mar04; Valentina is a geophysicist, and officially starting 1 May 04.
 - ✓ Active and user-friendly ESSAC website (<http://www.geo.vu.nl/users/essac>); providing staffing info but needs a review of style and content
 - ✓ Email address (essac.amsterdam@falw.vu.nl); for all communication
 - ✓ With the new ECORD website ESSAC may decide to host its website with the ECORD site; strong recommendation to do the same with the ESO site. ECORD needs one portal to the international community

5. Nominations for science panels and staffing the Arctic and Juan da Fuca

Covered under 4, ESSAC presentation

6. IMI annual meeting, European members and nomination to Board of Governors

European institutions to join IMI:

- Free University (Netherlands) sent a letter for membership to IMI (Dean)
- 3 German institutions will join, Bremen University, AWI, GEOMAR
- according to H. Weissert, ETH plans to join (need to wait for an internal meeting)
- according to A. Kingdon, BGS will send its application by Friday
- Portuguese institutions will join as well
- France will have two nominations: IPG Paris and IFREMER
- UK: University of Cardiff and the Southampton Oceanographic Centre

IMI BoG:

C. Franklin summarized that ECORD was asked to present European nominations for two positions in the BoG. S. Dürr proposed J. Thiede as potential candidate. D. Falvey was suggested as potential candidate as well. C. Mével will clarify whether the potential members should attend the next meeting (the names and institutions should be presented). It was decided that each organisation should name its voting member attending the annual meeting. D. Falvey suggested nominating one member of this group to be part of the BoG. J. Backman was also mentioned as potential member of the BoG.

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7. Nomination of 4th member for SPPOC

ECORD Council members discussed European SPPOC membership. The 4 members for SPPOC should be X. Le Pichon, H. Kudraß, J. McKenzie, and M. Bickle.

ECORD Council Motion 04-01-05: Council approves the nomination of M. Bickle as 4th ECORD member of SPPOC.

8. Election of new Vice-Chair

C. Franklin nominated S. Dürr as new Vice-Chair (April, 1st). The nomination was supported by S. Egelund. S. Dürr agreed and was unanimously elected by ECORD Council members.

ECORD Council Motion 04-01-06: Council approves nomination of S. Dürr as Vice-Chair as of 1 April 2004, to become Chair replacing J. Ludden on 1 October 2004.

C. Franklin moved, S. Egelund seconded, all in favour.

9. Information about the ECORD ERA-net

A summary of the ECORD ERA-Net was provided by P. Maréjuol as part of the newsletter that was distributed during the meeting. The contracts have been already signed with EMA. J. Ludden suggested visiting the ECORD website for additional information on how to spend the ECORD-Net money. There would be still open questions regarding the data base, e.g. deliverables, how it will look like etc. J. Ludden suggested having an ECORD-Net meeting in May. ECORD Council members discussed having an ECORD-Net meeting as part of the

Greek IODP meeting or as part of the ECORD Council meeting in Trieste, Italy. The second day should be used to discuss each work package in great detail.

J. Kenter informed ECORD Council members about the third Call for paleoenvironment projects in FP6. He reported that G. Ollier wanted the Arctic to be part of it and suggested a writing group. The integrated program should be in the order of 10 to 15 Million € including everything (no competition to other proposals).

10. Next meeting

R. Schorno suggested having the ECORD-Net meeting attached to the meeting in Galway.
A. Camerlenghi proposed to have the next Council meeting in Trieste (June, 7th).

Figure 1

| MOU signed | M\$ | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Denmark | 0,5 | | | |
| Finland | 0,06638 | | | |
| France | 2 | | | |
| Germany | 2,25 | | | |
| Iceland | 0,03 | | | |
| Italy (OGS) | 0,075 | | | |
| Netherlands | 0,26 | | | |
| Norway | 0,3 | | | |
| Portugal | 0,09 | | | |
| Spain * | 0,15 | | | |
| Sweden | 0,4125 | | | |
| Switzerland | 0,15 | | | |
| UK | 2,5 | | | |
| total | 8,78388 | 8,78388 | | |
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| agreed other contributions | | | | |
| Norway | 0,7 | moved forward from FY05 | | |
| Netherlands | 0,21 | moved forward from FY05 | | |
| total | 0,91 | 9,69388 | | |
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| still pending | | | | |
| Italy (CNR) | 0,075 | | | |
| Canada | 0,32 | | | |
| Ireland | 0,03 | | | |
| total | 0,425 | 10,1189 | | |

Budget situation for FY04, 17/03/04

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| in kind contribution | |
| Oden | 0,9 |

Figure 2

| | FY05 | FY06 | FY07 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Denmark | 0,5 | 0,5 | 0,5 |
| Finland | 0,066 | 0,066 | 0,066 |
| France | 3 | 3,5 | 3,5 |
| Germany | 3,5 | 3,5 | 3,5 |
| Iceland | 0,03 | 0,03 | 0,03 |
| Italy | 0,15 | 0,35 | 0,35 |
| Netherlands | - | 0,21 | 0,21 |
| Norway | - | 0,7 | 0,7 |
| Portugal | 0,09 | 0,09 | 0,09 |
| Spain | 0,35 | 0,35 | 0,35 |
| Sweden | 0,33 | 0,33 | 0,33 |
| Switzerland | 0,35 | 0,35 | 0,35 |
| UK | 2,5 | 3,5 | 3,5 |
| | 10,866 | 13,476 | 13,476 |

Implication for the future

still pending

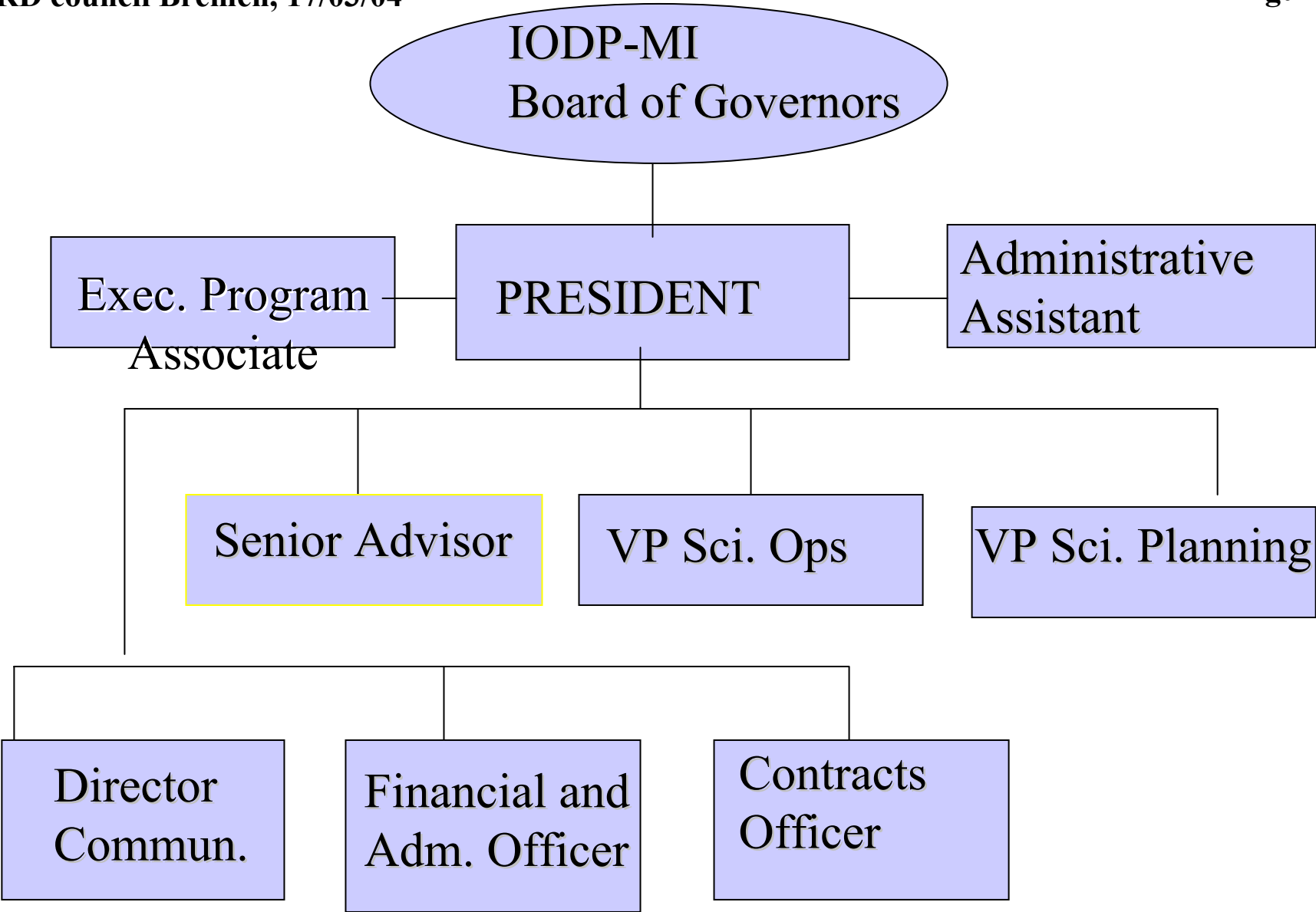
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| Canada | 0,3 | 0,3 | |
| Belgium | 0,05 | 0,05 | 0,05 |
| Ireland | 0,03 | 0,03 | 0,03 |
| | 0,38 | 0,38 | 0,08 |

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total | 11,246 | 13,856 | 13,556 |
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| SOCs | 7 | 7 | 16,8 |
| POCs | 4,246 | 6,856 | -3,244 |

ERAnet **0,6** **0,6** **0,6**

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The complete structure should be operational by Oct 1st

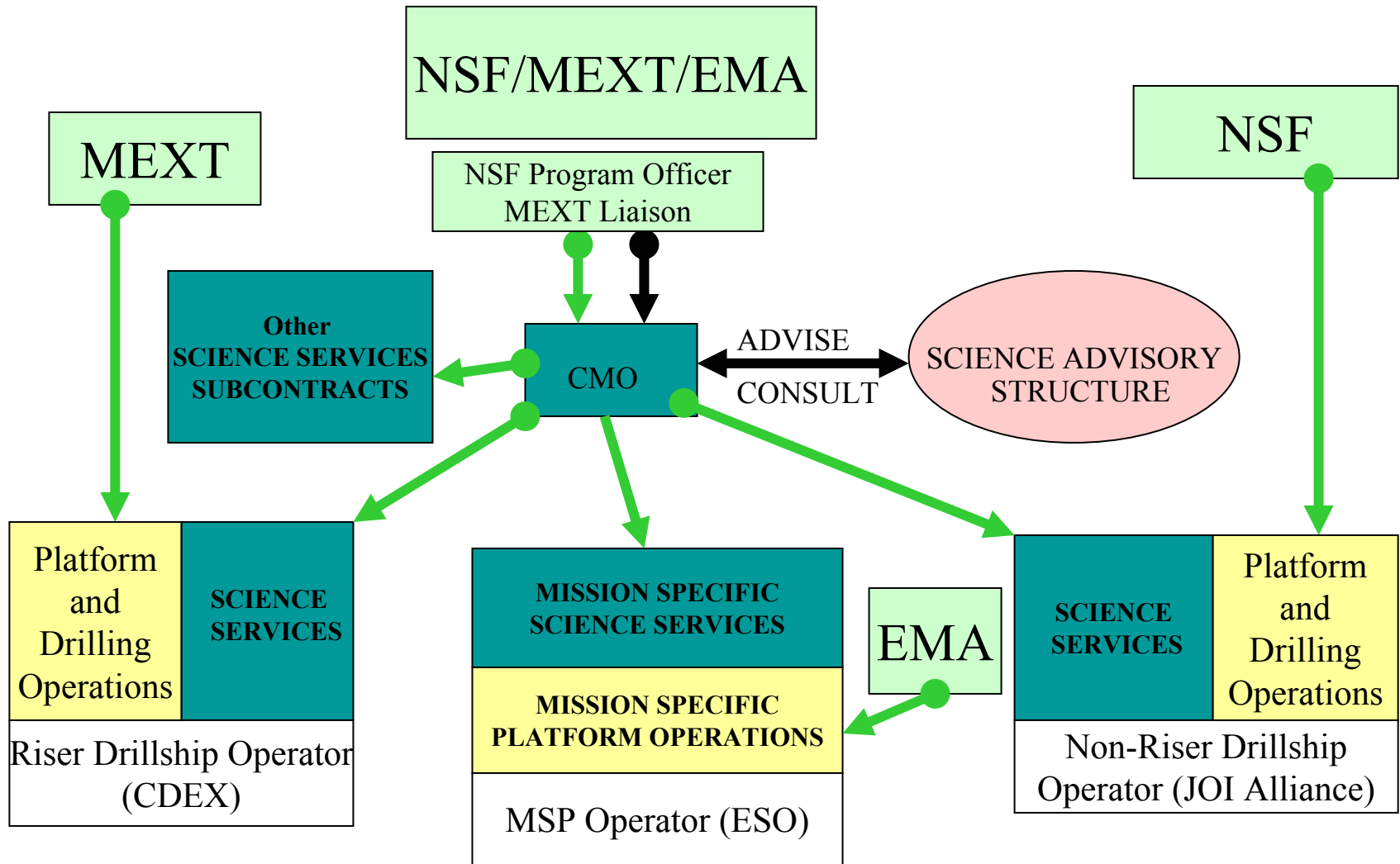
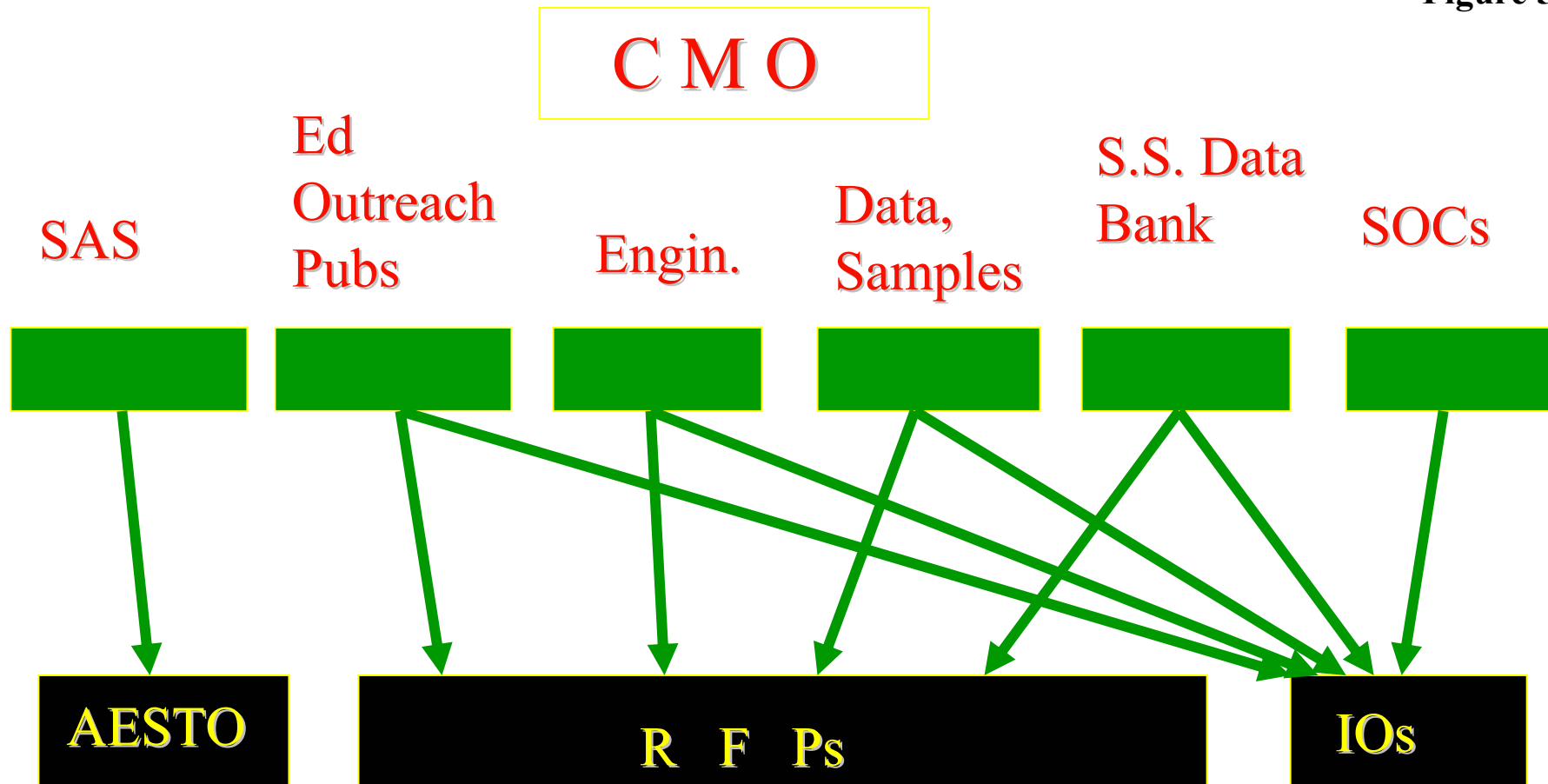


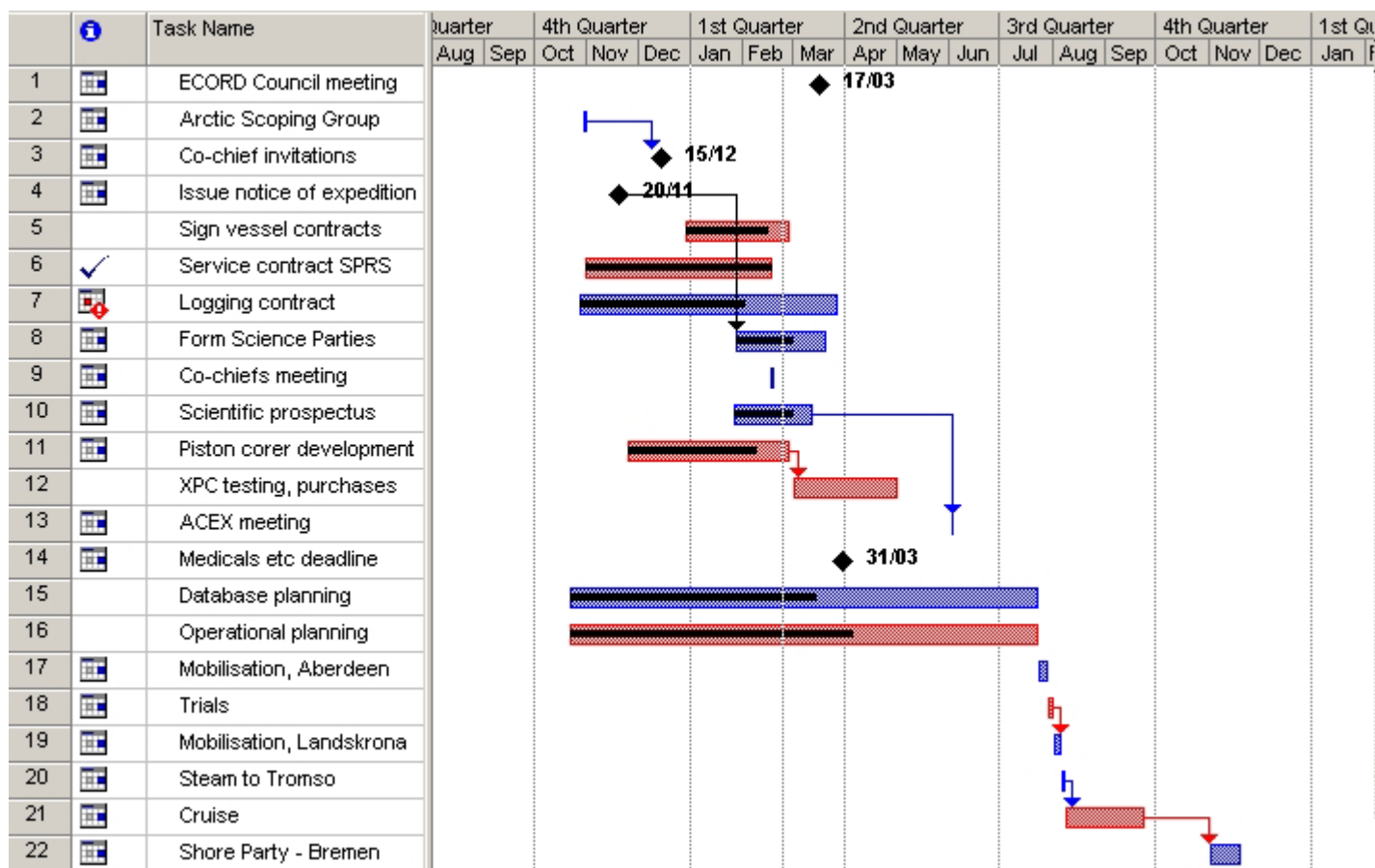
Figure 5



The CMO will issue RFPs for a number of activities

IMI would like to hire Europeans at the Sapporo office

Provisional schedule



IODP Riserless Vessel and MSP Schedule (version 16 January 2004)

| Project number | Cruise | Port (Origin) | Dates ^{1,2} | Total Days (Port ⁺ /Sea) | Days at Sea (Transit/Ops ³) | Staffing period |
|----------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| | Transit | Pusan | 1 ⁴ - 21 June '04 | 20 (2/18) | 18/0 | |
| 1 | Juan de Fuca | Astoria | 21 June - 29 August | 69 (6/63) | 11/52 | January – March 2004 |
| | Transit | Acapulco | 29 August - 13 September | 15 (1/14) | 14/0 | |
| 2 | North Atlantic 1 | Bermuda | 13 September - 30 October | 47 (2/45) | 14/31 | February – April 2004 |
| 3 | Core 1 | Ponta Delgada | 30 October - 18 December | 49 (4/45) | 8/37 | March – May 2004 |
| 4 | Core 2 | Ponta Delgada | 18 December- 10 February '05 | 54 (5/49) | 8/41 | March – May 2004 |
| 5 | North Atlantic 2 | Ponta Delgada | 10 February -5 April | 54 (5/49) | 15/34 | March – May 2004 |
| | Transit | Reykjavik | 5 April - 23 April | 18 (3/15) | 15/0 | |
| | Demobilization | Galveston ⁵ | 23 April - 15 May | 22 (22/0) | 0/0 | |

ACEX scheduled for August-September 2004 (offshore) and November 2004 (onshore)